

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
January 4, 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, Barnes, Stodola, Bergland, and Carlin.  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Scott Boling, Rob Peterson, Joe Beck, 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:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Discussion of Council Goals for 2020-21 took place. The following comments were made:

Trustee Rochholz made the following statements:

- He stated he believes the goals set forth last year are partially achieved and ongoing.
- He stated most businesses in the Village of Schoolcraft are service oriented. Would like to see more retail stores to bring people to the Village.
- He asked how do we attract more businesses and retain the businesses that are here?
- He stated that an invitation should be extended to the new State Representative to attend a meeting and ask for input on any financial incentives available.
- He stated the Village doesn't qualify for many grants that are offered.
- He commended the Planning Commission on their work with the Zoning Ordinances.

Trustee Mastenbrook made the following statements:

- She stated that a workshop should be held to review the Master Plan and Vision Plan.
- She stated the Council should assist Village Manager Lutz define her goals.

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Trustee Stodola made the following statements:

- He stated this has been an unusual year with the COVID pandemic, and to remain financially stable in the Village is good.
- He stated that the Council should pursue the infrastructure grant.
- He stated there should be a review periodically to see where we are in making progress on the Master Plan.
- He stated seeking funding should be a priority.
- He stated that there should be a list of available buildings available for prospective businesses.
- He stated that a workshop should be held inviting local business owners. Questions could be asked regarding their experience bringing a business into the Village, i.e. how did they find the building, were there any challenges.

President Gunnett made the following statement:

- He stated the proposed trail project from Vicksburg to Schoolcraft has been tabled. Nothing has been done.
- He stated he has a friend that started a business in Paw Paw. He will contact him to find out how he found the building.
- He asked Council members to think of ideas for Council goals and relay those to the Council at the next Council meeting.

Village Manager Lutz had the following statements:

- She stated that most grants are matching: 50/50.
- She stated Constantine used a business incubator. She will contact the Village Manager of Constantine to find out more.
- She stated when someone is interested in locating a business in Schoolcraft, Associated Government Services is contacted to assure compliance with zoning and building requirements.
- She stated she will contact MDOT, Prein and Newhof and Wightman to get an estimate on installing pipes for future sanitary sewer.
- She stated the Council goals and her goals should be separate.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statements:

- She stated that at the February Planning Commission meeting, a Public Hearing will be held to review the Zoning Ordinance revisions.
- She stated she tried to contact the person interested in purchasing Bud's Bar. She has not heard back.

Chief Scott Boling had the following statements:

- He stated that officers are doing property checks daily.
- He stated there were larcenies reported during the Holiday in outlying areas, and none reported in the Village.

Trustee Stodola had the following statement:

- He stated everyone should look out for one another.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Keith F. Gunnett, President

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Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk

Proposed