

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 19, 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.

President DeVries welcomed Mr. Brian Buelke, a student from Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

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, Dan Lewis, Russell L. Barnes, Jess A. Wallace, Brian Buelke, John Buelke, Norma Tackett, Mark McCain, Tracy McMillan, Craig Sisk, and Pat Temple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Clark, to approve the agenda with the addition of Dan Lewis of Prein & Newhof under Unfinished Business. All aye.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Dan Lewis of Prein & Newhof appeared before the Village Council to present information regarding the Eliza Street Reconstruction Project.

Mr. Lewis had the following comments:

- He stated that the low bidder for MDOT has requested a 2009 start date.
- He provided a construction schedule, beginning October 21, 2009, with completion 11/14/09.

- He stated that the schedule could change one or two days depending on weather conditions.
- He stated that the concrete approach and sidewalk area in front of the Fire Station would be removed and installed the same day, and that the Fire Department would be able to drive on the new approach within three days.
- He stated that the project is considered "as read", and that any overages in costs would be charged to the Village of Schoolcraft.
- He stated that he would be on site daily.
- He stated that all work is done in accordance with MDOT specifications.

Trustee Gunnett questioned the availability of asphalt.

- Mr. Lewis stated that the asphalt plants typically close in mid to late November.

President DeVries asked about contingency plans due to the short time span of the project.

- Mr. Lewis stated that if there is any possibility that the work cannot be completed on the proposed time schedule, work would be delayed until spring 2010.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that letters would be mailed to property owners, businesses, school and emergency services to notify them of the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding committee appointments was discussed.

President DeVries stated the he will be attending the DDA and KATS meetings.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Carlin, to appoint Trustee Gunnett to the South County Water and Sewer Authority. All aye.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Dailey, to appoint Trustee Clark as alternate member to the South County Water and Sewer Authority. All aye.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gunnett, to appoint Trustee Carlin to the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority. All aye.

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Tackett, to appoint Trustee Clark as alternate member to the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority. All aye.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Tackett, to appoint Trustee Gunnett to the Planning Commission until September 2011. All aye.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

- a) President DeVries had the following comments:
- He thanked the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, DPW Staff, and members of the community for their assistance with the playground equipment.
  - He asked the Village Manager to sent letters of thanks to all those who helped.
  - He expressed his thanks and acknowledgement to Rob Coffman, Assistant DPW Superintendent for the excellent job that he has done during the absence of Gordon Shaw.
- b) Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comment:
- She stated that the staff is in the process of reviewing the budget in anticipation of the revenue shortfall, and has some confidence that the Village will able to absorb the deficit.
- c) Trustee Clark requested that Village Ordinance Section 54-252 regarding mandatory sewer hookup be placed on the November 2, 2009, agenda for discussion purposes.

Trustee Tackett had the following comments:

- He stated that he did not believe that is was necessary to discuss the sanitary sewer issue since a motion was made at an earlier council meeting that the Village Council would not discuss or spend any tax dollars on sanitary sewer issues at any meetings.
- He stated that it a waste of time to discuss it further.
- He stated that he will never support sanitary sewer in this community again.

President DeVries had the following comment:

- He stated that the Village should continue discussion because new ideas could be one the horizon.

Trustee Gunnett had the following comments:

- He stated that the motion regarding council discussion regarding sanitary sewer related to the expenditures of tax dollars on sanitary sewer without a vote of the people.
- He stated that no matter how frustrated the Council gets, they need to remain open to sanitary sewer for the benefit of the community.

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Mark McCain stated that the Township can decide if the sanitary sewer project moves forward, and that the Village Council should be able to discuss the issue.

Mr. Craig Sisk stated that it would not be wise to implement a policy to eliminate discussion of an item, and that if funds were to become available, the Council would not be able to talk about it.

Mr. Jess Wallace stated that sanitary sewer should be placed down 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

President DeVries restated the motion as follows:

This council will not discuss sewers at any date unless funding becomes available.  
Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Tackett, Barnes.

Nays: Carlin, Clark, Dailey, Gunnett, DeVries.

**Motion denied.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Gunnett, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. All aye.

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Daniel P. DeVries, President