

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
April 5, 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 where they were.

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, DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman, Rob Peterson, Joe Beck, and Rob Bingaman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Bergland, seconded by Mastenbrook 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) The memorandum from Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs regarding the Revised Investment Policy was discussed.

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Stodola to approve the Revised Investment Policy as presented. By Roll Call; All aye.

- b) The quote of \$7,000 from Renewed Earth to remove the pile of brush from the DPW site on Lee St. was discussed.

Rob Coffman made the following statements:

- He stated the DPW is unable to burn the brush pile any longer.
- He stated the quote is for two to three years.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to approve the quote of \$7,000 by Renewed Earth to remove the brush pile at the DPW site. By Roll Call; All Aye.

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- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the Sidewalk Committee Recommendation was discussed.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz made the following statements:

- She stated in the last ten years \$28,000 has been collected for in lieu of sidewalk payments.
- She stated AGS should enforce sidewalk installation for new residential homes.

Trustee Mike Rochholz made the following statement:

- He stated that if an addition be added to a home, a sidewalk should be installed on that property.

Trustee Kathy Mastenbrook made the following statement:

- She stated there are many sidewalks that are not connected to other sidewalks.

DPW Superintendent made the following statements:

- He stated that in order to connect sidewalks, old sidewalks may need to be removed.

Trustee John Stodola made the following statements:

- He stated that if a structure is torn down and a replacement is built, a sidewalk installation should be mandated.
- He stated that residents should install a sidewalk where there isn't one.
- He stated the Council should approve a sidewalk plan rather than the recommendations.
- He stated the property owner should take care of the sidewalk on their property.

President Keith Gunnett had the following statement:

- He stated he would like the Sidewalk Committee to meet to discuss the Sidewalk Plan and bring their suggestion to the Council.

The Sidewalk Committee Recommendations was tabled. Will discuss at a future meeting.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- The thank you note to SPD from Village Residents was acknowledged for file.
- The thank you note to SPD from Ms. Lynn Ford was acknowledged for file.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

President Keith Gunnett had the following statement:

- He stated the Ad Hoc Right of Way Committee will meet prior to the Planning Commission Meeting on April 12, 2021.

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Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statements:

- She stated the memo from Kalamazoo County Public Health regarding zoom meetings being held until December 2021, is not mandated for all municipalities. Municipalities can choose the way they want to hold meetings.
- She stated an article was included in the April 1, 2021 newsletter asking residents to remove any items in the right of way. The article also explained why.
- She stated the staff cannot handle more than a few ordinance violations at a time.
- She stated any item, with specific exceptions per Village Ordinance, in the right of way, regardless of what it is, is in violation.

Chief Scott Boling had the following statements:

- He stated with the warmer weather, more calls are coming in.
- He stated if a resident is in violation of an ordinance, they are given time to address the violation prior to a citation being issued.

Trustee Rochholz had the following statement:

- He stated that all municipalities holding their meetings differently (Zoom, in person), creates confusion.

Trustee Todd Carlin had the following statement:

- He stated the South County Fire Authority, as well as other fire departments, will do a practice burn the 1st weekend in May at the Plainsman Hotel.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk