

VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 7, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Schoolcraft Village Council was called to order by President Warfield at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: President Warfield, Trustees Mullin, Gunnett, Barnes, Dailey, and Tackett.  
Absent: VanDyken.  
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Akert, Police Chief Bryan Campbell, Officer Thomas Ballard, Russell L. Barnes, Tom Gill, Bev Michielsen, Jess A. Wallace, Sandra Gill, Dorothy Clark, Mark McCain, Ron Sagers and Pat Temple.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Loren Warfield.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

a) Mrs. Dorothy Clark asked about the Special Hazardous Waste Drop Off Program.

President Warfield stated that the Special Program is quite costly, and that he hopes to have the joint program available to Village residents next year.

b) Mr. Tom Gill had the following comments:

- He stated that there are blue bags all over town with Commercial Express Flyers.
- He questioned the Village's expenditures for Park Maintenance.
- He asked if the audience could have copies of the council packets for review.

c) Mr. Ron Sagers stated that his garbage disposal company has told him that recycling is mandatory in the Village of Schoolcraft, and that he is paying for this curbside service.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Water Tower Painting Funding options was discussed.

There was a consensus among Council members that the Water Tower Painting Project would be paid by loaning Water Fund monies from General Fund with a seven year payback period, and a three (3) percent interest rate. The Village Manger will present the Council with a resolution to loan monies from General Fund to Water Fund when bids have come in, and a final cost for the project has been determined.

- b) Discussion took place regarding Sanitary Sewer Alternatives.

President Warfield reviewed a motion made and adopted at the Special Meeting held on January 21, 2008, as follows:

- “Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Mullin, to stop all spending of any tax dollars by the Village of Schoolcraft or it’s representatives for the purpose of promoting, planning, engineering, or contracting of any work related to sewers, including South County Sewer Authority or other agencies, including Local, State or Federal Government without first obtaining a vote of all persons affected by such proposed work or plan.”
- He provided his interpretation as follows:

Tax dollars, including local, state or federal dollars are not to be used for any purpose involving sewers without first obtaining a vote of all persons affected by such a proposed plan.

This would seem to mean that if a sewer line went by a taxpayer’s property, which might involve a future connection, a vote would be required before taxpayer funded SCWSA could take any action.

- He stated that the study has been stopped according to the motion, and asked the council if they would be agreeable to having the manager re-write the motion to allowed continued study.
- He stated according to the motion, the issue could not even be discussed.

**Council Comments:**

Trustee Gunnett had the following comments:

- He stated that Rich Pearson of SCWSA was asked his opinion about a proposed sanitary sewer layout, and there was no request or authorization for SCWSA to incur any addition costs related to his opinion.
- He stated that he was comfortable with the motion, and that a question had only been asked of SCWSA.

Trustee Tackett had the following comments:

- He stated that the council could not discuss the issue.

**Other Comments:**

Mr. Jess Wallace had the following comments:

- He read aloud a statement from the Attorney General's Office regarding the SCWSA Board, and stated that the Village President was allowed to sit on the board.
- He stated that he had a plan to show SCWSA and to Township Supervisor Don Ulsh.
- He stated that sanitary sewer contracts could be written any number of ways.
- He stated that President Warfield was mad at Mr. Wallace because he did not think of the idea himself.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Change Order #6 was discussed.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Dailey, to approve Change Order #6 in the amount of \$131.00. All aye.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

President Warfield gave the following reports:

- He stated that the City of Three Rivers has contacted SCWSA regarding their interest in allowing sanitary sewer lines to run to Three Rivers.
- He provided the Council with information regarding the SEV value of property.
- He stated the South County Fire Authority will attend a council meeting at a later date to discuss the merits of a lower ISO rating.

- He stated that the building committee had met, and agreed to lower the purchase price on the Fire Station/Council Chambers to \$195,000.00, and that the Village Manager had recently spoken to someone who is interested in purchasing the property.

Trustee Gunnett had the following comment:

- He stated that some insurance companies rate their homeowners policies according to zip code, and/or region.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comment:

- She stated that there has been some confusion about a Public Hearing to be held at the Planning Commission Meeting on April 14, 2008. The application for the hearing is Marathon Gas, owners of Speedway on South Grand Street.

**STATEMENTS FROM CITIZEN'S AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:**

Mr. Jess Wallace had the following comments:

- He stated that he had an opportunity to see the Hot Patcher, and was impressed with it's capabilities.

Mrs. Bev Michielsen had the following comment:

- She expressed her thanks to the DPW for the fine work they did regarding snow removal, and complimented them for the cleanliness of Burch Park.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Loren Warfield, Village President

