

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
March 18, 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, Stodola, Carlin and Barnes.

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Bryan Campbell, DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman, John Gisler, Kirk Bergland, Chelsea and Matt Musselman, and Steve Waldron.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler provided a brief update on Kalamazoo County activities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Village Manager Lutz handed out information regarding Cat B Road Financing. She had the following comments:

- She stated \$250,000 is the maximum amount for a grant.
- She stated applications are due by April 5, 2019 for the year 2020.
- She stated that if the Council decides not to pursue this year, there will another opportunity in two years.
- She stated Act 51 monies can be used along with the grant money.

b) DPW superintendent Coffman had the following comments:

- He stated there are 420 communities applying for grant money.
- He stated the grant money can only be used for local streets.

It was the consensus of the Council to proceed to apply for a Category B grant application.

- b) Chief Campbell discussed citizen complaints regarding MLive distributing a paper in the Village. The papers are being thrown in yards and is a littering problem. Campbell is addressing this issue MLive and is pursuing ways to remedy this situation.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The thank you note from Swabash for vacation watch was acknowledged for file.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

Village Council President had the following comment:

- He stated the meeting at South County Sewer and Water with Wightman is being held tomorrow. He and Trustee Stodola will attend.

Village Manager Lutz had the following comments:

- She stated that she talked with the Village Attorney regarding the Village Property on Bernard Street. She relayed the following comments:
 - The property is technically a street.
 - To acquire a parcel number, the Village would need to go through the court system to re-plot the property.
 - She stated the legal process would be very costly to the Village.
 - She stated if the property was re-platted, the parcel would be split and the residents on either side of the property would get half.

Village Manager Lutz will review other options regarding the sale and report back to Council.

Village Manager Lutz had the following comments regarding South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority:

- She stated her concern over lack of response from SKCFA.
- She stated that a representative from SKCFA was asked to attend a Council meeting and as of yet there has been no response
- She stated the warrantee deed was sent to SKCFA.
- She stated that SKCFA believes an overpayment was sent to the Village for purchase of the Schoolcraft Fire Station. The Village has done an analysis and determined there was no overpayment. However, the Village hasn't heard the results of an analysis by SKCFA, if one has been done.

Trustee Rochholz had the following comments:

- He stated he is very concerned over lack of response from SKCFA and suggested the Council should look into other options for fire protection.

Trustee Mastenbrook had the following comment:

- She stated that not only is she concerned about lack of response, but also after audit recommendations were made, SKCFA did not follow through with those recommendations. She deemed it irresponsible.

Concern was expressed by the entire Council regarding lack of response from SKCFA. Council also expressed concern over the SKCFA budget.

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Chelsea and Matt Musselman appeared before the Council and had the following comments:

- They stated they are ready to establish occupancy at 240 N. Grand St.
- They stated they are unable to receive their occupancy permit until the space to the north of the property is either paved or returned to green space.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O'Leary, Clerk