

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

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.

President Dan DeVries expressed his sympathy for Gordon Shaw and his family in the passing of his wife Jackie Shaw.

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, Dan Lewis, Jess Wallace, Norma Tackett, Mark McCain, Dan Hartlieb, Craig Sisk and Pat Temple.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Jess Wallace stated that the Eliza Street Reconstruction Project looks good.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Mr. Dan Lewis of Prein & Newhof appeared before the Village Council to provide an update on the Eliza Street Reconstruction Project as follows:
- He explained that a remaining amount of \$28,000.00 was available for additional work; including the addition of a leaching basin on West Eliza Street, additional installation of sidewalk, and sidewalk improvements.
 - He explained that the road would be re-stripped next spring with permanent paint.

- He explained that there are two properties located at 403 and 411 East Eliza Street that have extremely deep ditches in the Village right-of-way.
- He explained that the AARA Funding would not pay for the work to be done twice, and recommended that the DPW fill in the two areas next spring.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz explained that the plan was to fill in the areas with 6-8" of top soil, however, it would be more cost effective to have the DPW do the work in spring 2010.

The Village Council was agreeable to having the DPW fill the area with topsoil next spring.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding a request from the Presbyterian Church for "Lighting of the Luminaries" was discussed.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Barnes, to approve the request of the Presbyterian Church for \$100.00 to assist with "Lighting of Luminaries." All aye.

- c) The memorandum from Faith Akert regarding the establishment of an Equipment Fund for the purpose of reporting annual equipment revenue was discussed.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the establishment of an Equipment Fund #661, open a bank account, and to transfer \$68,000.00 from the General Fund to the Equipment Fund. All aye.

- d) The application from Mr. Dan Hartlieb requesting appointment to the DDA was discussed.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Dailey, to appoint Mr. Dan Hartlieb to the DDA Board for a four year period to expire January 2013. All aye.

- e) The 2010 Village Council meeting schedule was discussed.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Clark, to approve the 2010 Village Council meeting schedule as presented. All aye.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

President Dan DeVries had the following comments:

- He discussed Phase II & III of the Streetscape Project.
- He explained that the overall cost for both phases is approximately \$1.5 million.
- He stated that the DDA is attempting to obtain grant funding for the project, and added that other monies will need to be raised to offset the project.
- He discussed options for fund raising including community events.
- He stated that the community needs to be an attractive place so that people will want to live here, and to locate their businesses here.
- He asked the Council if they would be interested in donating funds from the general fund budget to assist in the project.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- She stated that the expectation for decreased revenue for the current fiscal year will be approximately \$40,000.00
- She states that the expectation for decreased revenue for fiscal year 2010/11 is expected to be at least \$50,000.00 with the understanding that revenue sharing may be further decreased.

Trustee Gunnnett had the following comments:

- He stated that the Planning Commission supports the concept of a Farmer's Market.
- He stated that there is difficulty finding an appropriate site, and that the Planning Commission is concerned about traffic and safety issues.
- He stated that Premier Melon located on Angell Street is working with the Planning Commission on a site plan review.
- He stated that he will be Attending the South County Water and Sewer Authority Meeting on Tuesday, November 17th, and that Trustee Clark and Jess Wallace will also be in attendance.

Other comments:

Mr. Mark McCain asked why the Municipal Complex could not be used as a site for a Farmer's Market.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- She explained that it is impossible to know when and what kinds of activities will happen at the Police Department.
- She stated that the Police Department experiences typical activities associated with the operations of all police departments, and suggested that these activities would not necessarily be a good fit for community events.

Mr. Dan Lewis had the following comment:

- He explained that Texas Township does not house a Police Department, and that was a consideration when they set up a Farmer's Market at their Municipal Complex.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnett, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. All aye.

Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

Dan DeVries, Village President