

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

The Special Meeting of the Schoolcraft Village Council was called to order by President Loren Warfield at 6:45 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 and Pat Temple.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) President Loren Warfield stated the Special Meeting was scheduled to be completed before the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00pm. If anyone from the audience wishing to speak regarding sewers doesn't have a chance during the Special Meeting, they will be given time to speak during the Regular Meeting.

Trustee Gunnett had the following comments:

- He explained the process the Village has gone through regarding the Sanitary Sewer Survey.
- He stated the survey was sent to 158 individuals with property in the 131 Proposed Sewer Corridor, and 69 surveys (44%) were returned.
- He stated the main question was whether there was support for Sanitary Sewers in the Village. Of the returned surveys 75% of the Residents and 62% of the Businesses voted No.

Trustee Mullin had the following comment:

- He stated he wants to settle the sanitary sewer issue now.

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He stated the eight million dollar figure was not the cost to the Village, but cost of the total project from the city of Portage to XY Ave.
- He stated that the proposed project was initiated by Schoolcraft Township and meetings with representatives for Economic Development, the County Health Department, South County Sewer and Water Authority and the Village were held to develop the proposal.
- He stated at the time the five of the Village Trustees supported the need for sewers in the Village.

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- He stated about three months ago, he reported that the anticipated cost of the sanitary sewer project was not going to fit the budget and alternatives were being considered. He reported last month the proposal was close to dead as nothing more had been done.
- He asked the Village to remain flexible regarding future options, especially to businesses, i.e. McDonalds and the Auto Auction, which could potentially participate in a sanitary sewer system if available.

Trustee Tackett had the following comments:

- He stated he supported the Sanitary Sewer for the Village, both years ago and most recently, to benefit and assist the Village.
- He no longer supports the Village's participation in sanitary sewer.

Trustee Barnes had the following comment:

- He stated if the survey indicates the Village is against sanitary sewers he will vote no.

Trustee VanDyken had the following comment:

- He stated he supported the sanitary sewer proposal to help the Village and the people who needed it but he will vote in accordance with the wished of those who were surveyed.

Trustee Dailey had the following Comment:

- He stated he will support the residents request not to have sanitary sewers.

Motion by Trustee Gunnett, second by Trustee Mullin to have all of the Village Council vote by roll call to show their support of a sewer project, be it, the "131 Corridor Sewer Project" or a sewer project for the entire Village of Schoolcraft.

Ayes: None.

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

Motion denied.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Faith C. Akert, Clerk

Loren C. Warfield, President