

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 5, 2009**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: President Loren Warfield, Village Trustees Walt Mullin, Keith Gunnett, Russel Barnes, Carl Tackett, Scot Daily and Jim VanDyken.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Akert, Chief Bryan Campbell, Russell Lee Barnes, Norma Tackett, Dee Fitzsimmons, Ronald L. Sagers, Jr. Bobbi Truesdell, Bill Truesdell, Jess Wallace and Pat Temple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Mullin, 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:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a) The Draft Letter to the City of Portage regarding a request for approval for sanitary sewer flow through was discussed.

Trustee Mullin had the following comment:

- He inquired about the Federal Funds that were used for construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and asked who would be responsible for payment of approximately \$250,000.00 to the City of Portage for sanitary sewer flow through to the City of Kalamazoo.

Trustee Gunnett had the following comments:

- He asked who would be signing the proposed support letter.
- He stated that he had a number of questions, and that he would forward them on to the Village Manager.

Trustee Tackett had the following comment:

- He stated that South County Water and Sewer Authority paid hook up costs on other projects.

Trustee Dailey had the following comment:

- He asked if hook up would be voluntary, and how the approximate \$10,000.00 hook up cost would be handled.

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated that a complicated formula is used to estimate flow through costs.
- He stated that he would not be signing the letter of support.
- He requested that Village Council submit additional questions to the Village Manager.
- He stated that hook up would be voluntary, and those who do not hook up would not be assessed.
- He stated that the City of Portage is requesting a 425 Contractual Agreement in exchange for a flow-through agreement.
- He stated that the City of Portage stated that land developed outside City limits are urban sprawl while land developed within the City's boundaries are planned growth.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Dee Fitzsimmons had the following questions:

- She asked how the proposed project would benefit the City of Portage, Township of Schoolcraft, and Village of Schoolcraft.
- She asked if the council would guarantee that there would be no required hook ups.
- She asked if the bonds for the project were to be re-sold, could the bond buyer require mandatory hook up?

President Warfield stated that the currently seated Council could guarantee that there would be no mandatory hook-ups, but that he could not speak on the behalf of future councils, and that he does not know the answer to the question regarding bonds.

Mr. Jess Wallace questioned if the City of Portage could charge South County Water and Sewer Authority for a flow through agreement for a treatment plant/project that was built with Federal Funds.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Policy #22. A Local Preference Policy.

Motion by Gunnnett, seconded by VanDyken, to adopt Policy #22. A Local Preference Policy. All aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

Trustee VanDyken had the following comments:

- He provided an update on South County Fire Authority Activities.
- He announced that he will not be seeking re-election to the Village Council at the end of his term in September 2009.

Trustee Mullin had the following comment:

- He expressed his appreciation to the Chief Campbell for assisting him when he locked his keys in the car, and that the Village of Schoolcraft is a small community who offers these kinds of services

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated that the Planning Commission will be interviewing candidates for a seat on the Planning Commission at their meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009, and that they will forward their recommendation to the Village Council.
- He stated that the Village Election will be held on September 15, 2009, and that that petitions will be available April 1, 2009.
- He stated that several people in the community have expressed interest in appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- He stated that there have comments regarding the 2009 Winter Tax Bill, and pointed out that this tax bill is for school taxes and township taxes.
- He asked if the Village Council was ready to have "Shovel Ready" projects for the Proposed Economic Stimulus Package, and requested additional information from the Village Manager to be presented at the January 19, 2009, meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Loren C. Warfield, Village President