

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
DECEMBER 7, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street, Schoolcraft, Michigan 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, Norma Tackett, Mark McCain, Craig Sisk, Jess A. Wallace, and Pat Temple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Clark, seconded by Tackett, to approve the agenda with the following addition: Addition of item e to New Business. Appointment to Kalamazoo Region Water and Wastewater Commission. All aye.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The report from Planning Commissioner Tim Brown regarding Farmer's Markets was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Resolution 2009-14. A Resolution to Adopt, Amend, or Restate its Cafeteria Plan was discussed.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnett, to adopt Resolution 2009-14. A Resolution to Adopt, Amend or Restate its Cafeteria Plan. All aye.

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- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the renewal of the Agreement with Kalamazoo County for Hazardous Waste was discussed.

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Clark, to approve the Agreement with Kalamazoo County for Hazardous Waste for the year 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. All aye.

- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the disbursement of Employee Bonus was discussed.

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Tackett, to approve the disbursement of Employee Bonus as recommended. All aye.

- d) The memorandum and presentation from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the background of the DDA, and the Phase II & III of the Streetscape Project was discussed with the following highlights:

- She stated that the DDA would like to do Phase II & III at the same time.
- She stated that the Village would be responsible for paying all costs upfront, with reimbursement from MDOT.
- She stated that the DDA could apply for a grant at any time, and ask for an award in a specific year.
- She provided an overview on donations for Phase II & III of the Project.

Trustee Tackett stated that the DDA could have potential problems paying for water service to the proposed phases.

Trustee Dailey asked if the DDA had reviewed the option for the passage of an additional two (2) mills.

President DeVries had the following comments:

- He stated that the DDA recognizes that they will have to do additional fundraising to make the projects happen.
- He stated that the DPW will likely need additional manpower to maintain additional phases of the Streetscape Projects.
- He reminded the Council that if the DDA did not exist; the Village's General Fund would be responsible for maintenance and improvements within the district.

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- e) President DeVries requested an appointment to the Kalamazoo Regional Water and Wastewater Commission. He stated that the commission reviews water and sewer issues in Kalamazoo County.

Trustee Tackett stated that KRWWC provides much helpful information regarding water and sewer issues in Kalamazoo County.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Clark, to appoint Trustee Gunnett to the KRWWC. All aye.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

President Dan DeVries stated that the Library will be submitting a letter to the Village Council regarding plans for expansion.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that a tentative draft budget will be presented to the Village Council for review and discussion at the December 21, 2009, meeting.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:**

Trustee Gunnett had the following comments:

- He provided an update on South County Sewer & Water Authority activities.
- He stated that he will present a time line for the proposed project in January, 2010.
- He stated that discussion has taken place regarding the wording of our existing sewer ordinance, to change hook up from mandatory to voluntary.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

Mr. Jess Wallace asked for clarification on the appointment to the Kalamazoo Regional Water and Wastewater Commission.

Mr. Jess Wallace inquired about the report from Commissioner Brown regarding a Farmer's Market.

President DeVries stated that the memo discussed costs, locations, competition with other municipalities, and asked that the Council consider if the project is a high priority for the Village.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Carlin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. All aye.

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Dan DeVries, Village President.