

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
JUNE 20, 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, Dan Lewis, Russell Lee Barnes, John Stodola, Tom Gill, Wayne York, Chip Mongreig, Jon Krum, and Pat Temple.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Clark, seconded by Dailey, to approve the agenda as presented with an addition under New Business, item (f) Signage for Burch Park. All aye.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the request of Mr. Owen Hoyt to allow historical artifacts in the Village of Schoolcraft was discussed.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- Village Attorney Bob Soltis stated that the Village's Blight Ordinance – Section 22-92. Subsection (7); would allow the steam engine, owned by Mr. Hoyt to remain where it is, due to the fact that it is operable and is periodically used.

President DeVries stated the steam engine would be considered blight if it was in disrepair, did not work, or was otherwise inoperable.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Mr. Dan Lewis of Prein & Newhof appeared before the Village Council to request the first and final payment for the completion of the 2011 Street Resurfacing Program in the amount of \$47,033.64.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the first and final payment to Lakeland Asphalt, for the 2011 Street Resurfacing Program, in the amount of \$47,033.64. All aye.

- b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration was discussed. Manager Lutz explained that Mr. Chip Mongreig and Mr. Jon Krum were in attendance to request approval for a Fireworks Permit and approval for funding assistance in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Carlin, to approve the request of Mr. Chip Mongreig for the Fireworks Permit. All aye.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Dailey, to approve a donation for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in the amount of \$2,500.00. All aye.

President Dan DeVries thanked Mr. Mongreig and Mr. Krum for their great work and dedication to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

c) Mr. Doug Wohlberg appeared before the Village Council to present the 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Audit with the following comments:

- He stated that the Village of Schoolcraft is in very good financial shape.
- He stated that he has given the Village of Schoolcraft a "Clean Audit".
- He stated that Treasurer Faith Akert does an excellent job in handling the financials.
- He thanked Village Manager Cheri Lutz and Treasurer Faith Akert for their cooperation and assistance with the audit.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Clark, to accept the 2010/2011 Audit Report as presented. All aye.

d) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Draft Ordinance #224 was discussed. An Ordinance to Confirm the Establishment of the Planning Commission with Zoning Authority under the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- She stated that the proposed ordinance allows the Planning Commission to operate consistently with the adoption of the Michigan Zoning and Enabling Act.
- She stated that the proposed ordinance incorporated the requirements of the Michigan Zoning and Enabling Act (MZEA), and the Michigan Planning and Enabling Act (MPEA), but that the duties and responsibilities of the Planning Commission have not been changed.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnett, to adopt Ordinance #224. An Ordinance to Confirm the Establishment of the Planning Commission with Zoning Authority under the Michigan Zoning and Enabling Act. All aye.

e) The memorandum from Village Clerk Faith Akert regarding the September 13, 2011, Village General Election was discussed.

f) Trustee Clark stated that she believes the Village needs a way to direct people to the location of Burch Park.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments:

- MDOT doesn't permit permanent "way finding" signs along Grand St.
- During community events held in the park, a temporary "push in sign" can be placed on Grand St. indicating the direction for Burch Park.

Mr. John Stodola suggested creating a map/ brochure that businesses could put in their windows or provide to visitors, indicating the park location and other places in the community.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The letter from the Vicksburg Foundation announcing grant approval in the amount of \$20,000.00 for assistance with planned repairs and renovation to the Schoolcraft Community was read aloud by President Dan DeVries.

President DeVries expressed his appreciation to the Vicksburg Foundation for their continued support for Village projects.

Trustee Dorothy Clark thanked Village Manager Cheri Lutz for successfully writing the grant application.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

President DeVries had the following comments:

- He expressed his gratitude to the Village Staff for the excellent audit.
- He stated that the flowering baskets in the CBD look good.

Trustee Carlin provided an update on South County Fire Authority activities.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz stated that the Planning Commission will be reviewing a site plan for a 3-4 unit mini-mall at their July 11, 2011, meeting.

Chief Bryan Campbell stated that a new Auxiliary Officer will be introduced at the July 5, 2011, meeting.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

Mr. John Stodola stated that the library expansion is going well, and the driveway should be paved by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnett, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. All aye.

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Daniel P. DeVries, President