

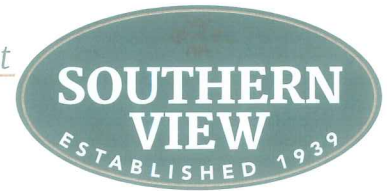
Village of Southern View

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Southern View President and Board of Trustees Agenda for the Regular Monthly Meeting



Tuesday / April 25, 2023 / 6:00 p.m.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Mike Patsche, Village President
- 2) ROLL CALL: Greg Bourland, Trustee
Nate Briggs, Trustee
Robert Eskew, Trustee
Bill Haines, Trustee
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee
Jack Pierce, Trustee
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mike Patsche, Village President
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approve March 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 5) BILLS TO BE PAID: Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 4/25/2023
- 6) APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT: Approve March 2023 Treasurer's Report
- 7) CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:
- 8) OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: a) Discussion and Approval of the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property
- 9) NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
 - a) Discussion and Approval of Resolution 23-04-01 A Resolution Approving Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
 - b) Discussion and Approval to Send the Allowing Chickens in the Village of Southern View to the Village of Southern View Zoning Board
 - c) Discussion and Approval of an Increase of the Hourly Rate for Craven & Craven for FY 2024
 - d) Discussion and Approval of the Increase of Hourly Rate for Sergeant Roy Maki
 - e) Discussion and Approval of Replacing a Village Computer and Monitor in the Village Office by Matrix Systems Group
 - f) Discussion and Approval of the Purchase of 2 Tasers at \$600.00 each
 - g) General Business Discussion

President's Comments-

- 10) EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 - a) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee or Legal Counsel for the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))
 - b) Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under the Open Meetings Act for Purposes of Approval by the Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21))
 - c) Discussion Relating to IDOT Condemnation of Village Property (5 ILCS Exemption 2(c)(6))

Return from Executive Session--may take action on the items discussed in Executive Session

11) ADJOURNMENT:

Any subject matter placed on the agenda, regardless of how the matter is stated on the agenda or where it is placed, may be acted upon by the President and Board of Trustees.

Posted: April 23, 2023 1:30 p.m.



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the
Village of Southern View Board

CALL TO ORDER: The President and the Board of Trustees held the regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at the Southern View Municipal Building, 3410 South Fifth Street, Southern View, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Trustee LaRussa, followed by Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

Greg Bourland, Trustee of Building Permits
Nate Briggs, Trustee of Economic Development
Robert Eskew, Trustee of Health & Safety
Bill Haines, Trustee of Parks
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee of Public Relations
Jack Pierce, Trustee of Public Works

Also Present:

Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer & Clerk
Don Craven, Attorney by phone

Absent:

Mike Patsche, Village President

Trustee LaRussa stated that President Patsche had a family emergency and is unable to attend the meeting.

Motion to allow Trustee LaRussa as President pro tem to preside over the meeting in President Patsche absence by Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Haines

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE, except Trustee LaRussa voted present;

MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Trustee LaRussa asked whether the Board had reviewed the March 28, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. Trustee LaRussa stated after hearing none, the March 28, 2023, minutes stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the March 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes as presented by: Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: Trustee LaRussa asked whether the board had reviewed the April 25, 2023, Bills to be Paid, and whether there were any changes, corrections, or amendments. Trustee LaRussa asked for a motion to approve the bills as presented.

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid for April 25, 2023, as presented by
Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Bourland
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER REPORTS: Trustee LaRussa asked whether the Board had reviewed the March 2023 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche said hearing none, the March 2023 Treasurer Report stand approved as submitted.

Motion to approve the March 2023 Treasurer Report as presented by:
Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE
MOTION PASSES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dale LaRocca addressed the Board and asked about the drainage in Southern View around the 3100 block of 1st street. He has dug out and raked around 3100, 3110 and 3116 ditches and culverts and water still stands there it does not drain, he feels it is backed up and has the wrong pitch. Trustee Pierce stated that the area has not been jetted or dug out yet. Mr. LaRocca stated that there is also a pest problem, with raccoons that are living in the tile, and someone is feeding feral cats on 2nd street which is feeding the raccoons. Mr. LaRocca stated he is opposed to burning and he asked if the Village is issuing penalties to residents that are burning on non-burn days? Trustee Pierce stated that there is a protocol in place, if someone is burning contact the Police Department and they will go by and issue a warning then if they burn again, they are issued a fine.

Tim Furhmann asked if anyone has talked to the Klekamps regarding their property? Tim stated Spring is here and there is high grass and there has been no effort to clean it up. Tim also stated that Mr. Woodrum is still interested in purchasing the property. Trustee Eskew stated he has been in contact with the Klekamp family regarding the property and has given them 30 days to inform Trustee Eskew what they have decided with the property.

Rick Hagen asked if the balance the Village has in their account that was just approved. Treasurer Cave read off the total in each of the Village's accounts, INB General \$983,604.78, BOS General \$394,450.04, MFT \$316,492.19, TIF \$447,049.77, Police DUI Fund \$16,562.54, Police Vehicle Fund \$365.74, Forfeiture Fund \$12,443.20, Tourism Fund \$61,196.69, Friends of Southern View Park \$5,835.39, and Friends of Southern View Police \$995.00.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: Trustee LaRussa stated to table the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: Trustee LaRussa asked for discussion and approval of Resolution 23-04-01 A Resolution Approving Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Attorney Craven stated that this is an intergovernmental agreement with other communities for a plan for a natural hazard disaster. Trustee Haines stated we need the plan in order to receive federal funds. Trustee Eskew stated the final plan will be given to the Village once it is approved by FEMA. Treasurer Cave stated that the draft has been on the website for review since late January of 2023.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-04-01 A Resolution Approving Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan by Trustee Pierce and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE, except for Trustee Bourland who voted NO;

MOTION PASSES.

