

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 20, 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, and Phyllis Rose.

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 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:

The memorandum from Village Clerk Theresa O'Leary regarding the MI Class account was acknowledged for file.

The memorandum from President Mike Rochholz regarding Council Goals was discussed.

Goal 1: Member support for the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority (SKCFA).

Statements:

- Combine SKCFA support with Police for a special assessment.
- Acquire more information about an assessment.
- Calculate the amount the assessment or mileage needs to be.
- Hold a joint meeting with the Council and SKCFA.

Goal 2: New Well Site

Statements:

- Contact the Engineers, Prein and Newhof.
- The Council agreed the goal for this year will be to find a site.
- There may be some state land that is available to put a well on.

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- State land is isolated, reducing the chance of contamination.

Goal 3: Increase Community Activities and participation/volunteerism.

Statements:

- Would like to see more community members volunteering.
- Would like to see more activities.
- The Council asked that an announcement be put on website asking for volunteers.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The letter from Ted Lupina was read aloud by President Rochholz. President Rochholz answered and/or responded to all of Mr. Lupina's statements and/or questions. The letter was then acknowledged for file.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statement:

- She stated that on April 27, 2026 the Village Attorney will meet with Village Staff regarding, the Chicken Ordinance, Water Ordinance, and enforcement of the Court order for the property on West Eliza Street.

Chief Scott Smith made the following statements:

- He stated the Schoolcraft Police Department has applied for and will receive \$50,000 in grant money for new radios and portables.
- He stated the radios they are currently using are 20 years old.

Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statements:

- She provided an update on activities with the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority.
- She stated the building where SKCFA hold their meetings has been sold. They are looking for another location to hold their meetings.
- She stated the next South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority meeting is April 29, 2026, at the Village Hall.
- 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 8:37 p.m.

Michael J. Rochholz, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk