

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 13th, 2024
6:00pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday, June 13th, 2024 at the Village of South Range Community Hall; 45 Trimountain Avenue; South Range, MI 49963

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. The following council members were present: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Parolini, & Trustee Saaranen. There were 3 guests in attendance, & 1 guest by zoom. Others Present Village Employees: Street Commissioner Burkman & Clerk Archambeau.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- S. Collins has had concerns with a neighbor who has been yelling, including cursing, outside their home for about 1.5 years. She has reached out to the Sheriff's Dept., which helps for a little while, and then they start again.
- S. Sabatini inquired about the (5) lots purchased in Whealkate that must be built upon. Also discussed an Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

MOTION made by Trustee Saaranen with support from Trustee Marier to approve the May 2, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes with changes as requested by Trustee Parolini.

Roll call: all ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Trustee Parolini with support from Trustee Saaranen to approve the June 11, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes with no changes. Roll call: President Eakin, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Parolini. Abstain: Trustee Marier. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Trustee Harkonen with support from Trustee Marier to approve the Agenda with the additions of the following: Insurance for 4th of July Committee & remove the DPW Assistant Director Position. Roll call: all ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Stated Public Works employee B. Skewes passed his water test and is now certified. Public Works discharged lagoons in May, took care of trees in an alley by J. Manninen's, took care of the ditch by R. Petrelius', flags went up for Flag Day, finished around the flagpole by planting grass, & will be getting ready for the 4th of July. They also were able to purchase a trailer to assist with moving the lawn mowers to and from the lagoons. A new probe was purchased for the water tank, and has been working well since. Public Works has also been busy with their required 70 locates that must be completed by October 2024 for lead service, and changing meters as needed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Eakin: Requested that Council Members please hold their questions until reports are given and for Council Members to read over information that is emailed prior to meetings. Discussed the importance of meetings and the difficulty of rescheduling, and stated Council will need to read the Municipal Official Handbook. Stated the Village Charter needs to be updated, however Council will need to appoint a committee in order to do so. The Village Council will need to appoint a FOIA Director. Met with Street Commissioner

Burkman and OHM about the bid process for lead pipe service work. Discussed the several complaints concerning four wheelers and motorcycles racing through town. Reminded Council to be respectful & appreciative towards employees.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Archambeau stated the MDOT Annual Report was completed and submitted. She will be working on the Water Quality Report & Parade Permit within the next week.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the May 2024 bills, if none, asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Motion made by Trustee Marier with support from Trustee Saaranen. Roll call, All ayes. Motion Carried.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

M. Franchi attended by Zoom, and discussed his business plans for his property. He went over the potential revenue, layout, and informed the Council his plans to break ground in the spring/summer of 2025. He is hoping to get his utilities (water/sewer) from the village. The Village Council will talk with UPEA Chris Holmes and KEDA prior to the next meeting.

Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Parolini, to approve paying the South Range Fireman their annual stipend. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.

Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Parolini to accept the lowest bid from Portage Lake Construction for the alley drainage work. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.

Trustee Saaranen made a MOTION with support from Trustee Harkonen to approve the renewal of the Whealkate CD at Miners Bank at the 11 month special rate. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.

Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Saaranen to approve the posting of the recommended areas for paving as recommended by Street Commissioner Burkman. VOTE: Ayes. Motion Carried.

Trustee Saaranen made a MOTION with support from Trustee Marier to add the 4th of July Committee to the Village Insurance Policy. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.

POLL OF TRUSTEES: Trustee Saaranen discussed the project M. Franchi is proposing. Trustee Harkonen discussed complaints of the upper floor of the community hall. Trustee Parolini discussed the survey going out without Council formal approval. President Eakin stated he presented it a few months ago, and copies of the survey have been available in all the Council Meeting Binders since originally presented.

With no further business brought before the Council, a MOTION at 8:19PM by Trustee Marier with support from Trustee Saaranen. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Kristen Archambeau, Village of South Range Clerk

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