

Regular Meeting

Village of South Range

April 7, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Village of South Range was called to order at **6:30 p.m.** by President George Eakin.

Present: *George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, Paul Saaranen, Kristen Archambeau, & Craig Burkman S.C.*

Absent: *Kerry Jutila & Carol Petrelius*

Guests: *Glenn Anderson*

Recognition of Guests:

None

Approval of the March 10, 2022 Minutes

Trustee Justin Marier moved to approve the Minutes from March 10, 2022. Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, & Justin Marier

Nays: none

Abstain: Paul Saaranen

Street Commissioner Report (Presented by Street Commissioner Craig Burkman)

- Stated the new Public Works Employee is doing well
- Stated he will be doing the Water Conference in the Fall

Village President Report:

Village President George Eakin updated the Council with the following:

- No further developments with EGLE at this time
- Discussed dumpster issues within the Village, and how one building owner will have a self contained structure for garbage cans for each unit.
- Will get estimates for updates to Community Building.

Additions to the Agenda:

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to amend the agenda. Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, & Paul Saaranen
Nays: none

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to have the Village Clerk transfer funds to a 24 month CD at Miners State Bank. Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, & Paul Saaranen
Nays: none

Clerk's Report

- Quarterly reports completed
- Health Insurance Increase
- Wholesale Water Increase
- Discussed having Clerk's office as a drop off collection area for "Purses with a Purpose". Items will be brought to the Houghton County Sheriff's Office.

Action Items:

Water Online Payments Separate Account

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve using a bank account at Miner's State Bank, for online water payments up to \$1,000.

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, & Paul Saaranen
Nays: none

Water Rate Increase

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to increase water rates by \$1 from the current rate. Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, & Paul Saaranen
Nays: none

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to increase sewer rates by .50 cents from the current rate. Trustee Therese seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, & Paul Saaranen
Nays: none

Public Works Vacancy

Trustee Therese Parolini made a motion to offer Jason Massie the open Public Works Position at \$18 per hour. If he does not accept, then the position will be reposted. Trustee Justin Marier seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, & Paul Saaranen
Nays: none

Payment of the Bills

Trustee Therese Parolini made a motion to approve the payment of the bills with old bills totaling: \$18,091.04, and new bills totaling: \$8,271.47, totaling: \$26,362.51. Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

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Justin Marier:

-Requested George Eakin get in touch with Chris Holmes about 4th, 5th, & 6th street projects & the trout stream.

Terry Parolini:

- Talked to the Superintendent of Adams Township Schools about utilizing their greenhouse and potential student summer help.
- Discussed looking into Grants
- Suggested doing a Spring/Summer newsletter

Cody Bonini:

- Discussed increase in pay for the cleaning crew at the Community Hall.

-Fire Dept-Presented by Cody Bonini

- South Range Village Fire Department received 1 mutual aid fire call with Adams Township Fire Department in March.
- New pump is installed, however there may be a need for other parts.

Paul Saaranen

- Discussed the need for exterior repairs at the Village Garage. George Eakin will discuss with Craig Burkman S.C.

Adjournment

Trustee Therese Parolini moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:59 p.m. Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

Minutes submitted by: Kristen Archambeau