

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MEETING
May 01, 2025
6:00 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday, May 01, 2025 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 Hill, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Korby, & Trustee Balma. Members absent: Trustee Parolini. There were 4 guests in attendance. Others Present: Public Works Director Burkman.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

B. Garbacz spoke about the idea and interest of having a fishing hole in South Range. He suggested that it would be nice for the public and that he would offer any help that he could. Funding and how to initiate the idea were discussed.

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT (Presented by C. Burkman)

Public Works Director Burkman presented the following updates: Public works received a load of asphalt and began patching potholes throughout South Range. Damaged street signs were also being replaced and repaired from winter damage. Memorial flags for local veterans were delivered and are being placed on street poles within the village. Winter equipment was cleaned and stored away. Summer equipment is out and active. Waste water at the Lagoons is being drained. Street cleaning is currently in effect.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Presented by G. Eakin)

President Eakin discussed local ordinance issues regarding junk in yards at several properties throughout South Range. Several complaints have been filled out and signed by neighboring residents having issues. Community Service help was received and totaled 16 hours with public works. Equipment, sidewalks, and the Community building were cleaned. The hallway leading to the clerk's office was repainted.

CLERK REPORT: (Presented by S. Dorsey)

Clerk Dorsey stated that the ARPA Covid-Relief grant was completed and is finished after four years of reporting. A new software update will be taking place within the office. This software will replace all of our current General Ledger accounts and accounts payable. The office will be closed for a week during the month of May for a full system transfer and update.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the April 2025 bills, none, and asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills. Bills totaling: \$17,422.75, with \$10,422.19 in old bills, and \$7,000.56 in new bills. Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Harkonen, Trustee Hill, Trustee Korby, & Trustee Balma. Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

President Eakin discussed ordinance complaints and addressed issues with enforcing them. It was decided to move forward with warning letters and later addressing further actions.

Trustee Balma made a motion to approve the application for, and certificate of, zoning compliance presented by Roger Strack involving the reconstruction of an apartment building replacing Tina's Katalina Motel. Trustee Korby seconded the motion.

Conflicts regarding who gets first use of the baseball fields was discussed. Portage little league and Jeffers High School have been having a conflict of schedules for practices and games. It was determined that our council does not have much say in the matter and that they should discuss ways amongst themselves to work together on the matter.

Trustee Marier motioned to approve the KCI Tax Bill Printing. Trustee Hill seconded the motion.

Wages regarding the clerks position were discussed. \$23.50 was negotiated and motioned by Trustee Marier and seconded by Trustee Balma. A new credit card for the clerk was motioned by Trustee Marier and seconded by Trustee Harkonen.

With no further business brought before the Council, a MOTION to adjourn at 7:11 PM by Trustee Marier with support from Trustee Hill was voted. VOTE: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Steven Dorsey, Village of South Range Clerk