

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 5, 2008**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mullin.

Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Akert, Chief Bryan Campbell, Terry Kuseal, Russell L. Barnes, Mark McCain, Jesse A. Wallace, Chip Mongreig, Norma Tackett, Diane Kemper, Dale Hein, Ron Sagers, Char Sumney, Todd Carlin, Bev Michaelson, Dorothy Clark, and Pat Temple.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Warfield.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Barnes, to approve the agenda with the addition to Tabulation of Bids to add Landscaping Bids for the Municipal Building. All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by VanDyken, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All aye.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Mr. Chip Mongreig appeared before the Village Council to request approval for disbursement of funds in the amount of \$2500.00 for the 4th of July Celebration, and to request approval for the 4th of July Fireworks Display Permit.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Barnes, to approve the request for disbursement of funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to the 4th of July Committee. All aye.

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Motion by Tackett, seconded by Dailey, to approve the request for the 4th of July Fireworks Display Permit. All aye.

- b) The Village Council heard a presentation from the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority regarding public transportation in Kalamazoo County. Mr. Dale Hein, Ms. Diane Kemper and Mr. Terry Kuseal provided general information and answered questions regarding the public transportation system.

- c) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the 2008 Hazardous Waste Program was discussed.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Dailey, to approve the Letter of Understanding to allocate funding not to exceed \$500.00 to the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services for the 2008 Hazardous Waste Program. All aye.

- d) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding Village Wide Garage Sales was discussed.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by VanDyken, to approve the continuance of the Village Wide Garage Sales, and to allow the Village staff to program the event, provide advertisement in the spring newsletter, web site, and in conjunction with the Annual Spring Clean Up newspaper advertisement. All aye.

- e) Village Manager Cheri Lutz provided information to the Village Council regarding the MS4 Phase II Stormwater Program.

The Village Council requested an update on the Village's request for termination from the program in mid-June.

- f) Mr. Jess Wallace presented a concept drawing of a proposed private sanitary sewer system to the Village Council for consideration.

Information regarding the proposed private sanitary sewer system will be presented to the Village of Schoolcraft Downtown Development Authority Board for comment at their June 5, 2008, meeting.

- g) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding signage for the Municipal Building was discussed.

Motion by VanDyken, seconded by Barnes, to approve the Municipal Building Sign in an amount not to exceed \$4,200.00 with the stipulation that the Village Manager research the use of other materials to defray the cost.

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

Motion carried.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

a) Bids were presented to the Village Council for landscaping the perimeter of the Municipal Building.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Dailey, to award the bid to Prudential Nursery in the amount of \$3,560.00. All aye.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

Village President Loren Warfield had the following comments:

- He thanked Mr. Wallace for the presentation of the concept plan for a private sanitary sewer system.
- He stated that the Village would like to set a date for the Municipal Building Open House, and suggested an Open House in collaboration with the 4th of July Celebration.
- He stated that a recent request for the display and sales of flowers on South Grand Street has brought to light the need for the Planning Commission to review their requirements for Open Air Displays along Grand Street.
- He stated that the landscaping plan for the southern perimeter of the municipal building shows plantings of Blue Spruce Trees, and that there is concern that the trees will grow too big in the coming years. He asked council to consider other options such as planting, fencing or a combination of both.

Motion to Tackett, seconded by VanDyken to approve the use of fencing as a method of screening for the Municipal Building. All aye.

Trustee Tackett had the following comments:

- He stated that shopkeepers in the Village should be allowed to display merchandise along Grand Street, and that the Village should not stifle businesses.

Village Manager Cheri Lutz had the following comments regarding Open Air Sale, and the Zoning Ordinance requirements for such sales:

- She stated that the ordinance stipulates the submission of a site plan, and special use permit for open air sales in the B-2 Zoning District.
- She stated that the Zoning Ordinance has specific requirements when any improvement or modification is made to a site.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

Ms. Jerri French had the following comments:

- She stated that businesses should be allowed the flexibility to display merchandise in front of their business which attracts business, and adds to the quaintness of the Village of Schoolcraft.

Mr. Ron Sagers had the following comment:

- He stated that he had received a credit from his waste disposal company for recycling charges.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

Loren C. Warfield, Village President