

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Present                   President Warfield, Trustees Mullin, Gunnett, Barnes, Dailey, Tackett, and VanDyken.

Absent:                   None.

Also Present:           Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Alert, Theresa O'Leary, Linda Barnes, Betty Mullin, Char Sumney, Jess A. Wallace, Ron Sagers, Mark McCain, Dan DeVries, Tom Gill, Gordon Shaw, Rob Coffman, Dee Fitzsimmons, Todd Carlin, Barry Visel, Dorothy Clark and Pat Temple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

Mrs. Pat Temple announced a National Solar Day to be held on October 10, 2009, and invited all to attend.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Ordinance No. 217. An Ordinance to Add Chapter XV, Landlord Tenant Eviction, to Provide for Penalties for Violation.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz explained that adoption of Ordinance No. 217 would allow for immediate corrective action for landlord-tenant evictions. She stated that the Village of Schoolcraft would be able to abate the nuisance within 30 hours of the violation, remove items, bill the property owner, or add cost of clean up as a tax lien, and/or to issue Municipal Civil Infractions.

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Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Tackett, to adopt Ordinance No, 217. An Ordinance to Add Chapter XV, Landlord Tenant Eviction, to Provide for Penalties for Violation. All aye.

- b) Mr. Barry Visel from AEP appeared before the Village Council to provide information regarding Ordinance No. 218. An Ordinance to Allow AEP the Authority to Maintain, Construct, and Operate Public Utility on the right-of-way.

Trustee Tackett asked if the Village would be compensated for the ordinance.

Mr. Barry Visel stated that AEP does not compensate any municipality for work in the right of way.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Mullin, to adopt Ordinance No. 218. An Ordinance to Allow AEP the Authority to Maintain, Construct, and Operate Public Utility on the right-of-way. All aye.

- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding a Permit for Fireworks for Homecoming was discussed.

Motion by VanDyken, seconded by Dailey, to approve the Permit for Fireworks for Schoolcraft Community Schools Homecoming. All aye.

- d) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding hours for Trick or Treat was discussed.

Trustee Gunnett asked the Council to consider extending the time to 8:30 p.m. due to the fact that the majority of trick or treaters come out later in the evening.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Dailey, to establish the hours between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. for Trick or Treat hours for the Village of Schoolcraft. All aye.

- e) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Council Payment to President Warfield, Trustees VanDyken and Mullin was discussed.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Barnes, to approve Council Payment as recommended. All aye.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

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**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

Trustee VanDyken briefed the Council on South County Fire Authority Activities.

Trustee Gunnett briefed the Council on Planning Commission Activities.

President Warfield had the following Comments:

- He announced that the Vicksburg Foundation has awarded the Village of Schoolcraft \$12,000.00 for a new roof for the Community Center.
- He stated that the Village Manager has obtained \$232,000.00 in grant monies in 2009.
- He stated that the contract for sanitary sewer has been approved with the City of Portage, and that sanitary sewer could likely be extended as far as McDonalds on Lyon Street within the next five years.

Mrs. Dee Fitzsimmons stated that the Village's Sanitary Sewer Ordinance required mandatory hook-up. She requested the Council review the ordinance, and amend to "voluntary hook-up".

Mr. Jess Wallace had the following comments:

- He stated that the Village Council determined that they would not spend tax dollars on sanitary sewer without first obtaining a vote of the people.
- He stated that MDOT would not allow placement of sanitary sewer on U.S. 131, and that it would be placed on side streets.

**COUNCIL TRIBUTES:**

President Warfield presented Resolution 2009-12 to Trustee Walt Mullin. A Resolution of Appreciation for Years of Service.

Trustee Mullin had the following comments:

- He stated that he became a member of the Village Council because he wanted to do something proactive rather than sit back and complain.
- He stated that serving on the Village Council has been an educational experience.
- He thanked the Village for the opportunity to serve them.

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Barnes, to adopt Resolution 2009-12. A Resolution of Appreciation to Trustee Walt Mullin for Years of Service. All aye.

President Loren Warfield presented Resolution 2009-13 to Trustee Jim VanDyken. A Resolution of Appreciation for Years of Service.

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Trustee VanDyken had the following comments:

- He thanked the Village of Schoolcraft for allowing him to serve on the Village Council.
- He stated that he learned to listen to, and respect the opinion of others.
- He expressed his thanks to President Warfield for his leadership.
- He highlighted his three biggest accomplishments as follows:
  1. Hiring of Village Manager Cheri Lutz.
  2. Hiring of Police Chief Bryan Campbell.
  3. Building the Municipal Complex.

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Barnes, to adopt Resolution 2009-13. A Resolution of Appreciation to Trustee Jim VanDyken. All aye.

President Pro-Tem Scot Dailey presented Resolution 2009-11 to President Loren Warfield. A Resolution of Appreciation for Years of Service.

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He expressed his congratulations to the new Village Council members.
- He stated that the Council had evolved over the years to a point where they can disagree without being disagreeable.
- He stated that the Council has come a long way in their public conduct.
- He stated that he and the Village Council have worked for the best interest of its citizenry.
- He expressed his admiration and appreciation to Commissioner Tim Brown stating that he is an excellent planner.
- He thanked DDA Chairperson Jim MacPhee for his accomplishments on the DDA particularly the Streetscape Project.
- He stated that he was grateful for the opportunity to have worked with former Village Manager Darrell Harden.
- He stated that he is proud of the relationship that the Village has with the press and with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).
- He thanked Gordon Shaw, Rob Coffman, Faith Akert and Theresa O'Leary for their work.
- He thanked Village Manager Cheri Lutz for her good work and service to the Village of Schoolcraft, and stated that she was the best Village Manager in the State of Michigan.

Motion by VanDyken, seconded by Dailey, to adopt Resolution 2009-11. A Resolution of Appreciation to President Loren c. Warfield. All aye.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Warfield adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. with the closing statement "*Sine Die*".

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Loren C. Warfield, Village President