

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 1, 2024

6:00pm

**APPROVED**

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday, August 1st, 2024 at the Village of South Range Community Hall; 45 Trimountain Avenue; South Range, MI 49963

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM. The following council members were present: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Parolini, & Trustee Saaranen. Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Bonini, & Trustee Korby were absent. There were 4 guests in attendance, & 1 guest by zoom. Others Present Village Employee Street Commissioner Burkman, Public Works Swetich, Clerk Archambeau.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- C. Hamlin discussed his Certificate of Compliance for the old Fred's Auto Repair. Plans to keep the original footprint of the structure, but is requesting adding a second floor for apartments.
- G. Anderson stated the County will have a parcel going up for bids. The starting bid is \$60,000 (11 acres), bid deadline is September 16, 2024. The parcel is located between Trimountain and South Range.
- K. Jutila stated she would help the Clerk if able, as she has in the past. Explained software for general ledger and accounts payable. Suggested reaching out to other municipalities, and reaching out to the Auditor.

MOTION made by Trustee Marier with support from Trustee Parolini to approve the July 11, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Parolini, & Trustee Marier.

MOTION CARRIED.

**STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

Street Commissioner Burkman presented the following updates:

The Public Works Department has been working on lagoon maintenance (trees, fence, etc.), patching/paving, sweeping, fixed the erosion on tank hill, and placed a new lock on the gate on tank hill. S.C. Burkman talked to Bill Syler about paving, and they are looking to get the (3) areas done before the school year begins.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Eakin: Reported that the letters that were requested to be sent to South Whealkate concerning the speed bumps were sent out. President Eakin talked with C. Holmes from UPEA, they will put together a 50% restoration plan for EGLE, and C. Holmes also inquired about the increase of sewer rates. President Eakin talked with Attorney P. Greeley about attaching liens or fines on tax roles for violations, it would need to go through the procedure listed in the ordinance, then to court, if judgment is received then reach back out to the attorney. President Eakin reached out to the corporate office of Dollar General in regards to a fence, the woman he spoke with did not see a problem with putting up a fence. President Eakin emailed B. Syler about putting signage along the ditch on his property, B. Syler approved. President Eakin discussed the need for some form of backup or assistant in the Clerk's Office. President Eakin asked Trustee Marier to be on the Personnel Committee as Trustee Harkonen resigned from the committee, Trustee Marier agreed to be on the committee.

#### CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Archambeau: Discussed the incomplete paperwork for the liability insurance that was given to M. Renier prior to the 4th of July, some of the paperwork was not completed or completed after the day of events. Clerk Archambeau informed the council of the news from A. Pintar from REMC that the older computer which holds the general ledger and accounts payable will not be around much longer. It was requested by REMC that the council purchase new software, and hire an accountant to assist with the transfer of information from both, as this can take months. Clerk Archambeau discussed the (2) phone calls that the office received in regards to the speed bumps, the residents who contacted the office were not in favor of them. The office received a call from a program called "Let's Rebuild Community Project". The program's mission is geared towards seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities, information can be found by contacting the Clerk's Office. The Auditor was in from July 18-22, and Quarterly Tax Reports were completed and submitted on time. The State of Michigan accepted the Resolution approved July 11, 2024 for the Garbage Fund.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the August 2024 bills, if none, asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Motion made by Trustee Saaranen with support from Trustee Marier. Roll call: Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Parolini, & Trustee Marier. MOTION CARRIED.

#### BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

Trustee Marier made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for C. Hamlin. Trustee Saaranen supported the motion. VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Parolini, to approve a sewer rate increase as follows: \$7 increase October 2024, \$7 increase April 2025, \$7 increase October 2025, and a \$7 increase April 2026. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

POLL OF TRUSTEES: President Eakin stated he would like to see more yards cleaned up and the Village Charter redone. President Eakin stated he would like to remove the last speed bump from South Whealkate. Trustee Saaranen stated the survey was valuable, and discussed Clerk job description/duties. Trustee Parolini stated there was a speed bump sign down by the park & one missing. Trustee Parolini stated that the Village put the speed bumps in, and does not feel residents should be able to dictate what the council puts out there, as that it sets a precedent for if people don't like it that they can change it. Trustee Parolini stated she would like the speed bumps put back in South Whealkate, and if removed again police will be called, as the speed bumps are municipal property. Council instructed Public Works to reinstall South Whealkate speed bumps. Trustee Parolini stated that she would like the sidewalk put back on Globe and First St., and stated how nice the Veteran banners looked.

With no further business brought before the Council, a MOTION at 7:15PM by Trustee Saaranen with support from Trustee Marier. VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.  
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Kristen Archambeau, Village of South Range Clerk

*Kristen Archambeau*