

Regular Meeting
Village of South Range

August 3, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Village of South Range was called to order at **6:00 pm** by President George Eakin.

Present: George Eakin, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, Greg Harkonen, Paul Saaranen, Kristen Archambeau (Clerk), Craig Burkman (Street Commissioner)

Absent: Tim Korby & Meredith Carney

Guests: Steve Sabatini & Kody Maki (Public Works)

Recognition of Guests: None

Approval of the July 6, 2023 Minutes

Trustee Cody Bonini moved to approve the Minutes, with the change of wording from *bid policy* to *purchase policy* in the Poll of Trustee section, the change of *Saarinen* to *Saaranen*, as stated by Trustee Paul Saaranen, from July 6, 2023. Trustee Greg Harkonen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Additions to the Agenda

***Trustee Resignation**

Trustee Greg Harkonen with approving additions to the Agenda.

Trustee Cody Bonini supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

Street Commissioner Report (Presented by Craig Burkman)

- Started a Public Works logbook per Council Request from July 6th Regular Meeting.
- Lots of Miss Dig requests, waterline repairs, lagoon maintenance, hydrant flushing etc. Presented the daily work log book.
- Speed bumps were put in place at the park.
- Sign requests completed.
- Siler is planning on doing the roads this month.
- 5th & 6th Street Alley was brushed due to overgrowth.
- Discussed the need to exterior work estimate for Village garage, and the need of a trailer to haul lawn mower to lagoons.

Village President Report:

Village President George Eakin updated the Council with the following:

- President Eakin talked with Sheriff Saaranen at the Canal Run and he mentioned that Adams Township is also interested in hiring a part-time police officer.
- Recently spoke with Karla Aho, she has concerns about future development on the old highway, but is still going forward with the large addition.
- A few weeks back President Eakin brought in his electric floor scrubber, and scrubbed the community hall floor (had a compliment on that today from Tonya Hicks).
- Talked a few times with Chris Holmes concerning the drainage ditch/trout stream.
- Talked with Craig earlier this month concerning the temporary ditching that needs to be done in the 4 th ,5 th ,6 th street alleys
- It's been just over a year since our 3 new public works guys started, we have a fantastic crew!
- Dave from Public Works will soon take the wastewater certification test, Kody & Brandon will soon take the water certification test.
- Emailed Joel Asher from EGLE with compliments on how they have handled their work around town. He was appreciative and he said he would pass it on to his crew.

Clerk's Report

- All Quarterlies were completed.
- The Auditor Barry Gaudette was here for 3 days last week, he will be back at the end of August.
- I am currently working on the physical audit for the MML that comes up every 3 years. Due by the end of August.
- Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension 5 year agreement with AT&T is up for renewal and is listed
- There was an error in our funding from the Local Stabilization Authority in the amount of \$2.31. It will be corrected and added to our payment in the May 2024 payment.

Action Items:

Drainage

- President George Eakin went over a letter that was received from EGLE in regards to the Trout Stream. Discussed UPEA's suggestion of a Hydraulic Test at the cost of \$3,000.00.

Vacant Lot

Trustee Greg Harkonen made a motion to repost the lot located next to the post office for \$7,500.00, and for bids to be in by the next meeting on 9/7/2023.

Trustee Paul Saaranen supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

Metro Act Extension

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to approve the Metro Act.

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Adams Township School District Foundation Donation

Trustee Greg Harkonen made a motion to contribute \$500.00 to the Adams Township School District Foundation, allocated to their General Fund.

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Additions to the Agenda**

Resignation of Trustee

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to accept the resignation of Trustee Meredith Carney, with regret.

Trustee Greg Harkonen supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

Posting of Trustee Position

Trustee Cody Bonini made a motion to post the open Trustee Position until the next Regular Council meeting on 9/7/2023.

Trustee Paul Saaranen supported the motion

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

Nays: None

Hydraulic Test

Trustee Greg Harkonen made a motion to approve the Hydraulic Test for the trout stream, to be completed by UPEA for EGLE.

Trustee Therese Parolini supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

Payment of the Bills

Trustee Greg Harkonen made a motion to pay the bills totalling **\$23,904.88**
With **\$15,568.55 in old bills, and \$8,336.33 in new bills.**

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

*Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Greg Harkonen, Therese Parolini,
& Paul Saaranen.*

Nays: None

Poll of Trustees

Therese Parolini

- Thanked Public Works for painting the step at the museum & picking up garbage per the request of the Copper Range Historical Society.
- Would like new veteran banners up.
- Requested the banners at the ballfield be taken down.
- Discussed the Employee Handbook.
- Would like to make a Policy for Hall Rentals at the next Regular Meeting.

Greg Harkonen

- Expressed his gratitude to Public Works Employees.
- Discussed the Fire Hall Flagpole.

Adjournment

Trustee Paul Saaranen moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Trustee Greg Harkonen seconded the motion.

*Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Greg Harkonen, Therese Parolini,
& Paul Saaranen.*

Nays: None