

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President DeVries.

ROLL CALL:

Present: President DeVries, Trustees Clark, Gunnett, Barnes, Dailey, Tackett and Carlin.
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Akert, Chief Bryan Campbell, Russell L. Barnes, Linda Barnes, Ron Sagers, Tom Gill, Adam Wood, Jill Munson, Rob Coffman, Theresa O'Leary, Sharon Campbell, and Pat Temple.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Tackett, to approve the agenda as presented, with an addition to new business under item c) Resolution 2011-06. All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) Mr. Tom Gill had the following comments:
- He stated that the Village needs to review the Blight Ordinance.
 - He stated that enforcement needs to take place equally, and cited several homes in the Village that are in violation of the Blight Ordinance.
- b) Mr. Ron Sagers had the following comments:
- He stated that there could be different criteria for blight.
 - He stated that he is concerned about a blight complaint at his home, while other blighted areas are being ignored.

President Dan DeVries had the following comments:

- He stated that the Village enforces blight in a non-discriminatory manner.
- He stated that the Village does not have the manpower to enforce ordinances.
- He stated that it is not the highest and best use of the Police Department for ordinance enforcement.

Trustee Gunnnett had the following comments:

- He stated that the Village does not look specifically for ordinance violations but does enforce ordinance violations based on complaints and observations.
- He stated that citizens should let the Village Manager know if they have a complaint.

Trustee Dailey had the following comment:

- He stated that the Village could look into having a part-time enforcement officer.

President DeVries and Trustee Gunnnett stated that they would not want to be that pro-active for ordinance violations.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz requesting approval for a two (2) year extension for audit services with Douglas Wohlberg was discussed.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Clark, to approve the two (2) year contract for audit services of Douglas Wohlberg for year 2012 in the amount of \$8,755.00, and 2013 for \$9,000.00. All aye.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding establishment of Halloween hours was discussed.

Motion by Gunnnett, seconded by Dailey, to designate Halloween on Monday, October 31, 2011, between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. All aye.

- c) President Dan DeVries read aloud Resolution 2011-06, A Resolution Honoring Trustee Barnes years of service as Village Trustee.

Trustee Barnes thanked the Village of Schoolcraft for the opportunity to serve, and acknowledged the fine work of the Village Council and Village Staff.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Dailey, to adopt Resolution 2011-06. A Resolution Honoring Trustee Barnes for his years of service. All aye.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

Village Treasurer Faith Akert requested approval for purchase of a Dell PowerEdge T410 Server at a cost of \$4,300.00, and installation of server at a cost of \$3,600.00, not to exceed a total cost of \$8,000.00.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Dailey, to approve the purchase of a Dell PowerEdge T410 Server at a cost of \$4,300.00, and installation of server at a cost of \$3,600.00, not to exceed a total cost of \$8,000.00. All aye.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

President DeVries thanked Trustee Barnes for his years of service, and thanked the audience for their positive comments.

Trustee Gunnett provided an update on Planning Commission Activities.

Village Clerk Faith Akert provided an overview of the September 13, 2011, General Election.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Clark, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All aye.

Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

Daniel P. DeVries, President