

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

February 2nd, 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 (MML), Chris Holmes (UPEA), Greg Harkonen, Eric Vanlaanen (Core & Main), Michael Balma (South Range Fire Chief)

**Recognition of Guests:**

***Eric Vanlaanen (Core & Main)***

- Discussed the water meters from Core & Main.
- Council requested a quote for 30-40 meters.

***Chris Holmes (UPEA)***

- Discussed grant for EGGLE & USDA for Lagoon/Sewer needs.

***Mike Balma***

- Informed the Council that 3 Firemen passed their testing, with a 4th looking to test possibly in April.
- (3) Axes were ordered for the 2022 retired Firemen, cost was split in half with the Village and the Fire Department.

**Approval of the November 3rd, 2022 Minutes**

Trustee Cody Bonini moved to approve the Minutes from November 3, 2022.

Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

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

*Nays: none*

*Abstain: Meredith Carney*

**Approval of the January 5th, 2023 Minutes**

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to approve the Minutes from January 5th, 2023. Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

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

*Nays: none*

Minutes submitted by Kristen Archambeau, Village of South Range Clerk  
**Street Commissioner Report (Presented by Craig Burkman)**

- Discussed issues with the Sander chain, will need replacing after winter.
- Is waiting on a quote for an end loader.

### **Village President Report:**

Village President George Eakin updated the Council with the following: • Talked with Scott Lampinen (Portage Lake Const.) concerning water meter issues

- Discussed lots owned by the VFW
- Has heard complaints concerning snowmobilers running stop signs and riding on private property
- Talked with Pat Greeley concerning our waterline freeze policy • Stopped by the student rental across from the gas station and talked to them about parking issues and trash/furniture in the yard. Made the suggestion to push back their banks to clear the area for proper parking.
- Asked Council about moving meetings to Wednesdays at 6pm, that day of the week did not work for all.
- Has received some emails from Chris Holmes and Kristy from EGLE concerning the ongoing drainage ditch issue
- (1) letter of interest for the (2) open Trustee positions.

### **Clerk's Report**

- Taxes finished
- Adam's Twp wholesale water rates will be increasing 10 cents per thousand gallons. • Campioni Convenience is no longer a BP. Due to the need for fuel cards, I applied and we were approved. Cards were given to employees on 2/1/2023. I will work on getting the BP Cards canceled.
- A few Residents are currently on the let-run policy. Adams Twp has a new plan in place allowing a 1,500 gallon maximum average allowance for people who run their water. Having such a policy helps to keep people from running too much, which can cause issues with the lagoons.
- Opusweb sent an update last week stating that they are still working on our website to present to us

### **Action Items:**

#### **Council Vacancies**

Trustee Therese Parolini made a motion to accept Greg Harkonen's application for a Trustee position on the Village of South Range Council.

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

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

Minutes submitted by Kristen Archambeau, Village of South Range Clerk

*\*Greg Harkonen took Oath of Office*

**Certificate of Compliance Follow-up**

Trustee Therese Parolini made a motion to accept the addendum that was presented by the Village Clerk, for the address of 63 Second Street, and that it be attached to the Certificate of Compliance that was approved by the Village Council on January 5th, 2023.

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

**Vacant Lot Bid**

**1. Lot 13 Block 6 (59 First Street)**

**Parcel #31-045-106-013-00**

Trustee Therese Parolini made a motion to accept the bid of \$1,025.00, by Craig Hamlin.

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: Greg Harkonen

**2. Lot 20 Block 7 (Baltic Avenue)**

**Parcel #31-045-107-020-00**

Trustee Greg Harkonen made a motion to reject the bids submitted.

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

**Committees**

President George Eakin went over some the new committee positions

**Budget Amendments (2022-23)**

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments for 2022-23. Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

**Abstain: Meredith Carney & Greg Harkonen**

Minutes submitted by Kristen Archambeau, Village of South Range Clerk

### **Preliminary Budget (2023-24)**

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget for 2023-24.  
Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

### **Additions to the Agenda**

Paul Saaranen made a motion to put an ad together to be placed in the newspaper to solicit qualifications for an engineer for the CWRP Application.

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

Nays: none

### **Payment of the Bills**

Trustee Therese Parolini made a motion to pay the bills totalling **\$15,597.31,**  
With **\$10,498.46 in old bills, and \$5,098.85 in new bills.**

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

### **Poll of Trustees**

- Greg Harkonen: would like to dive in and learn more.
- Paul Saaranen: discussed collection boxes at the VFW parking lots.
- Therese Parolini: applying for a grant.

### **Adjournment**

Trustee Cody Bonini moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:14 p.m. Trustee  
Meredith Carney seconded the motion.

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

Nays: none

