

Regular Meeting
Village of South Range

January 5th, 2023

The Regular Meeting 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, Cody Bonini, Meredith Carney, Kristen Archambeau, Craig Burkman S.C.,

Absent: none

Guests: Glen Anderson, Mike Balma: VOSR Fire Chief

Recognition of Guests:

Mike Balma

-Christmas in South Range was a success, approx. 175 children received gifts.

-(4) people in fire school will test the first week of January 2023

Trustee Meredith Carney took her Oath of Office for the Village of South Range Council.

Approval of the November 3rd, 2022 Minutes

Tabled to February Meeting.

Approval of the December 1st, 2022 Minutes

Trustee Cody Bonini made a motion to approve the Minutes from December 1, 2022.

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

Abstain: Meredith Carney

Street Commissioner Report (Presented by Craig Burkman)

*Received a bid on meters from Core & Main. Core and Main Representative will come to the February Meeting.

*Sno-go is up and running great. Village was finished today.

*Discussed trading in an old grader for a loader.

Village President Report:

Village President George Eakin updated the Council with the following:

- I received a text from a resident on Christmas Eve with a snow removal request, please refer all of those to the village office via phone or email and they will get put on a list.
- I had a few compliments on the newsletter, Kristen was a huge help with that!

- Walked through the Community Hall with Chris Holmes and another gentleman to have them figure out bid specs for the work we'd like completed. Besides windows and bathroom remodeling we are looking into the possibility of a handicap ramp on the rear of the building.
- A resident approached me asking why we do not have an under blade on the sander. Looked into it, it's not possible to mount on our truck.
- Called the Sheriff's Dept to inquire about towing vehicles, we need to notify them first before we call a towing company.
- Received a letter of interest as to be on the council from Greg Harkonen
- I messaged a FB group to put out a notice concerning snowmobile trailer parking, there has been an issue with them using the old highway for parking, it's used by the village guys as a snow dump, and last year they sometimes parked along Atlantic Ave. near the village storage building.
- We need to pull the yield sign and switch to a stop sign on the corner of 2nd and Whealkate.

Clerk's Report

- Still have not met with MDOT about our new contract, they ran out of time before the Holidays. I should hear from them soon.
- Quarterlies are almost complete (MIWAM and UIA left), and I have been working on items for the tax season.
- No current update on the new website.

Agenda Approval

Trustee Therese Parolini made a motion to add the following items to the Agenda:

- Let Run Policy
- ARPA Funds
- Rental Ordinance
- Donation Boxes and Signage

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, Meredith Carney, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

Action Items:

Drainage

No updates.

Water Meters

No Decision made.

Council Vacancies

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to post the (2) open Council Trustee vacancies. Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, Meredith Carney, & Paul Saaranen
Nays: none

Tire Bids

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to sell the (4) Winter Loader tires to Rachel Voght for \$2,273.00, the (3) Loader Dirt Tires to David Mattila for \$1,029.50. Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, Meredith Carney, & Paul Saaranen
Nays: none

UPEA Renovation Specs

Council will check with other engineering places about Costs for Specs for the Community Hall. President George Eakin will check to see the cost for specs on just windows & bathrooms with UPEA.

Wage Reviews

Tabled to February Meeting.

Certificate of Compliance Request

Trustee Therese Parolini made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance Request for 63 Second Street, as long as there is a letter from the neighbor located on the west side of the property.

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, Meredith Carney, & Paul Saaranen
Nays: none

Vacant Lots

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to put the following vacant lots on bid with the contingency to be built upon within (2) years time:

1. Lot 13 Block 6 (59 First Street)

Parcel #31-045-106-013-00

2. Lot 20 Block 7 (Baltic Avenue)

Parcel #31-045-107-020-00

Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, Meredith Carney, & Paul Saaranen
Nays: none

Additions to the Agenda

Let Run Policy

President George Eakin will check with the Attorney on changing the wording of the Policy.

ARPA Funds

Council discussed using the ARPA funds for water meters.

Rental Ordinance

Discussed Rental Ordinance, Council would like to check with the Assessor if she knows how many Airbnbs are within the Village.

Donation Boxes and Signage

Discussed placing (2) Donation boxes with signs, in ballfield parking lots for people parking and using trail for ATV/Snowmobiles.

Payment of the Bills

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to pay the bills totalling **\$35,851.14**, with **\$28,150.24 in old bills, and \$7,700.90 in new bills.**

Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, Meredith Carney, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none

Poll of Trustees

Therese Parolini

-Asked about the current website

-Stated the 4th of July Raffle has not had a winner yet.

Meredith Carney

-Will do some research on Airbnb's while in Marquette.

Cody Bonini

-Suggested that the Village Public Works would benefit from a mini excavator.

Adjournment

Trustee Paul Saaranen moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Therese Parolini, Meredith Carney, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: none