

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JULY 6, 2010**

The Regular Meeting 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 Lee Barnes, and Craig Sisk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Clark, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Mr. Doug Wohlberg of Wohlberg, CPA appeared before the Village Council to present the audit for fiscal year 2009/2010. He provided the following comments:
- He stated that the audit is "unqualified" or a clean opinion. He complimented Treasurer Faith Akert for her good work.
 - He stated that the Village of Schoolcraft exercises good financial management.
 - He discussed the deficit in the Water Fund and stated that the Village will be required to file a Deficit Elimination Plan with the State of Michigan.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Barnes, to accept the audit report as presented. All aye.

- b) Draft Ordinance No. 221 was presented to Council as first reading to wit.
An Ordinance to Establish Public Park Hours and to Make Violations a Municipal Civil Infraction.

Trustee Carlin had the following comments:

- He asked if the ordinance was necessary since the Village has a curfew?
- He asked if the ordinance would be hard to enforce?
- He asked if the hours could be changed to 10:00 p.m.
- He stated that it gets dark earlier during the fall months.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- She stated that the majority of municipalities have designated park hours which are typically dawn to dusk.
- She stated the Village's curfew applies to individuals 17 and under.

President DeVries had the following comment:

- He stated that there have been a few complaints regarding activity in the park after dark.
- He stated that dawn to dusk hours are appropriate.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnett, to adopt Ordinance No. 221. An Ordinance to Establish Public Park Hours and to Make Violations a Municipal Civil Infraction.

Ayes: Clark, Gunnett, Barnes, Tackett, Dailey, DeVries.

Nays: Carlin.

- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the South County Emergency Siren Warning Police was reviewed.

President DeVries asked that the policy be included in the newsletters, and on the Village's web page.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

President DeVries had the following comments:

- He expressed his thanks and appreciation to the 4th of July Committee and to the Village Staff for their working in making Schoolcraft look great.

- He thanked Village Treasurer Faith Akert and Village Manager Cheri Lutz for their excellent work on the budget.

Trustee Clark had the following comment:

- She praised the training program of the South County Fire Authority.

Trustee Gunnett had the following comments:

- He stated that the Village of Schoolcraft staff does an excellent job, and that the Village of Schoolcraft has never been better.
- He stated that the Police Department is visible and professional, the DPW keeps the Village spotless and clean, and that the Village Management is very good.
- He stated that visitors get a good impression, and that he receives many compliments.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comment:

- She stated that the Village will be receiving an offer on the Village owned vacant property in September.

Trustee Tackett had the following comment:

- He stated that there were 125 cars in the Car Show at Burch Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Barnes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All aye.

Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

Daniel P. DeVries, President