

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 15, 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, Rob Peterson, Joe Beck, and John Gisler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Mastenbrook to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. By Roll Call; 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 from Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs regarding Resolution 2021-04. A Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year Budget to Allow Transfer of Funds.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to adopt Resolution 2021-04 as presented. A Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year Budget to Allow Transfer of Funds. By Roll Call; All aye.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Resolution 2021-05. A Resolution to Declare a State of Emergency for the Purpose of Permitting Public Meetings Via Electronic Communications was discussed.

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID19 Pandemic and the variants it has produced, the following Amendment to Resolution 21021-05 was proposed.

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Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Stodola to approve an Amendment to Resolution 2021-05 stating Public Meetings are permitted to be held electronically until May 31, 2021. At this time, the restrictions of COVID19 and the variants will be evaluated and a determination will be made as to whether or not to continue holding public meetings via Zoom. By Roll Call; All Aye.

Motion by Bergland, seconded by Mastenbrook to adopt Resolution 2021-05 as amended. By Roll Call; All aye.

- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Resolution 2021-06. A Resolution to Rescind Resolution 2021-03 to Reset Water System Rates & Charges for the Purpose of Funding the Schoolcraft Water System was discussed.

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Bergland to adopt Resolution 2021-06 as presented. By Roll Call; All aye.

- d) Village Manager Cheri Lutz lead a discussion regarding the 4th of July Celebration.

Village Manager Lutz made the following comment:

- She stated that the 4th of July Committee is not in favor of holding the 4th of July Celebration due to COVID 19 pandemic and the variants that are spreading.

Trustee Rochholz had the following statement:

- He stated the activities held throughout the day on July 4th create uncontrolled environments and puts everyone at risk.

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Mastenbrook to support the decision of the 4th of July Committee to postpone the 4th of July activities until 2022. By Roll Call; All aye.

- e) Holding the Annual Village Wide Garage Sales was discussed. Concern for safety of residents and visitors during COVID 19 and the variants that are spread was the main topic.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Rochholz to cancel the Annual Village Wide Garage Sales for 2021. By Roll Call; All aye.

- f) President Keith Gunnett lead a conversation regarding appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to review regulatory Ordinances. Those appointed are: President Keith Gunnett, Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Police Chief Scott Boling, Department of Public Works Superintendent Rob Coffman, Water Department Supervisor Adam Wood, and Trustee Mike Rochholz.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Rochholz to approve the appointments made to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to review regulatory Ordinances. By Roll Call; All aye.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

President Keith Gunnett had the following statement:

- He stated that Council members should support the Ordinances should a conversation arise with someone.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statements:

- She stated there are fifteen ordinance violations being worked on at this time.
- She stated the Council needs to support the staff during this time of addressing ordinance violations.
- She stated any questions regarding ordinance violations should be directed to her.
- She stated the Special Meeting of the Planning Commission to discuss ordinance changes will be held March 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Scott Boling had the following statement:

- He stated that SPD has identified the source drawing people in from Kalamazoo during the larcenies. They have since moved.

Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs had the following statement:

- She stated she is working on creating a new Investment Policy and will present it to the Council at the next Council meeting, April 5, 2021.

Trustee Rochholz had the following statement:

- He stated that very difficult decisions had to be made during the meeting and appreciates the fact that all members worked together to make them.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk