

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MEETING
November 06, 2025
6:00 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday November 06, 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 Korby & Trustee Balma. There were 5 guests in attendance. Others Present: Clerk Dorsey.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was not a public hearing but residents were given the opportunity to make a statement.

R. LaPorte with the Keweenaw Snowmobile Club and M. Franchi discussed winter parking for snowmobiles. Trustee Marier motioned to plow the pavilion parking area for one more year, seconded by trustee Balma. Trustee Marier also motioned to direct snowmobile traffic from M. Franchi's new business down the main street of Trimountain avenue for the winter. Trustee Balma seconded the motion.

K. Jutila expressed her frustration regarding her current renters water bills and that she again, did not receive a copy of the bills. K. Jutila further expressed her concerns with current South Range operations and wants to confirm that everything is being completed amongst the council and office.

AGENDA:

MOTION made by Trustee Balma, with support from Trustee Korby to approve the November 06, 2025 agenda.

Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Hill, Trustee Marier

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION made by Trustee Balma, with support from Trustee Korby to approve the September 04, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Hill, Trustee Marier

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of meeting minutes for October 02, 2025 were put on hold until December 04, 2025

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT

President Eakin presented the street commissioner report for October 2025. President Eakin reported that the garbage truck was fixed and is operating efficiently after breaking down during the month. The street sander is currently broken and is in the process of being fixed for the winter. All fire extinguishers were serviced at the community building and public works buildings. Public works also finished discharging at the lagoons.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Eakin discussed that a new auditor located in Grand Rapids showed interest in accepting the job as a new auditor for the Village of South Range. A proposal is currently in the works to be presented at the next meeting. Conversations with the organization Wild Ones were currently being conducted about how to approach the wetlands located at the baseball fields in South Range.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Dorsey reported that the annual insurance for South Range properties and equipment was updated and renewed for another 12 months. Parking enforcement for South Range streets took place on November 1st, and signs were posted throughout the Village. Biosolids annual report was submitted with public works. Annual certification of employee-related conditions was completed, along with a quarterly contribution report.

FIRE REPORT:

Chief Balma stated that both fire trucks were serviced in the month of October. The fire department currently has 1 new member in fire school that will complete training in January. The fire department did fire prevention for the South Range Elementary school and held a seminar for the kids at the South Range community hall. The fire department responded to a call regarding a gas leak during the month of October. Furthermore, the fire department will be hosting the annual Christmas in South Range on December 13th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the October 2025 bills. Trustee Korby motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Trustee Balma. Bills totaling: \$83,152.75.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Hill

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

Leasing of the baseball fields in South Range was discussed. A representative from the VFW was there to address the future lease. A short term lease was suggested. Trustee Korby motioned to pay \$1 for a 10-year lease. Trustee Balma seconded the motion. A legal contract will be written up for the proposal.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Hill

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A part-time applicant Sydni Schwandt was present at the meeting. The Council went over her resume and cover letter and did an interview with the applicant. Trustee Korby motioned to hire Sydni at \$20/hr seconded by Trustee Balma.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Hill

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A new snow policy for residents was presented at the meeting. Trustee Korby motioned to approve the new snow policy, seconded by Trustee Hill.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Balma

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A donation from the Village of South Range for the annual Christmas in South Range was discussed amongst the council. Trustee Korby made a motion to donate \$700 to the annual celebration, seconded by Trustee Marier.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Hill, President Eakin

Abstain: Trustee Balma

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The previous "let-run" policy for the winter months was addressed at the meeting. Trustee Korby made a motion to approve the policy for the future until otherwise noted. Trustee Balma seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Hill

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Lastly, the council discussed the attendance records for council members for previous and future meetings.

With no further business brought before the Council, Trustee Balma motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45PM with support from Trustee Korby. VOTE: All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED - Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Steven Dorsey, Village of South Range Clerk