

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MEETING
December 04, 2025
6:00 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday December 04, 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 was 1 guest in attendance. Others Present: Clerk Dorsey, S. Schwandt, Street Commissioner Burkman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was not a public hearing at the meeting.

AGENDA:

MOTION made by Trustee Balma, with support from Trustee Marier to approve the December 04, 2025 agenda.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION made by Trustee Korby, with support from Trustee Marier to approve the October 02, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Trustee Balma, with support from Trustee Marier to approve the November 06, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT

Street Commissioner Burkman presented the street commissioner report for November 2025. Commissioner Burkman reported that everything was going smoothly for winter snow removal. Snow was removed from the side of the roads and side walks to clear up more space. The sander was fixed and is operating efficiently. The lagoons discharging was completed. Public works did experience a water leak on second street that will be getting addressed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Eakin explained that he had talked with The Village of South Range attorney regarding the official lease write-up for the baseball fields. The attorney needed to know who would be responsible if someone was to get hurt on the property during baseball games. It was addressed at the meeting that little league itself has insurance to cover any injuries to people participating in little league at the baseball fields. A whealkate lots update on work progress has not been answered by land owners at the time. It was suggested that the South Range attorney send a letter for an update. President Eakin addressed plowing issues regarding local businesses and future charges for plowing. President Eakin went on to discuss public concerns with new parking along M-26.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Dorsey reported that training had been completed for a new hire in the South Range offices. S. Schwandt will be responsible for future water bills and maintaining accounts. CD investments are currently in effect for the Village of South Range. One is set to expire and will need renewal or withdrawal. Water pipe material surveys will be sent out to residents in South Range. They will be due back before the end of December.

FIRE REPORT:

Chief Balma reported that there were no fire calls for the month of November. One firefighter stepped down and one new member joined. The newest member currently has his firefighter 1 training. The food license was completed for the Christmas in South Range. The fire department will be decorating on December 06, 2025 for the Christmas celebration. The fire department will be investing in a new television for training and dispatch. Furthermore, the department will be working on new grants regarding a new fire hall.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the November 2025 bills. Trustee Korby motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Trustee Hill. Bills totaling: \$97,386.40

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Balma

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

A new auditor was presented at the meeting. Trustee Marier motioned to hire the new auditor, seconded by Trustee Korby.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Hill, Trustee Balma

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The president's newsletter was presented for approval at the meeting. Several adjustments were addressed to be revised before sending to the public. The public will receive the newsletter before Christmas.

The budget workshop meeting will take place in January. Trustee Balma motioned for the meeting to be January 15th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Trustee Korby seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Hill

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Regular meeting dates for 2026 were voted on. The following dates were presented: January 08, February 05, March 05, April 02, May 07, June 04, July 09, August 06, September 03, October 01, November 05, December 03.

Trustee Balma motioned to set the listed dates as the official meeting dates of 2026. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Korby

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Korby motioned to distribute Christmas bonuses for South Range employees. Trustee Balma seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Hill

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Whealkate Paving CD was up for renewal. Trustee Korby motioned to reinvest the CD for 20 months at the Miners State Bank at 3.41 percent. Trustee Balma seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Hill

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Bids were submitted for a truck currently owned by The Village of South Range. The highest bid came in at \$1,262.00. Trustee Marier made a motion to accept the bid and sell the truck. Trustee Balma seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Korby, Trustee Hill

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Employee reviews will take place within the month. The reviews will be made by the council, and public works.

With no further business brought before the Council, Trustee Balma motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:10PM with support from Trustee Hill. VOTE: All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED - Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Steven Dorsey, Village of South Range Clerk

Amended: Added Craig Burkman, street commissioner, to those in attendance.