

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 21, 2008**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: President Warfield, Trustees Mullin, Gunnett, Barnes, Dailey, Tackett and VanDyken,

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Akert, Police Chief Bryan Campbell, Dr. Leslie Eaton, Clint Houts, Jeanette Houts, Tom Gill, Sandra Gill, Jess Wallace, Bev Michaelson, Roxanne Wilkins, Bobbi Truesdell, Bill Truesdell, Curtis Berns, Norma Tackett, Jerri French, Dorothy Clark, Janet Pheils, Jon Steeby, Mark Steeby, Joyce Steeby, Char Sumney, Mark McCain, Frank Sajdak, Patricia Burson, Kim Gill, Larry Gill, Ken Jones, Mary Beth Sanders-Jones, Julie Naji Eric Graham, Nate McNeal and Pat Temple.

President Warfield thanked the audience for their attendance and welcomed everyone to the new Council Hall.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Trustee Gunnett stated approximately \$16,000.00 was spent for the proposed sanitary sewer project.

President Warfield stated the Village would have been reimbursed for the funds spent on the planning of a Proposed Sanitary Sewer as part on the bonding for the project.

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 any other agencies, including Local, State or Federal Government, without first obtaining a vote of all persons affected by such proposed work or plan.

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Ayes: Tackett, Barnes, VanDyken, Mullin, Gunnett, and Dailey.  
Nays: Warfield.

Motion carried.

- b) Trustee Gunnett stated the Village of Schoolcraft should withdraw from participation in the South County Sewer and Water Authority due to the fact that SCS&WA's By-Laws allow representatives to contract with the Authority. He felt this gave the representative the ability to start spending Village money without a Village vote.

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated the Village of Schoolcraft should continue to have a representative on the SCS&WA.
- He stated the SCS&WA amended their charter to include the Village of Schoolcraft.
- He stated that the Village had not been assessed any additional fees for inclusion in the SCS&WA.
- He stated that the proposed sewer project was initiated by Schoolcraft Township and that SCS&WA acted as a facilitator.
- He stated that when the proposed project was first introduced to the Village Council, all council was in agreement that sanitary sewer was needed.
- He stated the Council was informed of agreement of the 50/50 split of planning expenses, and approved those expenses at their meetings.

Mr. Tim Brown had the following comments:

- He stated that stated it the SCS&WA is a cooperative intergovernmental agency for water and sewer and has assisted the Village of Schoolcraft in obtaining a necessary backup well, outside the Village limits.

Trustee Tackett had the following comments:

- He stated the SCS&WA is governed by the State and is there for our benefit. He stated at the September 17, 2007 Council Meeting, SCS&WA and Schoolcraft Township representatives discussed the costs.

Trustee Dailey had the following comments:

- He stated the previous motion blocked allocating funds for the proposed sanitary sewer project.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Mullin, to cease all activities between South County Sewer and Water Authority and the Village of Schoolcraft and its representatives, until a bonafide need for sewers is established and approved by

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a vote of the Village Council at a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

Ayes: Mullin, Gunnett  
Nays: Tackett, Barnes, VanDyken, Dailey and Warfield.

Motion denied

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) The memorandum from Manager Lutz regarding the Site Plan Approval for Bud's Bar was discussed.

Planning Commissioner Tim Brown had the following comments:

- He stated the Planning Commission reviewed the plan after the re-striping had been completed.
- He stated that the site plan met the Village's zoning ordinance requirements.
- He stated that Village Attorney Mr. Bob Soltis advised the Village that the "Civil Dispute" between Bud's Bar and Ms. Jerri French is not a Village problem.
- He stated that AGS determined that Bud's Bar presented an appropriate site plan for re-striping the parking lot .

Ms. Jerri French had the following comments:

- She stated Bud's parking configuration makes an "exit" in the easement, and doesn't allow for her use it as an entrance.
- She stated the site plan directly caused conflict in 2-way traffic flow.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Gunnett to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the site plan based on the fact that they have met the requirements of the zoning ordinance for parking while acknowledging the easement conflict that exists between the two adjacent parties involved (McNeal/French), and the provision that dumpsters located behind the bicycle shop be screened by June 1, 2008.

Ayes: Mullin, Gunnett, Barnes, VanDyken, and Warfield.  
Nays: Tackett.  
Abstain: Dailey.

Motion carried.

- b) The memorandum from Manager Lutz regarding the painting of the water tower was discussed.

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Mr. Ira Gavin of Dixon Engineering appeared before Council to provide information regarding water tower painting.

Mr. Dan Kitchen of Utility Service Company appeared before the Council to provide information regarding water tower painting.

Motion by VanDyken, second by Barnes to appoint an ad hoc committee consisting of Trustees Tackett, Dailey, Gunnett, Manager Cheri Lutz, Faith Akert Gordon Shaw and Rob Coffman to review the options for water tower painting including; determining the need and scope of the project, the methodology, time frame for completion, method of financing and present their recommendation to the Village Council at the March 3, 2008, Council meeting. All aye.

- c) The memorandum from Manager Lutz regarding the presentation of 2008/2009 Draft budget was discussed.
- d) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Resolution 2008-01 was discussed. A Resolution to set a Public Hearing for Proposed Budget 2008/2009.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Tackett, to adopt Resolution 2008-01. A Resolution to set a Public Hearing for February 18, 2008 for the Proposed Budget 2008/2009. All aye.

- e) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding appointment of representative to South County Fire Authority was discussed.

President Warfield requested names be submitted to the Village Manager for appointment, and requested that the Village Manager attend South County Fire Authority Meetings until an appointment is made.

- f) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding funding assistance for South County Community Services was discussed.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the request for funding assistance for South County Community Services in the amount of \$7,000.00. All aye.

- g) The memorandum from Manager Lutz regarding the sale of the for municipal building located at 154 W. Eliza Street was discussed. A building inspection had been performed and it has been disclosed that the building is in need of a new

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roof. The purchaser has requested a credit of \$2,000.00 at closing to assist in roof repair.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Gunnett, to approve a credit of \$2,000.00 at closing to assist in roof repair. All aye.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

- a) The memorandum from Manager Lutz regarding Saturday April 26, 2008 ,for the annual Village Spring Clean-up was discussed.

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Gunnett, to award the Spring Clean Up bid, to Best Way Disposal in the amount of \$90.00 per hour truck time, and \$36.00 per hour per ton. All aye.

**COMMUNICATION:**

None.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Gunnett, to waive payment to the President and Trustee's for meeting attendance of the January 21, 2008 Special Meeting. All aye.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Loren C. Warfield, Village President