

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

The Regular Session of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street was called to order by President Dan DeVries at 7:00 p.m.

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, Russell L. Barnes, Lee Ingram, Kathy Wayman, Ron Sagers, Jr., Barbara McNally, Bert Gale, Norma Tackett, Craig Sisk, and Pat Temple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Clark, to approve the agenda to include under New Business Item "c" Adoption of Resolution 2010-07. All aye.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**SHOW CAUSE HEARING:**

Attorney Lee Ingram representing Ms. Kathy Wayman appeared before the Village Council regarding the order of Mr. Ron Sagers, Dangerous Building Hearing Officer, to demolish the building located at 306 N. Grand Street.

Attorney Ingram had the following comments:

- He stated that Ms. Wayman has received all correspondence regarding the building located at 306 N. Grand Street.
- He stated that Ms. Wayman does wish to cooperate with the Village of Schoolcraft regarding the structure.

- He stated that Ms. Wayman would like additional time to solicit bids for demolition and/or bids for reconstruction of the building.

Village President Dan DeVries stated that the Village Council is interested in working with Ms. Wayman, in order to make her building safe and/or to demolish.

Trustee Gunnett asked if the Village had any paperwork indicating that the property is not contaminated.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that Attorney Bob Soltis does not believe the property to be contaminated.

Mr. Bert Gale of Associated Government Services had the following comments:

- He stated that any property could be made safe if there was enough money to do it however; he stated that it would likely be more cost effective to demolish the building.
- He stated that if the property owner decides to proceed with improving the building, an architect or engineer would have to submit drawings and plans to AGS for review.

Trustee Dailey asked if all building code issues would need to be met.

Mr. Bert advised him that they would.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that there are several "junk" items and building materials that need to be removed from the site.

Trustee Russ Barnes stated that the Village Council should proceed with the order to demolish the building.

Motion By DeVries, seconded by Dailey, to allow the property owner additional time to explore options for demolition or renovation of the building, that all junk items be removed from the site, and that plans for the project, and a timeframe for completion be submitted to the Village Manager no later than October 12, 2010, for discussion at the October 18, 2010, Village Council meeting.

Ayes: Clark, Gunnett, Tackett, Dailey, Carlin and DeVries.

Nays: Barnes.

**Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The letter from Mr. Gordon Sutton regarding various matters was discussed.

President DeVries instructed the Village Manager to respond to Mr. Sutton's inquiries, and to advise him that his questions have been answered and the matter is closed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the offer to purchase property located at 333 N. Hayward Street was discussed.

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Clark, to offer the village owned property located at 333 N. Hayward up for the sale. All aye.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Carlin, to place an advertisement for the sale of the property in the October 1, 2010, Village Newsletter, to solicit additional bids. All aye.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the establishment of a day and time for trick or treating was discussed.

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Clark, to designate Sunday, October 31, 2010, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for Trick or Treat. All aye.

- c) Resolution 2010-07 was presented to council. A Resolution to proclaim September 17-23, 2010, as Constitution Week 2010 in the Village of Schoolcraft.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Tackett, to adopt Resolution 2010-07, A Resolution to proclaim September 17-23, 2010, as Constitution Week 2010 in the Village of Schoolcraft. All aye.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

President Dan DeVries had the following comments:

- He expressed his thanks and gratitude to Mr. Jim MacPhee for his dedication and years of service to the Schoolcraft Downtown Development Authority.
- He stated that the DDA is exploring various options to market the Village of Schoolcraft, and thanked Mr. Dan Hartleib for his leadership.
- He stated that it is time to think about the evaluation for the Village Manger.

- He had the following comments regarding ordinance enforcement:
  - He stated that the Village does not do selective ordinance enforcement.
  - He stated that is the Village does not have the staffing to actively look for ordinance violations.
  - He stated that the Village could hire an Enforcement Officer to actively look for ordinance violations.
  - He stated that the Village does react to specific complaints and issues that are blatant violations.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- She stated that the demolition and construction of Speedway will begin in mid – September.
- She stated that the property on the south west corner of Lyon and Grand Streets has been purchased.
- She stated that she will be providing an update to the Village Council on the status of the Village’s recycling program at the September 20, 2010, meeting.
- She requested a meeting of the Water Committee to review options for the Deficit Elimination Plan as required by the State of Michigan.

A Water Committee meeting was set for Monday, September 13, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Gunnett stated that Premier Melon has not complied with the requirements of their site plan, and enforcement action will take place in the near future.

Trustee Clark provided an update in South County Fire Authority activities.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

Mr. Ron Sagers complimented the Schoolcraft Police Department for their work.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Dailey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. All aye.

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Daniel P. DeVries, President