

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 2, 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, Barnes, Dailey, Tackett and VanDyken
Absent: Gunnett.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith C. Akert. Chief Bryan Campbell, Tom Gill, Russell Lee Barnes, Ron Sagers, Jess Wallace, Dorothy J. Clark, Dee Fitzsimmons, Todd Carlin, 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 Mullin, seconded by Tackett, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

a) Mr. Tom Gill stated that the City of Portage has Council Packets on line.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) The YTD Revenue and Expenditure Report was presented for discussion.

President Warfield noted that expenditures were at 92% of the projected expenditure.

Treasurer Faith Akert stated that there will be additional expenditures booked to the fiscal year 2008/2009 budget.

b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Resolution 2009-07 was discussed.

Motion by Mullin, seconded Barnes, to adopt Resolution 2009-07 A Resolution to Amend Water Rates. All aye.

- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals was discussed.

Motion by VanDyken, seconded by Dailey, to make the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

Five Member Board

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| • Darrell Harden | 3 year term | Expires March 2012 |
| • Jennifer Doorn | 3 year term | Expires March 2012 |
| • Bruce Imanse | 2 year term | Expires March 2011 |
| • Kim Robinson | 2 year term | Expires March 2011 |
| • Wes Schmidt | 1 year term | Expires March 2010 |

Alternate

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| • Larry Schwabauer | 1 year term | Expires March 2010 |
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Mr. Jess Wallace had the following comment:

- He stated that the Village Council is allowing another board to make decisions affecting the Village of Schoolcraft.

Mrs. Dorothy Clark asked if members of the ZBA would be paid.

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated that the Village Council is responsible for setting policies, and that the ZBA must adhere to those policies.
- He stated that the ZBA does not have the authority to change the policies set by the Village Council.
- He stated that the ZBA would not be paid.

All aye. Motion Carried.

- d) Discussion took place regarding the Village of Schoolcraft's Recycling Program.

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Barnes, to approve a one year contract with Republic Waste with an option to renew for two additional years with costs as follows: \$150.00 for 20 yard dumpster, \$150.00 for 25 yard dumpster, and dumpster service for the DPW at \$60.34. All aye.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

Trustee VanDyken briefed the Council regarding South County Fire Authority activities.

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated that the Village of Schoolcraft has been awarded \$220,000.00 for Eliza Street upgrades as part of the Economic Stimulus Package, and expressed his thanks to the Village Manager for securing the grant.
- He stated that Dan Lewis of Prein and Newhof will appear at the April 6, 2009, meeting to present the Eliza Street Improvement Plan.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Mrs. Dee Fitzsimmons had the following comments:

- She stated that she would like to have on-line access to the Council Packets, and that she would be willing to assist in the purchase of a scanner.
- She stated that she needs to know for her own piece of mind who will pay for sanitary sewer, how it will be assessed, and who will be required to hook up.

Mr. Ron Sagers has the following comment:

- He stated that with a couple of clicks the packets could be on-line.
- He stated that the Rich Pierson did not do a good job representing the Village of Schoolcraft in his presentation to the Portage City Council.

Mr. Jess Wallace had the following comment:

- He stated that several people from Schoolcraft Township attended the meeting with the City of Portage, and that all were opposed to the sanitary sewer project.

Trustee Tackett had the following comments:

- He stated that the Village Council made the decision that they would not support sanitary sewer in the Village of Schoolcraft.
- He stated that the City of Portage does not wish to cooperate with the Village of Schoolcraft with regarding to sanitary sewer requests.

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated that the Village Council would love to have the Village purchase laptop computers for paperless Council Packets.
- He stated that South County Water and Sewer Authority cannot commit to sanitary sewer without a flow through agreement with the City of Portage.

- He stated that there is nothing on the table with the Village of Schoolcraft and sanitary sewer.
- He stated that there is currently an ordinance requiring mandatory sanitary sewer hook-up which would need to be changed at some point in time.
- He stated that the City of Portage wants land in exchange for a flow through agreement.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

Loren C. Warfield, Village President