

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
PUBLIC HEARING
September 5, 2024
6:00pm
APPROVED

The Public Hearing of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday, September 5, 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 Bonini, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Korby & Trustee Saaranen. Trustee Parolini was absent. There were 8 guests in attendance. Others Present Village Employee Street Commissioner Burkman, Public Works Swetich, Clerk Archambeau.

J. Ratcliffe (KEDA) discussed the Resolution for 37 Trimountain Avenue for capping the taxes at that location. KEDA is working with C. Hamlin to assist with the project that is currently being done. The project will include adding a second floor to the location, being built on the existing foundation, that has already been inspected. Once construction is complete, there will be 2 apartments on the second floor, with a commercial use area on the first floor.

A MOTION to close the Public Hearing at 6:17 PM by Trustee Korby with support from Trustee Saaranen.

VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Hearing adjourned.

Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Korby, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Bonini & Trustee Marier.

MOTION CARRIED.

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 2024
6:17 pm
APPROVED

The Regular Meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at the Village of South Range Community Hall; 45 Trimountain Avenue; South Range, MI 49963

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM. The following council members were present: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Bonini, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Korby & Trustee Saaranen. Trustee Parolini was absent. There were 8 guests in attendance. Others Present Village Employee Street Commissioner Burkman, Public Works Swetich, Clerk Archambeau.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

S. Sabatini: Inquired about the 5 lots that are supposed to be built on within 2 yrs.

B. Heltunen: Thanked Public Works crew for their help with the dump truck, and also stated he is not in favor of the speed bumps that were on South Whealkate. Also discussed requests for Portage Lake Little League about more weed whacking and weed kill along fences.

B. Maki: Informed the council of a pile of garbage at a home that was recently acquired on Fifth St. Discussed a check valve problem at his home that he states flooded his basement, with water coming in from the alley, and in through his sauna drain. After the basement flooded, the Public Works Department did put in a check valve in, but there was not one there before. He also presented a bill to the council from him cleaning up his basement. The council tabled this item for the next regular meeting in October.

W. Schuett/J. Schuett: They are not in favor of speed bumps on South Whealkate.

D. Johnson: He is not in favor of speed bumps on South Whealkate.

M. Markham (OHM): Discussed the extra expenses from the lead/copper service line work. EGLE amended the funding to account for the added expenses to the grant that the Village was approved for.

MOTION made by Trustee Saaranen, with support from Trustee Marier to approve the August 1, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Korby, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Bonini & Trustee Marier.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Trustee Marier, with support from Trustee Bonini to approve adding the Resolution for 37 Trimountain Ave. to the agenda. Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Korby, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Bonini & Trustee Marier. MOTION CARRIED.

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Street Commissioner Burkman presented the following updates: The Public Works Department has been fixing leaks and locating during the process of the lead service work that has been going on. Public works put in new sidewalks on a section of Globe and on Third St. Street Commissioner Burkman stated that Portage Lake Construction will be doing the Fifth/Sixth St. work the week of September 5th.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Eakin: Reported that he had to contact 9-1-1 about 4-wheelers going through the drainage ditch, also he did receive permission from B. Siler to put up no trespassing signs along the ditch, and reached out to Dollar General about the fence request. He will be asking S. Macinnes to attend a future meeting in regards to updating the Village Charter. Discussed complaints about barking dogs, roosters, and an auto repair shop operating in a residential area. Discussed the need of scrap pickup, and is going to inquire about the recent grant Chassell received for scrap tires.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Archambeau: Went over the sewer rate letter that was sent over from C. Holmes (UPEA), council made some changes and additions. Discussed the BS&A Software quote in comparison to the one received 3 years ago. Council requested another quote for just the General Ledger & Accounts Payable. The 2023-24 Audit Report is completed. Discussed the recent request to use Keweenaw Watershed to assist with helping residents with delinquent bills.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the September 2024 bills, if none, asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Bills totaling: \$64,335.01, with \$46,600.99 in old bills, and \$17,674.02 in new bills. Motion made by Trustee Bonini with support from Trustee Saaranen. Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Korby, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Bonini & Trustee Marier.

MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

Trustee Marier made a motion to approve the Resolution to Establish a Commercial Development District for 37 Trimountain Ave. Trustee Bonini supported the motion. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Korby, to hire Public Works Employee Dave Swetich for the position of Assistant Public Works Director, with an increase in pay of .87 cents. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Marier made a motion to send out the sewer rate letters with changes. Support from Trustee Korby. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Saaranen made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Public Works employee K. Maki. Supported by Trustee Marier. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Harkonen made a motion to post the full-time Public Works position with a deadline of 9/20/2024, with support from Trustee Saaranen. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Harkonen made a motion to make a donation of \$500.00 to the Adams Township School District Foundation, with support from Trustee Saaranen. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Marier made a motion to support the Keweenaw Snowmobile Club request for placing a port-a-potty in the ballfield parking lot, in exchange for KSC to do spring clean-up of the parking lot and fields, with an addition of "NO Overnight Parking" signs added to the lot by council. Trustee Harkonen supported the motion. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Bonini made a motion to accept the 3 yr. contract with Munetrix at the discounted rate, supported by Trustee Marier. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Marier made a motion, with support from Trustee Harkonen to approve the Keweenaw Watershed Payment Program. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

POLL OF TRUSTEES: Trustee Korby stated that he would appreciate it if President Eakin did not cut people off when talking, or go off subject. Trustee Harkonen told Clerk Archambeau to keep up the great work.

With no further business brought before the Council, a MOTION at 8:24PM by Trustee Bonini 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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