

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: President Warfield, Trustees Mullin, Gunnett, Barnes, Dailey, VanDyken and Tackett.  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Akert, Bret Willis, Russell L. Barnes, Jim Stamper, Sue Stamper, Tom Gill, Ron Sagers, Sandra Gill, Dorothy K. Clark, Todd Carlin, John Manning, Barry Visel and Pat Temple.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Loren Warfield.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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

a) Mr. Tom Gill stated that water rates are too high.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Mr. Barry Visel of AEP appeared before the Council to provide information regarding the Vegetation Management practices of AEP. He stated that AEP removed 20 trees within the Village and will be replacing them with smaller trees later this year.

b) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding appointment to the DDA was discussed.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Barnes, to appoint Mr. Jim Stamper to the DDA for a four year term to expire in January of 2012. All aye.

c) Mr. John Manning of 122 South Cedar Street appeared before the Council to request permission to remove diseased/dying tree from the Village right-of-way.

Motion by Mullin, seconded by Barnes, to remove the diseased/dying tree in the Village right-of-way at the Village's expense, and to provide a replacement tree. All aye.

Mr. Bret Willis of 219 Cass Street appeared before the Village Council to request removal of two trees in the Village right-of-way, to be placed in the property owner's back yard, and replaced with two trees to be agreed upon by the Village of Schoolcraft.

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Mullin, to approve the removal request of Mr. Bret Willis of 219 Cass Street to removal two trees in the Village right of-way, and to replace them with two trees to be agreed upon by the Village of Schoolcraft.

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

**Motion Carried.**

- d) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding the South County Fire Authority Draft Audit Report was discussed.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by VanDyken, to accept the Draft Audit Report for South County Fire Authority. All aye.

- e) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding installation of the Municipal Complex Sign on Vienna Street was discussed.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by VanDyken, to waive the side yard setback requirements for the Municipal Complex Sign for the purposes of building identification and public safety. All aye.

- f) The memorandum from Faith Akert requesting approval to open a bank account at Peoples Federal Savings Bank was discussed.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by Mullin, to approve the request to open a bank account at Peoples Federal Saving Account. All aye.

- g) President Warfield provided an overview of the proposed Extraordinary Medical Assistance Policy.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Tackett, to approve the Extraordinary Medical Assistance Policy with an effective date of September 1, 2008.

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

**Motion carried.**

- h) Trustee Tackett expressed his concern regarding skateboarding and rollerblading in the Central Business District.

President Warfield requested permission to discuss the issue with the DDA at their September 4, 2008, meeting, and report back to the Village Council at the September 15, 2008, meeting.

- i) The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding special projects was discussed.

President Warfield requested that the Council consider which projects they would like to consider for discussion at the September 15, 2008, meeting.

Trustee Gunnett requested that payment for painting of the Water Tower be added to the list.

Trustee VanDyken suggested that the Council rate projects in order of importance.

**TABULATION OF BIDS:**

The memorandum from Village Manager Cheri Lutz regarding bids for Illumination for the Municipal Signs was discussed, and presented an additional bid for consideration from Kerwin Electric.

Motion by Gunnett, seconded by VanDyken, to award the bid for Kerwin Electric for illumination lights for the Municipal Complex Sign in the amount of \$407.00. All aye.

Motion by Dailey seconded by Gunnett, to award the bid for Kerwin Electric for installation of flood lights for the Water Tower in the amount of \$813.00. All aye.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:**

President Warfield had the following comments:

- He provided an update on the status of the left turn light request on US 131.
- He stated that South County Water and Sewer Authority will present a sanitary sewer plan in mid October to the Village Council.

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Village Manger Cheri Lutz provided an update on the Water Tower Painting Project to the Village Council.

Chief Bryan Campbell stated that bids for the 2002 Ford will be presented to the Council at the September 15, 2008, meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

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Loren C. Warfield, Village President