

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
December 21, 2020**

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:

Present: President Gunnett, Trustees Rochholz, Mastenbrook, Barnes, Stodola, Bergland, and Carlin.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Chief Scott Boling, Adam Wood, Rob Peterson, Joe Beck, Jaclyn Brohl, Mike Presta, and Jill Strake.

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:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Mike Presta from Prein and Newhof appeared before the Council to discuss a grant opportunity for the Water Department. He made the following comments:

- He stated the grant total is \$36.5 million. Of that total \$15 million has been set aside for small communities, which is where Village of Schoolcraft would qualify.
- He stated the first deadline for grant application is January 1, 2021. After that it is the first of every quarter, until money runs out.
- He stated that the Village of Schoolcraft should apply as soon as possible.
- He stated the grant will cover identifying the material every water service is made of; i.e. galvanized, lead, copper, etc.
- He stated the grant will cover GIS mapping.
- He stated all pipes should be converted by 2025.
- He stated all costs from Prein and Newhof will be included in the grant.

Adam Wood made the following statement:

- He stated this grant can also be used to pay for the Cross Connection of residential districts, which is mandated by EGLE.

Trustee Mastenbrook made the following statements:

- She stated that no matching funds are needed from the Village for this grant.
- She stated this grant aligns with the vision plan of the Village's infrastructure.

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Motion was made by Rochholz, seconded by Mastenbrook to allow Prein and Newhof to apply for the Drinking Water Asset Grant on behalf of the Village of Schoolcraft. All aye.

- b) Jill Strake from the Eagles Nest gave the Council a brief update on activities of the Eagles Nest and the food pantry.

She also requested the Council to continue funding the utilities for the Eagles Nest.

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Bergland to approve the amount of \$510 quarterly to the Eagles Nest for utility costs. All aye.

- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals was discussed.

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Bergland to accept the appointments of Mike Rochholz, Ken Pfof and Jennifer Doorn to the Zoning Board of Appeals with terms ending 2024. All aye.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statements:

- She stated that there is a seat available on the Planning Commission.
- She stated that on February 8, 2021, a Public Hearing will be held to present Zoning Ordinance Changes.
- She stated that a quote has been requested from MuniCode for the cost of codification.
- She stated that Julie Johnston is no longer with Wightman. She is self employed.
- She stated the 2021-22 budget is almost complete.
- She stated a Budget Committee meeting should be scheduled. Members of the committee are President Gunnett, Trustees Rochholz and Mastenbrook. Village Manager Lutz will send out a Doodle survey to find out when committee members are available.
- She stated that at the first meeting in January, goals for 2021 should be discussed.
- She stated that she will ask a representative from MDOT attend a future meeting.

Chief Scott Boling had the following statement:

- He stated that SPD policies have been updated. This will help qualify for grants in 2021.

Trustee Carlin had the following statement:

- He stated the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority voted on the budget at their last meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk