

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 6, 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 Department, Dan Lewis, Jeff Middlestadt, Phyllis Rose, and Mollie Hartlieb.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Mastenbrook seconded by Doorn, 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) DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman and Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary presented to the Council suggested changes to the Utility (Water) Ordinance.

Trustee Mastenbrook asked if a representative could attend a Council meeting to discuss the portion of the Water Ordinance that pertains to private wells.

The Village Staff will review questions and comments made by Council. A revised draft of the ordinance will be sent to the Village Attorney.

- b) Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook presented Revised Articles of Incorporation for South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority (SKCFA).

After discussion, a motion was made by Beck, seconded by Rance to adopt the Revised Articles of Incorporation for SKCFA as presented. By Roll Call, all aye.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

President Mike Rochholz made the following statement:

- He stated a workshop will be held for the Council on April 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss Council Goals and to discuss member contribution to the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority. President Rochholz asked that the Council to be prepared to discuss how to make the goals happen.
- He stated Congressman Wahlberg and his Chief of Staff met with him and Village Manager Lutz at the Municipal Building to discuss Member Designated Projects. An application was submitted for Congressionally Funded Grant in the amount of \$1.8 million to help defray the costs of Lead Line Replacement.
- He stated it is a matching grant, which we will have with the USDA loan that has been applied for.
- He stated this project is posted on Senator Wahlberg's web page, which could possibly indicate they are considering.
- He stated the Village should be notified regarding the grant late October to December.
- He stated Kalamazoo County Commission Wendy Mazur and Kevin Catlin both wrote letters on the Village's behalf to Congressman Wahlberg recommending the grant be award to Village of Schoolcraft.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated she has submitted an application to Senator Alyssa Slotkin for a grant of \$1.8 million.
- She stated a front desk person has been hired.

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 April 15, 2026.
- She stated the 4th of July Committee will meet April 22, 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 8:59 p.m.

Michael J. Rochholz, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk