

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MEETING
October 3, 2024
6:00 pm
APPROVED with amendment

The Regular Meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday, October 3, 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 Parolini & Trustee Saaranen. No members were absent. There were 6 guests in attendance. Others Present Village Employee Street Commissioner Burkman, Assistant Public Works Director Swetich, Clerk Archambeau.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

B. Maki: Requested an ordinance for roosters. Also, Council discussed the issue with his basement flooding. Council discussed Ordinance 1991-1. B. Maki stated he discussed this issue at a meeting when the alley was worked on last year, and his need for a check valve. Council will look back at previous meetings. Discussion tabled until November 2024 regular meeting.

M. Markham (OHM): Discussed National Industrial coming back to finish a few locations for the lead/copper project.

M. Balma (South Range Fire Chief): Fire truck was pump tested. Went over the plans for Fire Prevention Day that is taking place on 10/4/2024 with South Range Elementary Students. South Range, Adams Twp., and Hurontown Fire will all be participating, including an extrication demonstration by Hurontown Fire. The Fire Dept. is looking into a grant for new radios. No set date as of yet for Christmas in South Range.

C. Holmes (UPEA): Went over communications with EGLE about the drainage ditch.

MOTION made by Trustee Korby, with support from Trustee Saaranen to approve the September 5, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Trustee Marier, with support from Trustee Bonini to approve tabling the Treasurer Report to the regular November meeting and adding the CAT loader to the agenda.

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

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Street Commissioner Burkman presented the following updates: Portage Lake project on 5th & 6th alley almost complete. Public works has been edging sidewalks, taking down planters, & hauling sand for winter. Public Works are still working on the following items: paving & pictures for lead/copper service requirements. The new CAT loader will be delivered on Monday, October 7th, 2024. On Wednesday October 9th, they will have a representative coming to go over the new piece of equipment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Eakin: Reported he met with Jeff Ratcliffe to discuss a few items, and also met with D. Karvonen about their curbing. Resident J. Manninen requested a third speed bump for 6th St. by the park. President Eakin is still receiving complaints about the home on First St. repairing vehicles, & complaints on roosters. Discussed the need to allocate the ARPA funds. Contacted A. Turner concerning the construction of his (5) lots in Whealkate Estate, no response.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Archambeau: Discussed the delay of annual insurance due to the new loader, updated policy will be ready for the November 2024 regular meeting. Grant reimbursement for the lead/service project was submitted on October 2, 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the October 2024 bills, if none, asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Bills totaling: \$172,669.09, with \$28,523.53 in old bills, and \$172,669.09 in new bills. Motion made by Trustee Saaranen with support from Trustee Korby. Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Bonini, Trustee Marier, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Parolini, Trustee Korby, & Trustee Harkonen,. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

Trustee Saaranen made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Brandon Skewes from the Village of South Range Public Works Department. Trustee Marier supported the motion. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Korby made a motion to hire Joel Morin for Public Works. Trustee Saaranen supported the motion. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Marier made a motion to hire Cooper Burkman for Public Works. Trustee Bonini supported the motion. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Harkonen made a motion to donate the check originally for the Adams Twp. Foundation Dinner, to the Adams Twp. Foundation in the amount of \$500.00. Support from Trustee Parolini. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Marier made a motion to designate the ARPA funds to the 5th/6th Street Drainage Project. Trustee Bonini supported the motion.
VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Marier made a motion to move forward with the BS&A software with the quote presented by Clerk Archambeau. Supported by Trustee Bonini. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Korby made a motion to move forward with a 3-year loan with Miners State Bank for the loan of the Caterpillar Loader, with support from Trustee Harkonen. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Marier made a motion to approve the signatures of the following (4) authorized people for the Miner's State Bank Resolution for loans: George Eakin, Lindsay Balma, Cody Bonini, & Kristen Archambeau. Motion with support from Trustee Saaranen. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Marier made a motion to keep the Village of South Range Let-run Policy the same. Trustee Bonini supported the motion. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Harkonen made a motion to pay National Industrial the amount of \$125,020.00, supported by Trustee Marier. VOTE: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

POLL OF TRUSTEES: P. Saaranen discussed the benefits of the Purchasing Policy and thanked the Personnel Committee for their work to help fill the Public Works position. T. Parolini stated that the tank hill looked great. G. Harkonen thanked Public Works, and told them to keep up the good work. J. Marier thanked B. Skewes for his time with the Village of South Range, and thanked Trustee T. Parolini & E. Parolini for their work with the flowers this year.

With no further business brought before the Council, a MOTION at 7:32PM by Trustee Saaranen with support from Trustee Marier. VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Kristen Archambeau, Village of South Range Clerk

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