

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
October 21, 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, Barnes, Stodola, Spears and Carlin.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Bryan Campbell, Sue Moore, Mr. Andrew Rudd and Mr. Frank LaPierre of Wightman, Kirk Bergland, Jen Gottschalk, Dave Smith, Lori Hoeksema, Kathy Aivars, Tom Gill, Mark Cook, Joe Beck, Andy Polishek, Wade Rutkowskie, Mari and Jay Skippers, Shirley DeRoo, Roxanne Wilkins, Mike Noora, Eric McGehee, and Max Hutchinson.

**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:**

Kirk Bergland, Friends of the Library, presented information regarding a fund raiser for the Schoolcraft Community Library.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Mr. Andrew Rudd and Mr. Frank LaPierre from Wightman discussed Resolution 2019-10 a Resolution to Allow a Drain Board to be established. They had the following statements:
- Rudd stated the Drain Board will be the official entity to apply for the grants through USDA. They will act as an agent for the Village of Schoolcraft.
  - LaPierre stated that all citizens that are assessed will receive a letter from Robert Thall, Attorney for South County Sewer & Water Authority, informing them of a Public Hearing.

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- Rudd stated after the Public Hearing, bond terms can be reviewed, and accepted or rejected.
- Rudd stated there is a time limit to review the bond terms, once they are received.
- Rudd stated the timeline for the process of obtaining bonds will take approximately 60 days for USDA to determine what grant monies the Village of Schoolcraft qualifies for.
- Final opt out will be in February or March 2020.
- Rudd stated that USDA has better bond terms and lower interest rates than other funding sources.
- Rudd stated once the project has been established, the Village can search for other funding opportunities.

The following questions and statements were made:

Max Hutchinson had the following statement:

- He stated he found a case where Wightman sued the Village of Bloomingdale for not following through with their sanitary sewer program

Andy Polishak had the following statement:

- He stated sanitary sewer will bring jobs in the Village.

Trustee Stodola had the following statements:

- He stated the project cannot go forward without the partnership of Schoolcraft Township.
- He stated the amount of grant money the Village gets will be based on medium household income.
- He stated Schoolcraft Township has already passed a resolution.

Dave Smith asked the following question:

- He asked "What support do we need from the government to be able to afford the project?"

Mark Cook had the following question:

- If we build a wastewater treatment plant, can other areas use it?

President Gunnett had the following statement:

- He stated if we build a water treatment plant, it would not be only the Village's plant.
- He stated some upfront costs for installing sanitary sewer including getting septic system crushed and filled in, permits, and plumbing are not covered by grant monies.

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Trustee Carlin had the following statement:

- He expressed his concern about proceeding and not being able to back out of the project.

Joe Beck had the following comment:

- He stated that the cost of \$13,000 (estimated) does not include usage and maintenance.

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Mastenbrook to approve Resolution 2019-10 A Resolution Regarding Intent to Petition Pursuant to Chapter 20 of Act 40 of the Public Act of 1956, As Amended.

A Roll Call Vote taken:

Barnes	Aye
Carlin	Nay
Mastenbrook	Aye
Rochholz	Aye
Spears	Aye
Stodola	Aye
Gunnnett	Aye

Motion passed 6 to 1.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The prayer message from First Presbyterian Church was acknowledged for file.

**MANAGERS REVIEW:**

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to convene into Closed Session for the Manager's annual review at 8:01 p.m.

Roll call vote was taken.

Barnes	Aye
Carlin	Aye
Mastenbrook	Aye
Rochholz	Aye
Spears	Aye
Stodola	Aye
Gunnnett	Aye

Motion passed 7 to 0.

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Spears to convene into Regular Session at 8:32. All aye.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Stodola, to approve the recommendation of the Manager's Review Committee as presented. All aye.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statement:

- She stated there is a Governance Training Workshop on Monday, October 28, 2019.

Trustee Carlin had the following statement:

- He stated the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority has opted to continue having finances reviewed annually rather than quarterly.

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

- She stated that the Finance Committee met on October 18 and another meeting needs to be scheduled.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Keith F. Gunnett, President

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Theresa O'Leary, Clerk