

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 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, Chief Scott Smith, Margaret Crissman, Drew Johnson, and Errol Matthews.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Doorn, seconded by Rance, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) A public information meeting was held regarding the Village's Intent to file an application with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development regarding Federal Assistance for Improvements to the Water Distribution System.
No comments were heard. For the record.
- b) Mr. Drew Johnson, Executive Director of South County Community Services provided an annual report and an update on activities.
- c) Resolution 2026-08. A Resolution for Local Governing Body to Acquire a Charitable Gaming License was discussed. Ms. Margaret Crissman from the Friday Pack provided a description of the Fund Raiser.

Motion by Doorn, seconded by Rance to adopt Resolution 2026-08 as presented. By Roll Call, all aye.

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- d) Resolution 2026-09. A Resolution to Submit a Request for Congressionally Directed Spending was discussed. This request will be sent to United States Senator Elissa Slotkin.

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Rance to adopt Resolution 2026-09 as presented. By Roll Call, all aye.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

President Mike Rochholz made the following statement:

- He reminded the Council of the book launch authored by William Truesdell at the Schoolcraft Community Library on March 18, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated she is working on the USDA loan application.
- She stated she is applying for congressionally directed funding (Federal Funding).
- She stated suggestions for the water ordinance will be presented to the Council at the April 20, 2026 meeting.
- She stated an interview for the front desk position is scheduled for March 18, 2026.

Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statements:

- She provided an update on activities with the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority.
- She stated the next South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority meeting is March 18, 2026. This is the last meeting Brady and Wakeshma Townships will be present.
- She stated the 4th of July Committee will meet March 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Hall. Representatives from MDOT, Michigan State Police, Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department and the Village of Schoolcraft/Schoolcraft Police Department will be present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33p.m.

Michael J. Rochholz, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk