

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 16, 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, Tom Gill, Wayne York, Russell Lee Barnes, John Stodola, Pat Temple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

Mr. Wayne York appeared before the Village Council to express his concern regarding blight issues on Robinson Street. He requested enforcement action from the Village Council on blight issues and barking dog issues.

Chief Campbell instructed Mr. York to contact the SPD when he hears barking dogs, and advised that he will follow up on the blight complaint.

President Dan DeVries thanked Mr. York for his comments.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Trustee Keith Gunnett provided information to the Village Council regarding Ordinance #223. An Ordinance to Amend Article IV – General Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Schoolcraft as follows:

- He stated that the Planning Commission has been working with the Village Planner and Attorney to adopt specific language to allow Farmer's Markets in the B-1 & B-2 District.
- He stated that flea markets will not be allowed.
- He stated that the Schoolcraft Methodist Church is making plans for a Farmer's Market to begin in early June.

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Gunnett, to adopt Ordinance #223 An Ordinance to Amend Article IV – General Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Schoolcraft. All aye.

President Dan DeVries thanked the Planning Commission for their work.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Donation Request Policy #26 was discussed.

Manager Lutz had the following comment:

- The purpose of the policy is to provide specific objectives and guidelines for donation requests.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Clark to approve Donation Request Policy #26 as presented. All aye.

President DeVries stated that the policy will allow the council to consider requests for donations based using specific guidelines, rather than personal issues.

- c) Letters to State Representative Jase Bolger and State Senator Tonya Schuitmaker regarding Statutory Revenue Sharing cuts were discussed.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Dailey, to approve the letters with a minor typographical correction. All aye.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The letter from Mayor Peter J. Strazdas, City of Portage regarding possible relocation of 8<sup>th</sup> District Court from the City of Portage to the City of Kalamazoo was discussed.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

Trustee Gunnett acknowledged the work of the Planning Commission and Village Staff on Planning Commission issues.

President DeVries had the following comments:

- He thanked the Village Council for the work that they do, and stressed the importance of what they do.
- He reminded the Village Council that elections will be held on September 13, 2011.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that the 2011 Citizen Surveys are coming in at a good pace.

Treasure Faith Akert stated that the auditors have completed their work, and a formal presentation will be made at a future meeting.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZEN'S:**

Mr. John Stodola had the following comments:

- He thanked Faith Akert for allowing him to meet with the auditor on behalf of the Schoolcraft Community Library.
- He stated that there will be two Library Board seats available for the September 13, 2011, election.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Barnes, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. All aye.

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Daniel P. DeVries, President