

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 7, 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, Deputy Clerk Theresa O'Leary, Chief Bryan Campbell, Russell Lee Barnes, Ron Sagers, Mark McCain, Tim Brown, Craig Sisk, and Pat Temple.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Tackett, to approve the agenda with an addition to New Business Item d) Appointment of Executive Committee. All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Mrs. Marty Spencer appeared before the Village Council to ask consideration for the establishment of specific times for use of Burch Park.

Chief Campbell had the following comments:

- He stated the curfew for 17 years and under is 10:00 p.m.
- He stated that individuals who are older than 17 are not in violation of Village curfew.
- He stated that the park and all areas of the Village are regularly patrolled by the Police Department.
- He stated that there have been no complaints this year involving Burch Park.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that many communities have dawn to dusk hours posted. She stated that the Village would need to adopt an ordinance in order to enforce park hours.

Village President DeVries instructed the Village Manager to see what other communities do for enforcement and to present a draft ordinance for the July 6th meeting.

Trustee Barnes stated that in all the years that he has lived by the park, there have only been a couple problems.

President DeVries thanked Mrs. Spencer for her comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Trustee Gunnnett provided a brief update on the status of the sanitary sewer project.
- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding appointment of a Hearing Officer for Dangerous Buildings was discussed.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnnett, to appoint Mr. Ron Sagers to the position of Dangerous Building Hearing Officer. All aye.

President DeVries thanked Mr. Sagers for his willingness to fill the appointment.

- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the procedure for a Dangerous Structure Hearing was discussed. Manager Lutz stated that a hearing has been set for June 17, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Mr. Jon Krum appeared before the Village Council to thank them for their annual support for the 4th of July Celebration, and to request funding for this year's celebration.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Clark, to approve the request of Mr. Krum for financial assistance in the amount of \$2,500.00. All aye.

- b) Mr. Chip Mongreig appeared before the Village Council to request approval of a Fireworks permit for the 4th of July Celebration

Motion by Gunnnett, seconded by Dailey, to approve the permit request of Mr. Chip Mongreig for the 4th of July Fireworks Celebration. All aye.

Trustee Gunnnett thanked Mr. Mongreig for his work, and stated that the Village of Schoolcraft has the best fireworks display in Southwest Michigan.

- c) Mr. Tim Brown appeared before the Village Council to present Ordinance No. 220. An Ordinance to Amend Certain Sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Brown had the following comments:

- He stated that the Planning Commission has worked for several months on text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.
- He stated that the Planning Commission took the time to go out into the community to see what impact the proposed amendments would have.
- He reviewed the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

Trustee Carlin stated that he was concerned that there would be few options for residential parking.

President DeVries asked if parking would be allowed in the right of way.

Trustee Tackett stated that there are many people in the community who need to take a look at their driveways.

Mr. Tim Brown stated that parking will not be allowed in the front yards of residential homes. He stated that there is an option for additional parking in the side yard.

Mr. Craig Sisk stated that people should be able to do what they want on their own property, and does not support restrictive rules.

Trustee Gunnett stated that the Planning Commission has worked very hard on the changes and that they are well thought out. He stated there could be some exceptional situations which could be appealed before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Tackett, to adopt Ordinance No. 220. An Ordinance to Amend Certain Sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

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

Nays: Carlin.

Ordinance Adopted.

- d) President DeVries stated that an Executive Committee needs to be appointed to review and approve bills and accounts during the months of July and August. He asked that anyone interested in serving on the committee let the Village Manager know.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

President DeVries stated that he is hearing many compliments on the flowers in the CBD and other areas of the community.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that Adam Wood is doing a very good job, and that he is an asset to the staff.

Motion by Barnes at 7:30 p.m, seconded by Dailey, to convene into closed session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations for the Schoolcraft Police Department.

Motion by Tackett at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Gunnett, to move to open session. All aye.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the contract agreement as presented by the Village Manager. All aye.

Chief Campbell stated that Officer Matt Britton will be receiving an award from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) for 58 Drunk Driving arrests.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Barnes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. All aye.

Theresa O'Leary, Deputy Clerk

Daniel P. DeVries, President