

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
January 18, 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:**

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

Absent: Trustee Barnes.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Scott Boling, Rob Peterson, Joe Beck, Michelle Enright, and Terry Blodgett.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Carlin 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) The memorandum from President Keith Gunnett regarding a Special Use Permit for 403 and 413 N. Grand Street was discussed.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Rochholz to approve the Special Use Permit for 403 and 413 N. Grand Street. All aye.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding appointment of the Executive Committee was discussed.

Appointed to the Executive Committee are Trustees Carlin, Rochholz and Bergland.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Stodola to approve the appointments of Trustees Carlin, Rochholz and Bergland to the Executive Committee. All aye.

- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Council Goals was discussed.

Village Manager Lutz had the following statements:

- She stated goals for the Council and goals for the Village Manager must be separated.
- She stated two other Council members submitted their goals after Council packets were completed.
- She stated she will categorize the goals submitted by the Council and send out a synopsis.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The thank you note from Sean and Amanda Sutherland (131 Auto Care), regarding property check was acknowledged for file.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statements:

- She stated that she and President Gunnett have met to discuss sending letters out in an effort to increase DDA membership. She anticipates letters going out within the next 30 days.
- She stated she met with Larry Piper from Clark Logic. They discussed converting a portion of the old early elementary school building into a place for home schoolers and another portion of the building for virtual schoolers
- She stated she gave Larry Piper a copy of the new building standards.
- She stated that the property at 321 Duncan Street is now owned by Clark Logic. Larry Piper stated that someone wants to open a fitness gym.
- She stated that plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration usually begin around now. With COVID 19 pandemic still an issue, it is not certain if the celebration can be held.
- She stated she will be in contact with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee regarding the celebration.
- She stated she will keep up to date on the Health Department guidelines.
- She stated she talked to the lead engineer of the 2022 road project. She stated they are collecting soil borings down the middle of US 131. They are not digging trenches as originally thought.

Village Council President Gunnett had the following statement:

- He stated that perhaps a deadline should be established as far as COVID19 restrictions and preparing for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If we don't hear anything by that time make a decision to hold the celebration or cancel.

Trustee Stodola had the following statement:

- He stated he talked to Toni Rafferty from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, and she agrees there should be a deadline set for deciding on whether or not to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.
- He thanked Cheri and Chief for helping keep residents safe.

Trustee Rochholz had the following statements:

- He stated the finances for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration are short. Need more revenues to make it work. It would be a challenge to find financial resources during the COVID19 pandemic.
- He stated we should listen to the Health Department recommendations

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Trustee Carlin made the following statement:

- He stated the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority is scheduled to have a Zoom meeting January 20 at 6:00 p.m.
- He requested a representative from MDOT attend a Council meeting regarding the Us 131 project.

Chief Scott Boling had the following statement:

- He stated that within the next couple weeks a house is going to get inspected to be sure it is habitable.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Keith F. Gunnett, President

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Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk