

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 6, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council was called to order by President Warfield at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: President Warfield, Trustees Mullin, Gunnett, Barnes, Tackett.
Absent: Dailey, VanDyken.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Akert, Chief Bryan Campbell, Jess A. Wallace, Russell Lee Barnes, Ron Sagers, Tom Gill, Mark McCain, Norma Tackett, Todd Carlin and Pat Temple.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Jess Wallace asked if the DDA has its own budget, and how bills were approved.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that the DDA has its own budget, and that bills are paid with Council approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Mr. Dan Lewis of Prein and Newhof appeared before the Village Council to present information on the 2009 Street Resurfacing Program, the Water Utility Upgrade on West Eliza Street, and the Eliza Street Reconstruction Project as follows:

2009 Street Resurfacing Program:

- Bids will be let in April, and awarded on May 4, 2009. Projects will commence on May 5 with a completion date of June 24, 2009. A penalty clause of \$1,000.00 per day will be stipulated in contract to assure timely completion of the project.
- Water Utility Upgrade on West Eliza Street. Water mains on West Eliza Street between Grand and Centre will be upgraded from 4" to 8" for the purpose of fire flow, and upon the recommendation of the DEQ.

Bids will be let in June, and awarded in July. The project will commence on July 6th with a completion date of July 20, 2009. Estimated cost of project including engineering costs is \$84,725.00.

- Eliza Street Reconstruction Project. Bids will be let in July, and awarded on August 3, 2009. Project will commence on August 3, with a completion date of October 1, 2009. Cost of project is estimated at \$275,000.00.

Motion by Mullin, seconded by Tackett, to authorize Village Manager Cheri Lutz to proceed with all necessary requirements for project fruition. All aye.

President Warfield stated that several comments have been made regarding Village participation in KATS, and pointed out the importance in having representation from the Village of Schoolcraft at KATS meetings resulting in a grant of \$220,000.00 for Eliza Street.

Mr. Dan Lewis stated that he will provide information to the Village Council regarding the cost of the water main project, and associated work, if done in subsequent years.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding appointment to Park Committee was discussed.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Tackett, to appoint the following to the Park Committee: Craig Roe, Bill Mills, Jennifer Doorn, Rob Coffman, Cheri Lutz.
All aye.

- c) The memorandum from Village Clerk Faith Akert regarding 2009 Village Elections was discussed.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

Trustee Walt Mullin stated that he will not be seeking re-election at the September 15, 2009, meeting.

Village President Loren Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated that things have been going well for the Village past seven years, and stated that many Village Presidents and Council did not complete their terms in the past due to conflict and turmoil.

- He stated that he was unsure as to whether he would be running for Village President again, and that the Village Council would benefit from younger people and diverse genders.
- He stated that those wishing to run for office should be sure that they do not have any skeletons in their closet because they will be revealed.
- He stated that the DDA did have plans to place decorative banners all along Grand Street, but were unable to hang banners from the AEP light poles.
- He stated that the DDA will be researching options for expansion of Phase I and Phase II of the Streetscape Project.
- He stated that research is being conducted on electronic council packets, and that a report will be provided to the Village Council at a later date.
- He stated that there has been much discussion regarding “transparency” with regard to municipal government.
- He stated that transparency means that all information is available to the public.
- He stated that the Village of Schoolcraft does make all information available to the public, either through written information or public discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

Loren C. Warfield, Village President