

Regular Meeting
Village of South Range

April 4th, 2024

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

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

Absent: Tim Korby

Guests: Matt Lantz, Dave Normand, Glenn Anderson, & Mike Markham (OHM)

Recognition of Guests:

Matt Lantz

-Discussed his plans of building within 2 years on his lot in Whealkate Estates. He will keep the Council updated.

Mike Markham

-Went over what needs to be completed in Whealkate for paving.

-Discussed the need of temporary easements for (3) lots for about a year to assist with the drainage project.

-Lead Service Replacement Grant was approved for \$187,650.00 to assist with completing CDMI.

Approval of the March 7, 2024 Minutes

Trustee Justin Marier moved to approve the Minutes from March 7, 2024 with changes.

Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

Street Commissioner Report

- Painting of Council Chambers
- Snow plowing
- Patched holes
- Will be isolating the ponds for discharge tomorrow
- Replaced a couple meters
- No update on loader
- Pump for lift station was ordered, cost was \$11,500 plus shipping

Village President Report:

Village President George Eakin updated the Council with the following:

- President Eakin requested that all Council wait until reports are read prior to asking questions. President Eakin will try to keep the meetings running a bit more smoothly, and would appreciate some help with that.

- The site visit with EGLE for the (trout stream) was moved from the original date of 3/18 to 4/16 due to recent snowfall. Chris Holmes & John Pekkala will also plan to attend.
- EGLE earlier this week were checking on their monitoring wells on Second St.
- There is potential development this building season at the old gas station on main street.
- President Eakin met with two employees from OHM (Mike & Travis) along with Craig & Dave from Village Public Works last Friday to discuss a paving bid, alleyway drainage & the lead pipe replacement. Concerning paving Pastore Drive, it will be widened, currently 5' under the 24' that the other roads are.
- Our Public Works guys are doing a very nice job painting the Council Chambers. President Eakin recommended we look at new flooring.
- President Eakin had a few ideas on changes for the community survey.
- The Ordinance pertaining to the trustee & president raises was posted in the Gazette on 3/21/24. It will take effect on 4/30/24.
- President Eakin was disappointed as he forgot to ask for retroactive pay for the recent raises for Public Works & the Clerk. The Village is very fortunate to have the crew they have including the Clerk. We all know raises are appreciated, but more importantly appreciation is just as important. He can't stress that enough.
- Recently President Eakin started reading the MML Handbook, saying he should have started that long ago. He suggested all new trustees should read it as well.
- President Eakin would like to ask everyone to either read meeting information at home that's been emailed, or come ahead of time to do so. He is hoping to shorten the meetings and hopefully be productive at the same time. He stated he appreciates all the Council does as well.
- Would like the Council to consider new signage for the front of the Community Hall.
- President Eakin will be re-running for his seat.

Clerk's Report

- The Village has 4 CD's coming up (3) on 4/8/2024 & (1) on 4/12/2024. They will need to be added to the Agenda. Rates from Miners and Superior National were provided by the Clerk. Miners has suggested putting the Whealkate Paving CD into a 3 month CD.
- Treasurer Resolution for an increase in pay of \$25 needs to be added to the Agenda.
- Quarterly Taxes: quarterly taxes have been completed and mailed out.
- All USDA fiscal paperwork was completed before the deadline and submitted.

Action Items:

Drainage Construction

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve to put drainage construction for Fifth & Sixth Street out on bids as proposed by OHM.

Trustee Greg Harkonen supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

Whealkate Lot

*No Action

Whealkate Paving

*No Action: Tabled for the May 2, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Certificate of Compliance

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve Certificate of Compliance for Linda Cramer with the understanding of easement of utilities.

Trustee Paul Saaranen supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

4th of July Donation

Trustee Cody Bonini made a motion to donate \$2,500.00 to the 4th of July Committee.

Trustee Justin Marier seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

Adams Township First Responders Donation

Trustee Greg Harkonen made a motion to donate \$2,500.00 to the Adams Township First Responders.

Trustee Justin Marier supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

Assistant Public Works Director Position

*No Action: Tabled for the May 2, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Additions to the Agenda

Personnel Committee

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to form a Personnel Committee, with Committee Members being Greg Harkonen, Tim Korby, and Therese Parolini.

Trustee Cody Bonini supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

Beautification

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve \$1,500.00 for beautification.

Trustee Greg Harkonen supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

Community Hall Flag

*President Eakin will talk to Street Commissioner Craig Burkman about ordering a light for the flag at night.

CD Renewal

Equipment CD

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion for the renewal of the Equipment CD for the term of 11 months at a rate of 5.11% APY with Miners Bank.

Trustee Paul Saaranen supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

Whealkate Paving CD

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion for the renewal of the Whealkate CD for the term of 3 months at a rate of 4.05% APY with Miners Bank.

Trustee Paul Saaranen supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

CD 2 (General: Unallocated)

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion for the renewal of the Unallocated CD 2 for the term of 11 months at a rate of 5.11% APY with Miners Bank.

Trustee Paul Saaranen supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

CD 3 (General: Unallocated)

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion for the renewal of the Unallocated CD 3 for the term of 11 months at a rate of 5.11% APY with Miners Bank.

Trustee Paul Saaranen supported the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

Treasurer Resolution

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve the Treasurer Resolution with the signatures of the Village President and Village Clerk.

Trustee Greg Harkonen seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

Payment of the Bills

Trustee Paul Saaranen made a motion to pay the bills totalling **\$44,677.29**, With **\$42,099.64 in old bills, and \$2,577.65 in new bills.**

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**

Poll of Trustees

Greg Harkonen

-Discussed issues with 4-wheelers in Whealkate

Justin Marier

-Thanked OHM for all they have done

Cody Bonini

-Gave Fire Dept. updates

Adjournment

Trustee Paul Saaranen moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

***Motion Carried**