

Regular Meeting

Village of South Range

June 2, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Village of South Range was called to order at **6:30 P.M.** by President George Eakin.

Present:

George Eakin, Paul Saaranen, Justin Marier, Kerry Jutila, Therese Parolini, Cody Bonini, & Kristen Archambeau

Absent:

Craig Burkman: Street Commissioner

Guests:

- Don Cline: Adams Twp. Public Works
- Chris Holmes: UPEA
- Mike Balma: VOSR Fire Chief
- Karla Aho
- Jim Aho
- Glenn Anderson
- Al Henderson (Mueller Co.)
- Steve Sabatini

Recognition of Guests:

- **Al Henderson-Mueller:**
 - Discussed the cost and advantages of upgraded water meters.
- **Chris Holmes:**
 - Started on surveying trout stream
 - Discussed 4th, 5th & 6th Street Project
 - Monitoring Wells: May need 1 more well
 - Lagoon: Will be checking to see if SRF funds are available
- **Chris Holmes & Don Cline:**
 - Discussed Land Acquisition for new water tank
 - Council will discuss at the next meeting
- **Mike Balma**
 - Informed Council that Don Cline retired from the Fire Department after 34 years of service.
 - Currently at 17 Fireman
 - Copper Country Fireman Tournament is in Houghton June 25, 2022.
- **Karla Aho**
 - Land inquiry: will need to find out if landlocked or if there is accessibility

Approval of the May 5, 2022 Minutes

Trustee Justin Marier moved to approve the Minutes from May 5, 2022. Trustee Kerry Jutila seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, Therese Parolini, Kerry Jutila, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: None

Street Commissioner Report (Presented by Village President George Eakin)

- The Village Loader is the most used piece of equipment, and may need to get replaced at some point.
- 6th Street water work should begin June 13th, 2022 for Portage Lake Construction.
- Scott Lampinen (Portage Lake Construction) will need to submit an amended plan and costs.
- Public Works Vacancies

Village President Report:

Village President George Eakin updated the Council with the following:

- Portage Lake Little League pays for the porta pots at the ball fields
- Sewer needs repair at Community Hall

Clerk's Report

- Farmer's Market went well
- New online water/sewer portal started June 1.
- Consumer Confidence Report is coming up and due July 1.

Additions to the Agenda:

- Village employee pay
- 4th of July T-Shirt Sponsorship
- Fireman Annual Stipend

Action Items:

Village Employee Pay Scale

Trustee Kerry Jutila made a motion to update the current full-time pay scale as follows:

Maintenance: Base: No CDL: \$20/hr, with CDL: base+\$2.00/hr, +\$1.50/hr for attaining wastewater license, & +\$1.50/hr for attaining water license.

Supervisor: Base: \$23/hr, with CDL: +\$2.00/hr, +\$1.50/hr for attaining wastewater license, & +\$1.50/hr for attaining water license, with \$28/hr. Maximum. Clerk: \$22/hr.

Trustee Justin Marier seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, Therese Parolini, Kerry Jutila, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: None

Public Works Positions

Trustee Kerry Jutila made a motion to re-posting the Public Works Positions adding pay rate in the ad. Trustee Justin Marier seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, Therese Parolini, Kerry Jutila, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: None

4th of July Donation

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to donate \$1,200.00 to the South Range 4th of July Committee. Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, Kerry Jutila, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: None

Abstain: Therese Parolini

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve the T-shirt sponsorship for the 4th of July committee T-shirts in the amount of \$125.00. Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, Kerry Jutila, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: None

Abstain: Therese Parolini

Fireman Stipend

Trustee Justin Marier made a motion to approve this year's Fireman Stipend. Trustee Paul Saaranen seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Justin Marier, Therese Parolini, Kerry Jutila, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: None

Abstain: Cody Bonini

Payment of the Bills

Trustee Therese Parolini made a motion to approve the payment of the bills from: **May 6, 2022- June 2, 2022**. Old bills totaling: \$10,266.99, and with New Bills totaling: \$6,016.82, with a total of bills: \$16,283.81 .

Trustee Cody Bonini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, Therese Parolini, Kerry Jutila, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: None

Poll of Trustees

- **George Eakin**
 - John Beck who served on the Village Council passed away.
- **Therese Parolini**
 - 4th of July Committee with need barricades by the pub
 - Needs flower pots taken out to plant for the Village
 - Would like Fred's Auto Repair to clean up their lot prior to the 4th.
 - Campers on Baltic Ave.
- **Paul**
 - Would like to see compensation package linked to annual reviews
 - Discussed writing grants
- **Kerry**
 - Discussed list of items that need to be taken care of
- **Justin**
 - Discussed the new meters by Mueller would be nice, but other items are not yet resolved

Adjournment

Trustee Kerry Jutila moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:38 p.m. Trustee Therese Parolini seconded the motion.

Yeas: George Eakin, Cody Bonini, Justin Marier, Therese Parolini, Kerry Jutila, & Paul Saaranen

Nays: None

