

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MEETING
September 04, 2025
6:00 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday September 04, 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 Parolini, & Trustee Balma. There were 3 guests in attendance. Others Present: Street Commissioner Burkman and Clerk Dorsey.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was not a public hearing for this meeting.

MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of meeting minutes for August 07, 2025 were put on hold until October 02, 2025.

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT (Presented by Public Works Director C. Burkman)

Public Works Director C. Burkman stated that public works was in the process of transferring water in the waste water lagoons between ponds 1, 2, and 3. Public works is getting ready to discharge the waste water. Discharge will take place during the months of October, November, and December. A new gate was installed to prevent trespassing near the seventh street alley going towards the snowmobile trail. This was in relation to the complaints received of people causing problems in vehicles and atvs. Furthermore, the drainage ditch located near the gate received maintenance and was fixed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President G. Eakin stated that EGLE was doing some testing throughout the town. G. Eakin further stated that he had met with home owners regarding the complaints of vehicles and atvs causing problems near 7th street. G. Eakin then met with C. Burkman and J. Burkar regarding the installation of a new gate to block off trespassers. It was determined the gate would be installed right away. G. Eakin further discussed wanting to talk with A. Turner to discuss future housing projects in Whealkate Estates. Lastly, president Eakin spoke with Calumet to discuss a future auditor for the Village of South Range.

CLERK REPORT:

A Clerk report was skipped at this meeting.

FIRE REPORT: (Presented by Chief Balma)

Chief Balma stated that the firemen's monthly meeting will be taking place on September 08, 2025. It was stated that Houghton and South Range will be partnering together if needed for future fires. Houghton will be coming to South Range on September 16th, 2025 to do some testing with water and Houghton's fire truck. Chief Balma also discussed a recent grant that the department had applied for but did not receive. Lastly, there was a discussion of a new fire hall for the future. Blue prints of a current fire hall were reviewed and locations were discussed.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the August 2025 bills. Trustee Parolini motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Trustee Balma for bills totaling \$41,091.48 in new bills.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

The baseball fields in South Range were discussed. Clerk Dorsey stated that he had talked to the VFW and would need something in writing from the Village council members to present to the VFW members. It was discussed by the VFW that leasing might be a better option rather than purchasing during this time. An offer will need to be pursued for the next meeting.

The zoning issues in the alley between trimountain street and stanton avenue involving a fence structure remained undetermined. It was suggested that the fence stay in place and snow removal and dumping remains the same.

Chris L. Holmes with Upper Peninsula Engineering and Architecture presented a final payment for the Whealkate Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Chris offered the council to vote on a price change of \$8,222.51 lesser. This brings the current payment from \$155,051.50 to \$146,858.99. Trustee Marier motioned to approve the change, seconded by Trustee Balma. VOTE: All ayes.

Chris L. Holmes further asked to vote on paying Bacco Construction Company \$139,516.04 of the \$146,858.99 for the Whealkate Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Trustee Marier motioned to approve the payment, seconded by trustee Parolini. VOTE: All ayes.

Trustee Marier asked Chris L. Holmes when construction of the South Range waste water lagoon will begin. C. Holmes stated that it would possibly be starting in the summer of 2026. Ways of eliminating sludge within the current lagoons were considered a low possibility, due to the fact that it has not worked well for others in the past.

With no further business brought before the Council, Trustee Balma moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:12PM with support from Trustee Parolini. VOTE: All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED - Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Steven Dorsey, Village of South Range Clerk