

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 20, 2026**

The Work Session of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street was called to order by President Pro Tem Mastenbrook at 6:03 p.m.

Present: President Pro Tem Mastenbrook, Trustees Beck, Bergland, Rance, Carlin, and Doorn (6:05 p.m.), President Rochholz (6:06 p.m.)  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz and Village Clerk Theresa O’Leary, Phyllis Rose and Wendy Mazer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

Trustee Mastenbrook led the discussion on Member Contribution to the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority (SKCFA).

She made the following statements:

- She stated the annual cost for fire protection for FY 2027 remained the same.
- She explained two options to help the Village of Schoolcraft help pay for the increase for fire protection beginning in the FY 2027.
  - 1) Mileage increase.  
Would be voted on by the public.  
Would need to involve attorneys and a special election would need to be held.  
If the mileage gets voted down, would there still be fire protection.
  - 2) Special assessment.  
The Council would vote on a special assessment.  
Trustee Mastenbrook stated there is a tier payment schedule for residents, businesses, multi family, and industrial.
- She stated SKCFA would like to know what each member of the SKCFA would like to do.

The Council asked if the Police Department can be included when determining the amount of the special assessment.

Chief Smith stated offered to meet with Council members to discuss some assumptions to be used when calculating the amount of a special assessment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Michael J. Rochholz, President

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Theresa O’Leary, Village Clerk