

# **VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS July 7, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street, was called to order by President Rochholz.

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America were led by President Rochholz.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Present: President Rochholz, Trustees Mastenbrook, Beck, Bergland, Doorn and Rance and Carlin.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Chief Scott Smith, Lori King, Kim Parker, Brianna and David Wurtsmith, Toni Rafferty, Doug McMillan, Carol Cook, Rich Ogrizovich, Phyllis Rose, Lori Hoeksema, Martha and Ron Gammill, Mollie and Dan Hartlieb, Jamie Parker, Brian Julian, Andy Ridge, Mark Parker, Tim and Ashley Rosencrance, Wendy Mazer, Britney Leet, Cristina Willacker, Cheryl Courtney, Kathy Wildig, Todd Wildig, Jill Wood, Marissa Munson, Ashley Bergeon, Bret Willis, Brandon Bordner, Joshua Torrans, Abigail Brown, Natalie Roe, Mike Noora, Jennifer Sportel, Chelsea Hybels, John Hybels, Jacob Keiser, Logan Roe, Cindy Fager, Francie Brown, Robert Lint, Eme Lint, Elliana Lint, Sue Glasheen, Jennifer Lint, Pat and Ted Lupina, and Abigail Taylor.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Rance to approve the agenda as presented. All Aye.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion by Beck seconded by Bergland, to approve the Consent Agenda with the following amendment:

Under Citizens Comments Add:

Mr. David Melvin appeared before the Council to express his concerns.

By Roll Call, all aye.

## **CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

President Mike Rochholz read aloud a statement regarding the Fourth of July Parade.

- He reviewed the timeline of when police agencies were contacted and asked to assist with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and the agency's responses.
- He stated a list of concerns will be discussed with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee.

Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and the Community appeared before the Council to express their disappointment about the cancellation of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## **TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Ordinance #249. An Ordinance to Regulate Golf Carts on Streets of the Village of Schoolcraft was discussed. Motion by Beck to adopt Ordinance 249. Motion died due to lack of support.
- b) Trustee Shawn Rance initiated a discussion to allow chickens in the Village. Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statement:
  - She stated after talking to some residents and they have a number of concerns with chickens being allowed in the Village.

It was the consensus of the Council to find out from other municipalities, their experience with allowing residents to raise chickens. This topic will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**

President Mike Rochholz made the following statements:

- He stated he attended a Council of Governments meeting at the office of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. At this meeting the following was discussed:
  - He stated the Hazardous Material Emergency Management Plan is the responsibility of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority. The Village will need to sign.
  - He stated membership is required to attend these meetings.
  - He stated Single Hauler Waste pick-up was discussed and went through pros and cons.
- He stated the Executive Committee is scheduled to meet July 21, 2025. Members are Trustees Carlin, Bergland and Rance. President Rochholz will take the place of Trustee Carlin, as he cannot attend.

Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary made the following statement:

- She stated since opening a MICLASS account in mid-April, \$13,917.18 in interest has been earned as of July 1, 2025.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated Mr. Doug Wohlberg, Auditor, will attend the August 4, 2025 Council meeting to present the Audit.
- She stated the East Lyon Street/Railroad project will be July 21 – July 26, 2025.
- She stated detour signage during this road closure, will be placed by the Kalamazoo County Road Commission.

Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook provided an update on South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority (SKCFA) activities.

Trustee Beck made the following statement:

- He stated he would like to see more residents at the meetings and asked them to communicate with the Council.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Ms. Debbie Vernon made the following statement:

- She stated she would like to see more people run for Council and more people participate in community events.

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President Mike Rochholz made the following statement:

- He stated he would also like to see more people run for council and volunteer on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and other event planning groups.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Michael J. Rochholz, President

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Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk