

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE

REGULAR MEETING

February 6, 2025

6:00 pm

NOT APPROVED until the March 6, 2025 REGULAR Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday, February 6, 2025 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 Hill, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Korby, & Trustee Parolini. Members absent: 0. There was 1 guest in attendance. Others Present: Public Works Director Burkman, Clerk Archambeau, and Fire Chief Balma.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

M. Balma Fire Chief: Stated there were 2 calls in the past month, he was in touch with the firework company to find out this year's cost, will be doing mutual aid with Houghton Fire, April will be the retirement dinner for retiring fireman, would like to increase fireman pay, and he will check with other departments in terms of their pay.

MOTION made by Trustee Korby, with support from Trustee Marier to approve the January 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes with changes (Council request for ledger to see where money is spent). Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Hill, Trustee Korby, & Trustee Parolini, & Trustee Harkonen Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Trustee Korby, with support from Trustee Marier to approve the January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Hill, Trustee Korby, & Trustee Parolini, & Trustee Harkonen Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT (Presented by C. Burkman)

Public Works Director/Street Commissioner Burkman: Public Works has been pushing back resident banks, cutting back the banks on the trunkline & roads, & noted the equipment seems to be holding up. Council discussed hydrant shoveling.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Eakin: Contacted C. Holmes (UPEA) to request an updated map of the Village per Council, met with J. Ratcliffe & J. Sullivan to discuss a Redevelopment Community Program, emailed G. Anderson, to assist with updating the charter, offered his Robert's Rules of Order book to the Council, and received a compliment from a resident about the Public Works Department and snow.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Archambeau: End of year taxes were completed, and Council will need to set a Special Meeting to go over the Amended 2024-25 Budget and the Preliminary 2025-26 Budget.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the January 2025 bills, none, and asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Bills totaling: \$24,061.68, with \$19,708.87 in old bills, and \$4,352.81 in new bills. Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Hill, Trustee Korby, & Trustee Parolini. Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

Trustee Korby made a motion to approve the Garbage Fund Resolution as presented. Trustee Harkonen supported the motion. VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Korby made a motion to approve the Whealkate Paving Resolution as presented. Trustee Harkonen supported the motion. VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Parolini made a motion to do a 3% raise for all employees, with the exception of the new employee, effective 2/2/2025. Trustee Marier supported the motion. VOTE: All ayes.
MOTION CARRIED.

*Council went into closed session at 7:18pm. Motion made by Trustee Korby, with support from Trustee Marier.VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

*Trustee Marier made a motion to come out of closed session at 7:38pm, supported by Trustee Korby.VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

With no further business brought before the Council, a MOTION at 7:44pm, by Trustee Marier with support from Trustee Korby. VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Kristen Archambeau, Village of South Range Clerk

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