

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
February 16, 2026**

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, Carlin and Rance.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary, DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman, Water Operator Dan Lewis, Phyllis Rose, and Wendy Mazur.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Mastenbrook seconded by Bergland, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
By Roll Call, all aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Kalamazoo County Commissioner Wendy Mazur provided an update on activities in Kalamazoo County.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

Mr. Dan Lewis, Water Operator presented the range of bids for painting the water tower. He made the following statements:

- He stated the water tower will be down while painting the water tower.
- He stated the VFD that has been installed will allow the pressure of water to remain stable.
- He stated fire hydrants will be flushed prior to this project.

Motion by Doorn, seconded by Rance to award the bid to Fedewa in the amount of \$160,499. By Roll Call, all aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) The request for annual donation from Drew Johnson, Executive Director of South County Community Services, was discussed.
Motion by Carlin, seconded by Rance to approve a donation to SCCS in the amount of \$3,100. By Roll Call, all aye.
- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Lutz regarding Resolution 2026-03. A Resolution to Increase Water Rates by 9%, effective March 1, 2026, was discussed.
Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Beck to Adopt Resolution 2026-03 as presented.
By Roll Call, all aye.
- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Lutz regarding Resolution 2026-04. A Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget was discussed.

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Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Doorn to adopt Resolution 2026-04 as presented.
By Roll Call, all aye.

- d) The memorandum from Village Manager Lutz regarding Resolution 2026-05. A Resolution calling a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27 was discussed.
Motion by Beck, seconded by Bergland to adopt Resolution 2026-05 as presented.
By Roll Call, all aye.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

President Mike Rochholz made the following statements:

- He stated the budget held last week was very productive and everyone was very involved with the budget process.
- He stated a special meeting of the Village Council is scheduled for February 23, 2026 at 6:00 to approve the 2026-27 Fiscal Year Budget.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated Andrew Westfall has been hired for a full-time position in DPW. Rob Coffman will introduce him to the Council at the first meeting in March.
- She stated she would like some feedback from the Council regarding the quarterly newsletter. The ideas she proposed were:
 - Printing newsletter on a 5x7 postcard.
 - Include important dates and information.

DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman made the following statements:

- He stated the Police Department's furnace stopped working. A new one has been installed.
- He stated he is working with Webster Electric on the sidewalk lights and parking lot lights of the Municipal Building.

Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statement:

- She stated the next South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority meeting is February 18, 2026.
- She stated there is an officer's meeting scheduled for February 17, 2026 regarding the 4th of July Parade.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Michael J. Rochholz, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk