

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 4, 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, Ron Sagers, Jess Wallace, Bret Willis, Mark McCain, Dee Fitzsimmons, Craig Sisk, Tom Gill and Pat Temple.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Tackett, to approve the Consent Agenda with the following correction: 12-21-09 Council Minutes, item b – page 2 – Strike motion by Gunnett, seconded by Rozeboom. All aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Trustee Gunnett provided information to the Village Council regarding the Project Timeline for the US131 Corridor Sewer.

Trustee Gunnett had the following comments:

- He stated that the dates listed on the timeline are tentative.
- He stated that the Village will have adequate time to review and modify its ordinance to reflect voluntary hook up.

- He stated that the Health Department can require mandatory hook up if a system fails.

Mrs. Dee Fitzsimmons asked who would responsible for the cost of the project, and how is the cost determined?

Trustee Gunnett had the following comments:

- He stated that there are a number of ways and formulas to determine costs associated with hook up.
- He stated that businesses and the Township may be the ones who pay for the biggest part of the project.

- b) The letter from the Schoolcraft Community Library regarding their proposed expansion, and proposal for property exchange was discussed.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- She explained that the Library wishes to expand their building, and would like the Village Council to consider a property exchange to facilitate their expansion.
- She stated that the Library wished to expand to the north, and to utilize the existing tennis courts as part of their expansion.
- She stated that the Village Council discussed the possibility of resurfacing the tennis courts in 2007, and at that time, the cost for the project was in the \$23,000.00 to \$25,000.00 range.

President DeVries had the following comments:

- He stated that the existing tennis courts are in poor condition.
- He stated that the Library wishes to expand their facility to the north.

Mr. Jess Wallace stated that the Village's Zoning Ordinance would likely not allow expansion of their building to a property that is not contiguous to the existing building.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Carlin to approve the property exchange request with the Schoolcraft Community Library.

Trustee Gunnett requested that the motion include the provision that the Library would be willing to share the parking portion of the property for municipal events and activities.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnett, to amend the motion to approve the property exchange request of the Schoolcraft Community Library, to include the provision that the Library will allow the parking portion of the property to be used by the public for municipal events and activities, and to allow the Village Manager to

proceed with necessary paperwork and legal requirements for the property exchange. All aye.

- c) The memorandum from Chief Campbell regarding 24 hour coverage and departmental staffing was discussed.

Chief Campbell had the following comment:

- He stated that in his opinion, the Village does have proper staffing, but that staffing could be adjusted to accommodate departmental needs rather than 24 hour coverage.

Trustee Dailey had the following comment:

- He stated that the Village Council had authorized the previous Police Chief the set the schedule for the Police Department based on number of hours worked per week as opposed to number of hours per shift.

Trustee Clark had the following comments:

- She stated that at one time, the Village was paying the Sheriff Department for coverage, and later determined that they wanted their own Police Department.

Trustees Dailey, Tackett and Gunnett agreed that the Village Council feels that the people of the Village of Schoolcraft want 24 hour coverage.

Mr. Jess Wallace stated that he was in agreement with the statement.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

President Dan DeVries had the following comments:

- He asked the Council if they would be interested in two-sided Council packets.
- He provided a special thanks as follows:

To the members of the community including the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club and Staff for installation of playground equipment.

To past and present members of the Village Council, Planning Commission, DDA, and other commissions and boards for their countless hours of dedication to the community.

To the Schoolcraft Business Community and service organizations for hosting the Annual Christmas Walk which brings hundreds of people into the community.

To the 4th of July Committee for hosting the biggest and best fireworks in Southwest Michigan.

To South County Community Services for bringing services and programs to the community.

To each and every member of the Village Staff for their excellent work,

To all those who take time out of their busy schedules to attend meetings, provide input, and support the Village of Schoolcraft.

He thanked Trustee Tackett for his generous contribution of his Council Salary in the amount of \$968.00 to assist in Phase II & III of the Streetscape Project.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comment:

- She reminded Village Council that a Draft Budget will be presented at the February 2, 2009, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Barnes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.
All aye.

Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

Daniel P. DeVries, President