VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 2, 2012

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President DeVries.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	President DeVries, Trustees Clark, Gunnett, Barnes, Dailey, Tackett and Carlin.
Absent:	None.
Also Present:	Village Manager Cheri Lutz, Officer Eric Ray, Tom Gill and Wayne York.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Tackett, seconded by Carlin, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:
Motion by Barnes, seconded by Gunnett, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All aye.

CITIZEN'S ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:
None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None.

NEW BUSINESS:
None.

TABULATION OF BIDS:
None.

COMMUNICATIONS:
None.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION:

President DeVries provided the following comment regarding the March 26th meeting with local non-profit agencies:

- He stated that 23 representatives of various agencies were in attendance.
- He stated that the participation and attitudes were positive.
- He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to create awareness of the activities of all agencies.
- He stated that there are a large number of redundancies within the various groups.

President DeVries voiced a number of concerns regarding the Village's donation to South County Community Services as follows:

- The Village of Schoolcraft donates $7000.00 to South Community Services for services; however, the Village has no oversight of the services that are provided.
- He stated that the Village of Schoolcraft wishes to designate specific services by contract, to Village residents.
- He stated that that the Village should not have to cut staff benefits, to donate funds to an outside agency.
- He stated that he wants specific accountability from SCCS regarding expenditures i.e. food pantry expenses.
- He asked the council to ask themselves the question "What services is the Village of Schoolcraft responsible for?"
- He stated that SCCS needs to increase their requests for donations and fund raising.
- He raised the question regarding the backpack program as follows: Does the school provide specific funding for the program?

Trustee Clark has the following comment:

- She stated that the food for the food pantry primarily comes from food drives.
- She stated that the administrative cost for delivery of programs is high.

Trustee Carlin had the following comment:

- He stated that he supports the food pantry.

Trustee Gunnett had the following comments:

- He stated that the redundancy of services should be addressed.
- He inquired if there would be a follow up meeting.

Trustee Tackett had the following comment:

- He stated that SCCS assists a variety of people in different locations.

President DeVries summarized the discussion as follows:

- He asked the council to consider what services we wish to provide to Village residents, and be prepared to discuss them at the April 16th meeting.
- He stated that SCCS needs to do a better job of fundraising rather then depend on key agencies to support their services.

President DeVries has the following comments related to board and municipal operations:

- He stated that he appreciates the fact that the Village Council works through issues in a diplomatic way.
- He stated that the Village Staff provides appropriate checks and balances in their day to day operations, and keeps the Village Council appropriately advised of urgent issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Tackett, seconded by Gunnett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. All aye.

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Cheri M. Lutz, Deputy Clerk Daniel P. DeVries, President