

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MEETING
August 06, 2026
6:00 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday August 06, 2026 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 Parolini, Trustee Harkonen, & Trustee Korby. There were 5 guests in attendance. Others present: Clerk Schwandt and Deputy Clerk Dorsey.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

B. Maki asked why the stop sign on Trimountain Avenue was taken down. Trustee Korby said that we had received a lot of complaints after having it up. President Eakin said the council will discuss it later in the meeting.

S. Sabatini mentioned that spectrum internet had gone up in cost and asked if there are any other options to allow additional services into the village. Options were discussed including T-Mobile internet that is currently being offered at a reasonable price.

K. Aho asked why the stop sign and speed limit signs were taken down. Further discussion regarding the topic will be discussed further in the meeting. Furthermore, K. Aho asked if any progress had happened regarding snowmobile traffic for winter. President Eakin stated that he still needs to talk to people regarding the issue. K. Aho gave her concerns about the snowmobile traffic and wants a peaceful retirement home and does not want the old highway to be used for heavy traffic.

J. Ciucci asked for speed bumps to be placed on Stanton Avenue.

MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION made by Trustee Korby, with support from Trustee Parolini to approve the July 09 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT

Deputy Clerk Dorsey reported that public works was busy cleaning up after the 4th of July in South Range. Furthermore, a community clean up event was held for 3 days and public works participated in helping out the community with garbage pickup/dumping. Grass throughout town

was maintained and the grass at the waste water lagoons was cut. New heads on fire hydrants were replaced and pot-holes were patched. Lastly, the swing set and see-saws were taken down at the 7th street park due to that specific equipment not being located on South Range property.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Eakin reported that he attended a meeting with the Adams Township School Superintendent and a representative from Adams Township about getting shared police coverage. He noted that a few residents have expressed concerns regarding the recent removal of the playground swing set. President Eakin will be contacting Copper Shores Community Health Foundation to inquire about potential grant opportunities for new playground equipment. President Eakin also spoke with the owner of the property located at 17 Trimountain Avenue regarding the pending sale of the property and asked follow-up questions. The owner indicated that the prospective buyer requires a zoning change before the sale can be completed. President Eakin has remained in regular communication with the Clerk and Public Works Department regarding ongoing Village matters. The Village continues to seek an individual willing to serve as the hearing agent for the Dangerous Building Ordinance for several properties within the Village.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Schwandt reported that the clean-up event for South Range went great and suggested that the event be an annual thing. A grant is being submitted to enclose the drainage ditch at the 7th street park after getting reports of children climbing on it and being injured.. Local South Range documents over the last century are being sorted through and organized for future reference.

FIRE REPORT:

Chief Balma was absent and a fire report was not available.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

"Street Signs" was an agenda item for the August meeting. Locations were discussed and reviewed. New signs will be installed at the top of Trimountain Avenue to redirect traffic on Champion and Trimountain. The exact locations and traffic redirection will be pending until attorney approval. Furthermore the village of South Range will be contacting M-DOT regarding potholes on Baltic Avenue.

Accounting firm services were reviewed amongst the council. Trustee Harkonen made a motion to pay for phase 1 of the accounting services. Trustee Parolini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Fire extinguisher services were reviewed at the meeting. Trustee Marier made a motion to hire "Recharge" fire extinguisher services. Trustee Harkonen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A job position for public works was discussed at the meeting. The council decided to wait on posting any open positions until speaking directly with the Street Commissioner and Assistant Street Commissioner for more information.

Police Coverage for the Village of South Range was discussed at the meeting. Future options and finances will be discussed at further dates.

Local street paving was discussed at the meeting and one bid was received. The Village of South Range will accept bids until the September meeting.

Local zoning Applications were presented at the meeting. Trustee Marier motioned to approve 44 3rd street application with a constituency that the resident follows local ally setbacks. Trustee Harkonen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Korby motioned to approve the zoning application for lot 27 at Whealkate Estates, Seconded by Trustee Harkonen.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Korby motioned to approve the zoning application for lot 28 at Whealkate Estates, Seconded by Trustee Harkonen.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Korby motioned to approve the house address at lot 28 on Whealkate Estates as 98 South Whealkate, South Range MI , Seconded by Trustee Harkonen.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Korby motioned to approve the house address at lot 27 on Wheelkate Estates as 96 South Whealkate, South Range MI , Seconded by Trustee Harkonen.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Korby motioned to renew a CD at Superior National Bank for 12 months at 3.65% Seconded by Trustee Harkonen.

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

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the July 2026 bills. Trustee Parolini motioned to approve payment of the bills, totaling: \$57,094.78 seconded by Trustee Hill.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier, Trustee Korby, Trustee Harkonen

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

POLL OF TRUSTEES:

Trustee Parolini asked if we could stop allowing the local pop shop to throw away large amounts of cans into our garbage truck on garbage day.

With no further business brought before the Council, Trustee Harkonen motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:33PM with support from Trustee Marier.

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

MOTION CARRIED - Meeting adjourned.