

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
October 5, 2020**

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, Spears and Carlin.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Finance Director/Assistant Manager Tammi Youngs, Chief Scott Boling, Kirk Bergland, Rob Peterson, and Joe Beck.

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:

Discussion regarding the letter from the Health Department was tabled until the Council meeting of October 19, 2020 to allow time to ask a representative from the Health Department to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) The draft copy of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Department audit was presented to the Council for review.

Assistant Manager/Finance Director made the following statements:

- She stated there is a repeat funding material weakness deficiency.
- She stated the SKCFA fund balance grew \$217,000 in one year.

Trustee Rochholz had the following statements:

- He stated the fact that the auditor is the same person doing the books in house, is not going to change.
- He stated he would like to challenge the SKCFA to be more accountable to constituents.

Trustee Stodola had the following statements:

- He stated he realizes the SKCFA has large expenses in the future.
- He stated with a nice gain in the SKCFA fund balance, they should hire someone other than the auditor to do the books.

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Trustee Mastenbrook had the following statements:

- She stated the SKCFA uses a cash basis of accounting. She believes they should use Modified accrual basis of accounting.
- She stated she would like someone else other than the auditor to do the monthly books.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to accept the draft audit from South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority including the above statements by the Council. All aye.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

President Keith Gunnett had the following statements:

- He stated the South County Sewer and Water will hold their meetings via Zoom.
- He stated he would like to appoint Trustees Spears, Mastenbrook and Barnes to be on the committee to review the performance of Village Manager Cheri Lutz. It was agreed upon.

Village Manager Lutz had the following statements:

- She stated the photo shoot for the Village Council will be October 13 at 6:00 at the Municipal Complex.
- She stated the Governor's restrictions placed on the state during COVID-19 were found to be non-valid/unlawful. However, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has issued the same, or close to the same restrictions. Village Manager Lutz is unsure about restrictions on in-person meetings.
- She stated she will be meeting with Jim Mallory, Manager of Village of Vicksburg to discuss the progress of the mill and how it will impact the Village of Schoolcraft. She will inform the Council of her findings.
- She stated she would like to get some input from the Council regarding gift cards from local businesses where the Village would match \$25 gift cards up to \$1,000 total. This will help businesses and show support. The Council agreed this is a good idea.
- She stated she could post information about the gift cards on Facebook.

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

- She stated that the COVID-19 grant for \$5,000 has been received and distributed to the police officers.

Police Chief Scott Boling had the following statements:

- He stated he has done some research on allowing golf carts. However, before we go further, he asked the following:
 - What interest is there in the community?
 - Will an ordinance meet the expectation of those who want the ordinance?
 - How much will it cost to proceed?
- He stated the police activity report will now be in the Council packets for the second meeting of each month.

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Trustee Rochholz had the following statements:

- He stated that all golf carts, if allowed to be driven, must be equipped like a car or other vehicle, which can be costly.
- He stated that we should get information from residents to determine if an ordinance is wanted to allow golf carts.

Trustee Stodola had the following statements:

- He stated that he would like to get input from current golf cart owners as to how to finance an ordinance permitting them to be driven in the Village of Schoolcraft.
- He stated with the central drop off Fall clean up, there was no “junk” around, the Village looked nice.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Keith F. Gunnett, President

Theresa O’Leary, Clerk