

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 11th, 2024

6:00pm

AMENDED AND APPROVED 8/1/2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday, July 11th, 2024 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 Bonini, Trustee Parolini, Trustee Korby & Trustee Saaranen. Trustee Harkonen was absent. There were 7 guests in attendance, & 1 guest by zoom. Others Present Village Employee Clerk Archambeau.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- C. Holmes (UPEA) discussed the Village raising rates to qualify for a loan for a new lagoon. He also presented loan options, and discussed having a chance with SLRF funding. He stated some municipalities have an ordinance that state rates go up a certain percentage a year.
- S. Foetisch & P. Foetisch discussed issues with vehicles, ATV's, & dirt bikes on their property, and on the property behind them (privately owned). People are also driving through the drainage ditch and digging it up. S. Foetisch stated he has talked to the Sheriff's Dept., DNR, Lansing, and has a call into Dollar General at their main office. He was told signs would need to be put up stating "No motorized vehicles in drainage area", and inquired about possibly sending out letters.
- S. Sabatini thanked the Village Council for his yard not being a mess from fireworks this year. Inquired about liens on properties for ordinance violations.
- D. Normand inquired about the village gate in Whealkate Estates getting a new lock and chain.

MOTION made by Trustee Saaranen with support from Trustee Marier to approve the June 13, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes as presented.

Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Parolini, & Trustee Marier.

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Korby & Trustee Bonini

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Trustee Saaranen with support from Trustee Marier to approve the June 18, 2024 Public Hearing: Truth in Taxation Minutes as presented. Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Korby, & Trustee Parolini.

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Bonini

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION made by Trustee Saaranen with support from Trustee Parolini to approve the June 18, 2024 Special Meeting as presented. Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Saaranen, Trustee Korby, & Trustee Parolini.

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustee Bonini

MOTION CARRIED.

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Street Commissioner Burkman not present.

Notes from the Public Works Department: Public Works repaired a water line leak at 10 Painesdale, mowed lagoons, changed a few meters, got the town ready for the 4th and cleaned up. Did some blacktop and pothole repairs, met with OHM, & located water shutoffs. They are currently repairing tank hill again in Whealkate, due to erosion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Eakin: Reported that M. Franchi would like to donate items for the Council to hold zoom meetings. President Eakin will check with the attorney if this is allowed. President Eakin would still like to look into a part-time police officer with the Sheriff's Department. President Eakin stated he would like to participate in the next 4th of July committee meeting, as he has some ideas. Discussed ongoing complaints about dirt bikes & four wheelers, also loose dogs have been an issue. President Eakin met with OHM, C. Burkman, & Public Works D. Swetich concerning the lead service grant. Stated the Council needed to give serious thought about a back up plan for Clerk K. Archambeau, as there is nobody currently if something were to happen to her. President Eakin stated D. Pangrazzi did a great job with the flag dedication on the 4th of July, and went over the state mandated ordinance in regards to fireworks.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Archambeau: Completed & Submitted the Annual Consumer Confidence Report, & Quarterly tax reports are almost completed. Informed the council that the auditor will be coming next week. Went over the request from the State of Michigan for a Resolution that involved an up to 5 year plan for the garbage account. The state was able to guide Clerk Archambeau with the process.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the July 2024 bills, if none, asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Motion made by Trustee Saaranen with support from Trustee Korby. Roll call: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

Trustee Marier mad a motion to approve Siler Contracting for their bid to do the (3) selected areas for this year's paving. Trustee Korby supported the motion. VOTE: All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Saaranen, to approve the lower bid for the lead service replacement. VOTE: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Bonini, Trustee Korby, Trustee Marier, & Trustee Saaranen. Nays: Trustee Parolini MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Marier made a MOTION with support from Trustee Saaranen to accept the deficit Resolution as presented by Clerk K. Archambeau. VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

POLL OF TRUSTEES: Trustee Saaranen stated he is appreciative of progress being made. Trustee Parolini inquired about the Clerk's Office hours, as she has had people stating the Clerk is never in. Clerk Archambeau stated she is in the office from 8-2pm (Monday-Thursday), and does errands, bank & post office before, or after those times. Clerk Archambeau stated she works outside the listed hours depending on tasks or requests. Clerk Archambeau stated that if she is in before or after those times, people are more than welcome to come in. Trustee Korby would like to see letters go out about the speed bumps that were pulled out on South Whealkate. Trustee Marier stated he would like to go with the higher rate increase for sewer that was presented by UPEA, & requested to add this to the August Agenda.

With no further business brought before the Council, a MOTION at 8:19PM by Trustee Bonini with support from Trustee Korby. VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Kristen Archambeau, Village of South Range Clerk

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