

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 18, 2011**

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, John Stodola, Mark McCain and Pat Temple.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Clark, seconded by Dailey, 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) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding South County EMS was discussed.

President DeVries had the following comments:

- He reviewed the letter from South County requesting donation of funds.
- He reviewed the letter from Attorney Bob Soltis stating that the donation of funds to a private ambulance service is an unlawful expenditure according to the Michigan Department of Treasury Local Audit and Finance Division.
- He suggested that the Village of Schoolcraft facilitate the request of funding by posting information on the Village's website, newsletter, and grant opportunities.
- He stated that the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year Budget does not have additional funds for a donation.
- He stated that the Village of Schoolcraft does support and value services of the South County EMS however, there has to be a benefit to the Village.

- He reminded the Council that Village Staff opted to reduce their own benefit package to make a balanced budget.

Trustees Tackett, Gunnett and Clark questioned donations that are made to other organizations.

President DeVries had the following comments:

- He stated that donations can be made to the Schoolcraft Community Library due to the fact that they are an extension of services of the Village of Schoolcraft.
 - He stated that donations to South Community Service should be under a written contract.
 - He stated that the Village of Schoolcraft should adopt a Policy, outlining what is lawful, regarding Village donations/contribution to organizations. Evaluation of requests will be determined by the Policy and the decisions will be consistent; it must be lawful, regardless of the worthiness of the cause. The policy eliminates concern related for any personal relationships the organization may have with the village.
- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding bids for restoration of the Community Center was discussed.

The Council requested that the Village Manager submit an application to the Vicksburg Foundation for financial assistance.

- c) Chief Bryan Campbell provided information to the Village Council regarding the Unused or Expired Medication Drop off to be held on April 30, 2011.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

President DeVries provided an update on the activities of the Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Trustee Gunnett provided an update on Planning Commission activities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Tackett, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. All aye.