

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 19, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council held on Zoom, was called to order by President Gunnett at 7:00 p.m.

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by President Gunnett.

ROLL CALL:

Each Council Member stated their name and location.

Present: President Gunnett, Trustees Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Stodola, Bergland, and Carlin, and Barnes.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Scott Boling, Rob Peterson, Rob Bingaman, and John Gisler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Bergland, to approve the agenda as presented. By Roll Call; All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Bergland, seconded by Rochholz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. By Roll Call; All aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler provided an update on Kalamazoo County activities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Keith Gunnett led a conversation regarding ordinances.

He made the following statements:

- He stated the Planning Commission has been working on revising the Zoning Ordinances for four years.
- He stated that during the ordinance revisions, two planners quit and didn't forward their notes; delaying the process.
- He stated that by the end of April or May, 2021, the Zoning Ordinance changes should be completed.
- He stated that two weeks ago a Right of Way committee was established. This committee has morphed into an ordinance committee.
- He stated the meetings regarding regulatory ordinances do not have to be public meetings.
- He stated the issue with front yard parking was first discussed five years.
- He stated when people park perpendicular in their yard, it is a safety (vision) concern when they leave as they have to pull out into the middle of the street to see if any traffic is coming.
- He stated everyone will be treated fairly.
- He stated the easiest time for residents to come into compliance is the spring.
- He stated that the entire Council and those attending the Council meeting should support the Village Manager, Police Chief, the Village staff and each other.
- He stated that all questions be directed to Village Manager Cheri Lutz.

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- He stated that the right of way issue has been initiated by the Village Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

President Keith Gunnett had the following statements:

- He stated that there is a possibility of receiving a grant for infrastructure and road projects.
- He stated that if grants become available, the Village Office will definitely know about it.
- He stated he would like to establish a committee to discuss projects should the grant come to fruition. He assigned himself, Village Manager Lutz, DPW Superintendent Coffman, Water Supervisor Wood, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Youngs, Trustees Rochholz and Bergland to the committee.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statements:

- She stated that the Schoolcraft Police Department has increased their number of complaints by 100 in the last month. She referred the Council to the SPD activity report for March.
- She stated that at the April 5, 2021 Council meeting the sidewalk plan was discussed. She stated that she and Rob Coffman were not able to discuss in the short amount of time between meetings.
- She stated the sidewalk plan is a lower priority in light of the time it is taking to address ordinance violations.
- She stated she is in close contact with Wightman and Prein and Newhof. They are always informed of grant opportunities.
- She stated she has been in contact with Andrew Alspach from Kalamazoo County Emergency Program. They know we are interested in joining. COVID has caused delays.

Chief Scott Boling had the following statements:

- He stated that March was a very busy month for SPD.
- He stated he and the officers have been addressing ordinance violations. Everyone is being treated fairly and equally.
- He stated catalytic converter theft is at a high level.
- He stated that there has been a lot of graffiti all over the Village. The juveniles have been caught.

Trustee Rochholz had the following statements:

- He stated that decisions about where sidewalks go should be made by Village Manager Lutz and DPW Superintendent Coffman, not the Council.
- He stated that during the meeting with Bob Soltis with the Ordinance Committee, the word "compliance" was said repeatedly.

Trustee Mastenbrook had the following statement:

- She stated that perhaps if the Village of Schoolcraft gets a grant, we should look at a wellhead or water project.

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Trustee Stodola had the following statements:

- He stated that while walking, he will take note of any damaged sidewalks and report them.
- He stated there are funds in the budget for sidewalk.
- He stated that he would like the Council to be informed on all infrastructure issues.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk