

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
October 7, 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, John Gisler, James Lockwood, Lillian Lockwood, Mike Noora, Kirk Bergland, Stephen J. Hull, Tom Gill, Mark Cook, Jen Gottschalk, Eric McGehee, Joe Beck, Max Hutchinson, and John Stears.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes, to approve the agenda with the following deletion to New Business: Memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Resolution 2019-10. All aye.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Barnes, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda except the minutes from the September 23, 2019. There are some revisions that will be reviewed and the minutes will be addressed at the next Council Meeting. All aye.

**CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- John Stears expressed his concern with South County Sewer and Water Authority.
- Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Gisler provided an update on Kalamazoo County activities
- Andy Polishak asked what is planned to bring businesses in town if sanitary doesn't go through.
- Ted Lupina expressed his concern with the sign ordinance.
- Mark Cook stated that the notice given for the special meeting held on September 27, 2019 was not long enough.
- Max Hutchinson asked what South County Sewer and Water Authority does and what authority do they have.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) The letter from Village Attorney Bob Soltis regarding signs in the Village was discussed.

The Village Council requested the Planning Commission revisit the sign ordinance stating not allowing signs is unconstitutional. However, signs will not be allowed in the right of way.

- b) Chief Bryan Campbell discussed allowing golf carts in the Village. He had the following statements:

- He stated the municipality can allow golf carts.
- He stated if the current ordinance for golf carts in the Village is changed by resolution, it may be difficult to enforce.
- He stated that if an ordinance change is wanted, the Village attorney must be involved.

The Council agreed to revisit the ordinance pertaining to golf carts and contact other communities that have golf cart provisions.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Rochholz to present a resolution after research is completed. All aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) The schedule for the 2020 Council Meetings was presented.

Motion by Mastenbrook, seconded by Stodola to approve the Schedule for 2020 Council Meetings as presented. All aye.

- b) Discussion took place regarding the Letter of Resignation from Chief Bryan Campbell.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to accept Chief Campbell's letter of resignation with regret. All aye.

- c) Trustee Stodola discussed the process for agenda items, bringing discussion items to the table, elimination of agenda items, and attorney opinions.

- d) Discussion took place regarding President Gunnett's revised article for the Fall 2019 Newsletter.

Trustee Stodola had the following statements:

- He stated he is concerned about repeating things on the taxpayer dollars.
- He stated when the written word is used, it is hard to tell the tone.

- He stated that the social media rules should be addressed, as the first draft of President Gunnett's newsletter article is on Facebook and he is uncomfortable with it being on social media.
- He stated that the cost of sanitary sewer will be different than the numbers President Gunnett has written in his newsletter article.
- He stated calculations are a continuing debate.

Trustee Rochholz had the following statement:

- He stated the first draft of President Gunnett's newsletter article was harsh.

Trustee Barnes had the following statement:

- He stated he agrees with the article.

Trustee Spears had the following statements:

- He asked if opinions can be put in the newsletter.
- He stated that the Village Attorney should be asked what is permitted in the Village newsletter.

Trustee Mastenbrook had the following statements:

- She stated that the intent of the newsletter should be defined.
- She stated that the numbers in President Gunnett's newsletter article do not match up.

President Gunnett had the following statements:

- He stated that all the numbers are not being looked at.
- He stated that part of his newsletter article is opinion and part of it is not.

Motion by Carlin, seconded to accept the revised newsletter by President Gunnett.

A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Carlin	Yes
Mastenbrook	No
Spears	Yes
Barnes	Yes
Stodola	Yes
Gunnnett	Yes
Rochholz	Yes

**Motion passed with a vote of 6 to 1.**

- e) Discussion took place regarding the Newsletter article of Trustee Rochholz. President Gunnett pointed out a minor issue which will be corrected prior to publication.

Motion by Stodola, seconded by Mastenbrook to approve the newsletter article by Trustee Rochholz with minor changes. All aye.

- d) Motion by Spears, seconded by Stodola to get clarification from the Village Attorney on what can legally be put in the newsletter. All aye.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The letter from Chief McMillan, South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority was acknowledged for file.

The Thank You letter from Adams Kids was acknowledged for file.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following statements:

- She stated she received a notice from the Liquor Commission stating Bud's Bar has been sold.
- She stated that a Finance Committee meeting needs to be scheduled.

Jenn Gottschalk had the following question:

- She asked when Wightman will be giving a presentation regarding passing of a resolution to apply for USDA grant funding..

Lillian Lockwood had the following statement:

- She stated that the sanitary sewer figures on the Village website should be reviewed.

Joe Beck had the following statement:

- He stated that President Gunnett's newsletter article should be generic and should not be used as a mechanism for expressing his own personal point of view.

John Gisler had the following statement:

- He stated that Brady Township has a golf cart ordinance that allows golf carts to be driven.

John Stears had the following statement:

- He stated he is concerned with South County Sewer and Water Authority.

Trustee Stodola had the following statement:

- He stated there is a workshop tomorrow regarding recreational marijuana.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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Keith F. Gunnett, President

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Theresa O'Leary, Clerk