

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Schoolcraft Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Gunnett.

The prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Gunnett.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Gunnett, Mastenbrook, Spears, Barnes, Rochholz, Stodola and Carlin.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Theresa O’Leary, Tammi Youngs, Chief Bryan Campbell, Sloan Samulski, Rich Samulski, Nancy Haas, Jennifer Doorn, Brent Smith, Rob Coffman, John Gisler, Kirk Bergland, and Travis Smola.

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:

- a) Mrs. Nancy Haas of the Schoolcraft Library Board provided a brief update on Schoolcraft Community Library events.
- b) Mr. Kirk Bergland appeared before the Village Council to provide an update on Ladies Library activities.
- c) Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler appeared before the Village Council to provide an update on Kalamazoo County activities.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Mrs. Sloan Samulski appeared before the Village Council to discuss her concerns regarding traffic, noise, and other issues on Grand Street with the following comments:
 - She has removed the pine trees from the right of way as required.

- She is concerned about the high volume of traffic on Grand Street – particularly truck traffic.
- She is concerned about mowing the right of way due to truck traffic.
- She stated that vehicles are going much faster than 35 mph.
- She stated that her basement foundation is beginning to crumble due to heavy truck traffic.

Village President Gunnett had the following comments:

- He acknowledged that US 131 is a problem, and knows that speeding is an issue.
- He has spent time with State Representatives regarding speed and traffic concerns.
- He stated that the Village is seeking ways to slow traffic, but MDOT controls all issues related to the highway and right of way.
- He encouraged Mrs. Sloan to attend all meetings related to Grand Street.

Trustee Rochholz had the following comments:

- He acknowledged there are concerns about speeding and traffic volume.
- He stated that it is not possible to route truck traffic around the Village.
- He stated that US 131 is a highway, and large volumes of traffic should be expected.

Trustee Stodola stated that he has an older home, and his basement has crumbling issues.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz and DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman regarding placement of equipment on the Village's Water Tower was discussed. Comments as follows:

DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman stated he sees no problem with the proposed installation but would like to include the following stipulations:

- Involvement of Village's engineer to review proposed project.
- Request installation of natural gas to proposed area.
- Placement of generator
- Installation of separate power source.

President Gunnett questioned if a fence could be erected around the water tower? Coffman stated the generator would be in separate area. Additional fencing would be around other areas of tower.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes, to approve the request of Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch with the stipulations that were recommended by DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman. All aye.

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- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the purchase of a new server was discussed.

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Mastenbrook, to approve the purchase of a new server in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. All aye.

TABLATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- MDOT will be making an announcement in the next few days regarding the grant application award for Angell Drive.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals met to consider a variance request from American Auto Auction for installation of a 6' chain link fence for their bullpen area located on Angell Drive. The ZBA approved the request.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS & MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

Trustee Stodola had the following comments:

- There are a few houses around town that need to have their lawn mowed.
- There was recently a large fire on Robinson Street.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz advised him to call the Police Department when fires occur.

Trustee Rochholz questioned the progress for tree trimming and/or removal from Indiana Electric Power.

DPW Superintendent Rob Coffman stated tree trimming is still planned but has been delayed. He will find out further information, and report back to council.

Trustee Carlin stated that the Fire Chief has been promoted to a full time position.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, Village President

Theresa O'Leary, Village Clerk