

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 2, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street 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:

Present: President Gunnett, Trustees Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Spears, Barnes, Stodola, and Carlin.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Bryan Campbell, Joe Beck, Tom Gill and John Gisler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Mastenbrook to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. 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:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) The memorandum by Village President Keith Gunnett regarding employees bonuses was discussed.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to approve disbursement of employee bonuses for the year 2019. All aye.

b) The memorandum by Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Village Council compensation was discussed.

The Council agreed to table the discussion until the December 16, 2019 meeting to allow the Village Manager to do research to determine level of Council pay that was in the approved budget.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

President Keith Gunnett had the following comments:

- He stated he sent a letter to Grand Elk Railroad (Watco Company) inquiring about acquiring sixty feet of land on the east side of the railroad. Has not heard back from them.
- He stated that he will provide the Council with an updated timeline of the sanitary sewer at the December 16, 2019 Council meeting.
- He stated that Indiana Michigan Power is creating a path that connects Three Rivers and Schoolcraft.
- He stated that Schoolcraft is the only municipality that has approved the resolution to establish a Drain Committee, in order to proceed with applying for grants for sanitary sewer.
- He stated that Vicksburg is now interested in the sanitary sewer project.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- She stated she was contacted by Schoolcraft School Superintendent Rusty Stitt and asked if she would give a statement regarding the status of the Sanitary Sewer. Lutz stated that it should be a Council member that provides that statement. President Gunnett will provide the statement.
- She stated that the Village received a check from an insurance company authorizing the Village to make sure action is taken in a timely manner regarding the house on Cass Street that caught fire last month.
- She stated that three interviews were held for the Chief's position. An offer has been made to a candidate. He was given until the middle of the week to make his decision.

Trustee Carlin had the following comment:

- He stated that at the last South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority meeting, the board took questions from the audience.

Trustee Spears had the following statement:

- He stated that perhaps the Village would like to have a tree lighting ceremony next year. It is an event that kids and adults would like. Spears stated the tree by the old Village office is huge and seemingly perfect for this type of ceremony.

Rochholz had the following statement:

- He stated that perhaps the Village could contract someone out to put the lights on the tree as it is too tall for the DPW lift to reach.

Trustee Stodola had the following statement:

- He stated he has been invited to be on the "Yes" committee for the school bond proposal. It will be on the ballot in March.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.