

**VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Council held at 442 N. Grand Street was called to order by President Gunnett at 7:00 p.m.

The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by President Gunnett.

ROLL CALL:

Present: President Gunnett, Trustees, Rochholz, Barnes, and Carlin.
Absent: Spears.
Also Present: Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Village Clerk Faith Akert, Officer Justin Vanderkooy, John Stodola, Kirk Bergland, Joe Beck, Don Hunt, Kathy Mastenbrook, and Travis Smola.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Trustee Mike Rochholz thanked all who submitted applications for the vacant council seats, and that he appreciated their time and interest in the positions.

The Ad Hoc Committee made the recommendation to the Village Council that John Stodola and Kathy Mastenbrook fill the two vacant seats.

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Barnes, to appoint John Stodola and Kathy Mastenbrook to fill the two vacant council seats effective February 20, 2017.
All aye.

- b) President Keith Gunnett appointed the following members to the Executive Committee for 2017: Spears, Barnes and Carlin.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Barnes to accept Spears, Barnes and Carlin for the executive committee for 2017/18. All aye.

- c) The letter from Attorney Bob Soltis regarding Wavier of Participation of Group Health Insurance for Medicare Eligible Employees was discussed.

Motion by Rochholz, seconded by Carlin, to approve the Wavier of Participation of Group Health Insurance for Medicare Eligible Employees. All aye.

- d) President Keith Gunnett discussed a proposal for an increase in water rates as discussed by Water Committee, Village Staff, and Dan Lewis of Prein & Newhof. The recommendation for the increase is the result of the DEQ requirements that all communities provide a Water Supply Asset Management Plan. Also recommended were changes to Village Ordinance to increase the late fee to \$15.00, and increase the length of payment from 15 days to 20 days.

Motion by Carlin, seconded by Barnes, to approve a 13% increase in water rates for the next two years, and then to increase water rates according to inflation thereafter: and to increase the late fee from \$5.00 to \$15.00, and to increase the length of payment from 15 days to 20 days. All aye.

- e) Village Manager Cheri Lutz presented an overview of the proposed 2017/18 General Fund Budget.
- f) Village Treasurer Faith Akert presented an overview of the proposed 2017/18 Budget for Major & Local Streets, DDA, Water and Equipment Funds.

A Public Hearing will be held on February 20, 2017, for final approval.

TABULATION OF BIDS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

None.

STATEMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS:

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None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Faith C. Akert, Village Clerk

Keith F. Gunnett, President