

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 2, 2024
AMENDED

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday May 2, 2024 at the Village of South Range Community Hall; 45 Trimountain Avenue; South Range, MI

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. The following council members were present: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Korby, Trustee Parolini, & Trustee Saaranen. There were 5 guests in attendance.

Others Present Village Employees: Street Commissioner Burkman & Clerk Archambeau.
Fire Dept.: Fire Chief Balma.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dave N. stated issues with deliveries in Whealkate Estates due to North and South addresses.
- Karla A. was wondering about the development around her home that may lead to changing plans, and concerned about increased traffic. She also stated that she is a grant writer and is willing to assist the village with grants.
- Chris H. (UPEA) discussed meeting EGLE with drain commissioner, President Eakin, & Clerk Archambeau. EGLE still thinks the culverts should be removed from the drainage ditch. UPEA will be working on a new plan to submit to EGLE in June 2024.
- Marc F went over his development plan for his property South of the Village. He is looking at purchasing an additional 7 acres from the County. Main Entrance to the developed area will be from old M-26. He requested that the Village Council write up how his potential of land from the County would benefit the village.
- Craig H is purchasing the old Fred's Auto Repair building. He has been in contact with EGLE about possibly needing to have a hole bored. He had a structural engineer inspect the building. He is looking at doing a business on the lower level and apartments on a second floor.

MOTION made by Trustee Marier with support from Trustee Harkonen to approve the April 4, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes with changes. Roll call: all ayes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Eakin: Reached out to the DNR in regards to the gate to the water tank and did not get a response back as of yet. He and PW Dave S took photos for Ordinance Violations on 4/26/24, letters were sent out by Clerk Archambeau on 4/26/2024. He spoke with a resident about issues with 4-wheelers and motorcycles. The resident was wondering if the Council would consider police coverage. Reported he has been hearing complaints about the condition of the power poles on Trimountain Avenue. He suggested to Council about new flooring in Council Chambers and office space, new exterior doors & an interior handicap chair lift for the hall.

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- S.C. Burkman: Reported the PW Dept. finished painting the Council Chambers, started to put up Veteran banners, lift station pump was ordered, upcoming Sewer Conference, & that the new loader should be in sometime in September. He also inquired about purchasing a trailer to haul lawn mower to and from lagoons. Council stated under the

purchasing policy, President Eakin could make the decision to purchase. Also discussed a water leak off Baltic Avenue that the Township was able to assist with.

CLERK REPORT:

- Clerk Archambeau: Reported that the Annual Water Billing Software Report was completed, all MDOT paperwork must be turned in by May 13th, all easement papers were signed by the 3 residents asked to in order to complete drainage work & that the Council has until December 31, 2024 to allocate ARPA funds.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- Fire Chief Balma reported (1) Fire Call for the month of April. He stated (4) of the firemen attended firework training. He informed the Council that the 2024 Fire Tournament will be held in Hubbell. He inquired about paying (16) firemen instead of the usual (15), as there are 16 trained firefighters.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

- Trustee Saaranen made a MOTION with support from Trustee Parolini, to approve the MTU Hold Harmless Form as requested by Clerk Archambeau. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.
- Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Korby to amend job descriptions in the employee handbook with job descriptions as described by the Village Personnel Committee. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.
- Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Korby to post the Assistant Public Works position internally for 2 weeks, with interviews tbd, and final decision at the regular monthly meeting June 6, 2024. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.
- Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Saaranen to have UPEA apply for the \$100,000 paving grant. VOTE: Ayes: Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Marier, Trustee Korby, & President Eakin; Nays: Trustee Harkonen & Trustee Parolini. Motion Carried.
- Trustee Harkonen made a MOTION with support from Trustee Saaranen to approve sidewalk removal request at 36 First St, with the Village maintaining right of way. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.
- Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Saaranen, to approve the State Administrative Board Resolution for MDOT. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.
- Trustee Saaranen made a MOTION with support from Trustee Harkonen, to approve the Performance Resolution for Municipalities for MDOT. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.
- Trustee Saaranen made a MOTION with support from Trustee Harkonen, to approve the State Trunkline Contract with MDOT. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.
- Trustee Harkonen made a MOTION with support from Trustee Saaranen, to dedicate the new flagpole at 45 Trimountain Avenue at 8am on July 4, 2024, to the Village of South Range Veterans who have served & continue to serve. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.

With no further business brought before the Council, a MOTION at 9:02PM by Trustee Harkonen with support from Trustee Korby. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Kristen Archambeau, Village of South Range Clerk

