

**Public Hearing**

**Village of South Range**

**October 6, 2022**

The Public Hearing of the Common Council of the Village of South Range was called to order at **6:30 p.m.** by President George Eakin.

Present: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Paul Saaranen, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Kristen Archambeau, Craig Burkman S.C.,

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006 (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Village of South Range, Houghton County, State of Michigan will conduct a public hearing on an Ordinance 2022-02 to Amend the Zoning Ordinance (the “Ordinance”) on October 6, 2022, at 6:30 pm. The public hearing will be held in the Village of South Range Council Chambers, located at 45 Trimountain Avenue; South Range, MI 49963.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the rezoning of 40 Second Street, Lots 9 & 10, Block 14, 31-045-114-009-00, from a Commercial Area to a Residential Area.

A true copy of the entire Ordinance 2022-02 may be inspected or obtained at the Community Hall, 45 Trimountain Avenue; South Range, MI 49963, by requesting a copy from the Village Clerk.

**Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve the zoning of the above parcels from Commercial to Residential.  
Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.**

**Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen  
Nays: none**

**Regular Meeting**  
**Village of South Range**

**October 6, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Village of South Range was called to order at **6:34 p.m.** by President George Eakin.

Present: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Paul Saaranen, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Kristen Archambeau, Craig Burkman S.C.,

**Absent: none**

**Guests: Kody Maki & Julie Hayrynen**

**Recognition of Guests:**

- **Kody Maki**
  - Presented tire quotes for tires and clutch kit Public Works equipment
  - Discussed the need of a clutch kit for the Sno-Go

Trustee Cody Bonini made a motion to purchase a clutch kit for the sno-go up to \$3,500.00.

Trustee Justin Marier seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to purchase Goodyear tires from Auto-Pro.

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

**Approval of the August 15th, 2022 Minutes**

Trustee Cody Bonini moved to approve the Minutes from August 15, 2022.

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

Yeas: Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

**Abstain: Justin & Terry**

### **Approval of the September 1, 2022 Minutes**

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve the Minutes from September 1, 2022. Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

Abstain: Cody Bonini

### **Street Commissioner Report (Presented by Craig Burkman)**

- Completed the 90 day evaluation for all new employees. Everyone works well as a team, and have been getting alot of needed tasks completed.
- Attended the Fall Water Conference with Dave Swetich. Dave was able to earn credits toward his certification.
- Sand and Salt for winter were picked up this week.
- That being said, the Storage Barn that we use for sand/salt is in bad shape, and will need repairs next year. We had to do some work on it this week, but it will need to be addressed in the spring.
- Fire extinguishers were inspected on October 5th.
- Both the old truck plows were paid for and picked up, new plows will be picked up next week.
- Both Ford Pick-ups will be going in this month prior to warranties being up.
- Put up cameras at Park for ongoing issues, and new “closed at dusk” signs per law enforcement.
- Old truck plows from bids were paid for and picked up.
- Per EGLE: all water lines will need to be checked for lead pipes by 2025. They need proof of all locations being lead free. Village Clerk will work on a map and sheet to assist with the logging of information.

### **Village President Report:**

Village President George Eakin updated the Council with the following:

- Mr. Pangrazzi was pleased with the Oktoberfest turnout
- Whealkate lots are sold.
- Discussed complaints about new Stop signs.

### **Clerk's Report**

- The Apartment building on Stanton Avenue has yet to comply with our request to change over to garbage cans. I have talked to the apartment manager a couple times and the owner of the buildings was supposed to contact me, and has not. I did talk to Waste Management, they agreed that climbing in dumpsters should not be happening, and they could add the apartment to their list. They would then need to look at the dumpster style to see if they would need to rent dumpsters from them. They would need the approval of the Village, for them to pick up the garbage if that is a route the Council would need to go.
- Our Annual Insurance Policy is up for renewal this month.

- I have all my notary paperwork and Insurance, I just need to get to the Houghton County Clerk's Office. It will take 4-6 weeks after that till I am an official notary.
- We had a Federal Refund of \$3,712.68 from our corrected 2020 Taxes.

### **Agenda Approval**

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted with the addition of: **Annual Insurance Renewal.**

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

### **Action Items:**

#### **Drainage**

Paul Saaranen discussed drainage issues on his property.

George will get in touch with UPEA.

#### **Property Acquisition Water Tank**

The contract sent over from Adams Township was sent to Village Attorney Pat Greely. His suggested changes were made by the Township Attorney Kevin Mackey.

No date for signing contract or closing date as of yet.

#### **Portage Lake Invoice**

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve the invoice for work completed as presented by Scott Lampinen of Portage Lake Construction.

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

#### **Trustee Resignation**

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to accept with regret, the resignation of Kerry Jutila as Trustee. Further noted appreciation for the time she put in for the Village, and with the transition of the new Clerk.

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

#### **Parking Lot Request**

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve Vern Harlock's request for a parking lot on his property.

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen  
Nays: none

### **Website Upgrade**

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to hire Opusweb for the new website.

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen  
Nays: none

### **90 day Employee Reviews**

The Council looked at all new Employee 90 day reviews.

Council would like to look at getting new evaluation forms.

### **CD's**

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to:

- To roll over the Superior National Bank CD for another year
- Change Miners State Bank CD 1 to Equipment Fund, and renew at the 18 month CD special.
- Change Miners State Bank CD 2 to Whealkate Estates, add the recent sale of properties, and renew at the 18 month CD special.
- To open a new CD at Miners State Bank, with transferring of Funds from the General Account, and at the 18 month CD special.

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen  
Nays: none

### **Additions to the Agenda**

#### **\*Annual Insurance Renewal**

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve, with the contingency of shopping around next June/July for quotes, the 2022-23 Insurance Plan with the Hannula Agency.

Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen  
Nays: none

### **Payment of the Bills**

Trustee Therese Parolini made a motion to pay the bills totalling **\$124,232.50.**

**With \$63,570.11 in old bills, and \$60,662.39 in new bills.**

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen  
Nays: none

**Poll of Trustees**

- **Paul Saaranen**  
-will be out of town for a month or more
- **Therese Parolini**  
-would like to add job descriptions to the Employee Handbook, Justin added to wait until the Committee meeting in January  
-She also requested to post signage for garbage day changes
- **Cody Bonini**  
**-Fire Department-**  
-Rick Stevens Retired  
-Justin Kokkonen and Alex Outinen were added to the Department  
-Fire Prevention Day October 7

**Adjournment**

Trustee Cody Bonini moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:36 p.m.  
Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, & Paul Saaranen  
Nays: none