Trustee LaRussa asked for discussion and approval of sending the Allowing of Chickens in the Village of Southern View to the Village of Southern View Zoning Board. Trustee LaRussa stated the Village has received interest from residents regarding allowing chickens in the Village as an option. Nora Petrosky asked why you are sending it to the Zoning Board when it is nuisance like a dog or a cat that the Board should act on it not the Zoning Board. Attorney Craven stated that the Village would send it to the Zoning Board to hear the different options and propose to the Village several variations on if they allow chickens what will be required. The Zoning Board would give a recommendation to the Village Board one way or another if chickens. The Village Board is not making any recommendations to allow chickens or not allow chickens, we are asking the Zoning Board to hold a public hearing to discuss and make a recommendation to the Village Board. Rick Hagen stated he feels it should go to the Zoning Board. Elizabeth Richbark asked that there would be sufficient time between the zoning board and the regular meeting to allow time for the Trustees to make an informed decision. Jill Briggs addressed the Board on various villages in Sangamon County she has reached out to on the allowing of chickens.

Motion to approve Sending the Allowing of Chickens in the Village of Southern View to the Village of Southern View Zoning Board, by Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

Trustee LaRussa asked for discussion and approval of the Increase of the Hourly Rate for Craven & Craven for FY 2024. Attorney Craven stated that he currently charges \$210.00 pr hour and he would like to increase the charge \$225.00 effective June 1, 2023.

Motion to approve the Increase of the Hourly Rate for Craven & Craven for FY 2024 by Trustee Pierce and 2nd by Trustee Bourland

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

Trustee LaRussa asked for discussion and approval of the Increase of the Hourly Rate for Sergeant Roy Maki. Attorney Craven stated that Sergeant Maki was promoted to Sergeant Maki the Board did not discuss the hourly rate. Trustee LaRussa stated currently he is making \$22.00 per hour and the proposal is he goes up to \$24.00 per hour as the previous Sergeant was earning at the time of his employment.

Motion to approve the Increase of the Hourly Rate for Sergeant Roy Maki to \$24.00 per hour retroactive to December 16, 2022, by Trustee Pierce and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

Trustee LaRussa asked for discussion and approval of the Replacing a Village Computer and Monitor in the Village Office by Matrix Systems Group. Trustee LaRussa stated that the computer is slow and is still windows 7. Trustee Bourland asked Trustee Briggs what he thinks? Trustee Briggs thinks it is a reasonable quote. Total costs for the computer, monitor and install and configure the computer is \$1,652.81. The computer would be a Dell OptiPlex microcore 15 with windows 11. Resident Mike Tavernor asked why the Village does not purchase a laptop instead of a computer that isn't that important at this time. Resident Betsy Richbark stated that she feels the Village needs a database for letters that are sent out with dates that allow Trustees to verify when letters get sent out to residents.

Motion to approve the Purchase of a Village Computer and Monitor for the Village Office for \$1,652.81 by Trustee Haines and 2nd by Trustee Pierce

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

Trustee LaRussa asked for discussion and approval of the Purchase of 2 Tasers at \$600.00 each for the Police Department. Chief Wiese stated we had purchased 2 Tasers that are refurbished, and they are a good product and he would like to purchase 2 more out of the DUI Fund.

Motion to approve the Purchase of 2 Tasers at \$600.00 each for the Police Department by Trustee Pierce and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

Rick Allen asked if a permit was issued to the Route 66 Diner for the fencing they put up at the hotel? Trustee LaRussa stated that President Patsche issues the Commercial Permits, and we would check on the status. Rick asked so the President ok'd the permit. Trustee LaRussa stated she will verify that and get back to you.

Trustee LaRussa wanted to thank Trustee Eskew and the Public Works Department for all the help on the Easter Egg Hunt that was moved into the Village Hall due to the cold and wind. We had a planting session along with the Easter Egg Hunt and it was a great success. The Easter Bunny was also present for pictures with the kiddos.

The Village Spring Picnic will be on Saturday May 20, 2023, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Trustee LaRussa stated that local businesses will be sponsoring and providing the lunch, we will have the bags set, planting session and we are asking for non-perishable food or hygiene items for the pantry. Hopefully we will collect a lot to allow for many trips to the pantry. Nora Petrosky asked how much money the Village will be giving to Trustee LaRussa to put on the picnic? The Village has plenty of money to spend, Trustee LaRussa stated the Village will provide the water and juice for the kids and residents will bring desserts. Trustee LaRussa stated she is frugal and does keep the decorations to use for year to year and she has received donations. Trustee LaRussa stated that Easter is her biggest event costs in the year with the price

of candy. Nora stated that the Village has plenty of money to spend on more extravagant events and that the events are too cheap. Trustee LaRussa stated that she does not know what she means by that as she takes great pride in the events that are put on by the Village. Marci Haines stated that the events are just now getting back into the swing of things since COVID. Having extravagant events are not necessary, Trustee LaRussa continued stated that she does not spend a lot because it is not necessary, she does not believe to spend funds on gold everything. She takes great pride in the residents and our events. Trustee LaRussa would like cooking classes and sewing classes and she would like to provide them for the residents of the Village and it does not mean spending money for it.

Cindy Tavernor asked why the Village only gave \$100 towards the Elvis Sponsorship when the Village has so much money in Tourism? Trustee LaRussa stated that is what the Hotel asked for the sponsorship.

Anna Berkley reminded that the Block Captains are meeting on May 2, 2023, at 6:30pm at the Village Hall. If anyone would like to become a block captain, please feel free to attend the meeting and learn about it. Trustee LaRussa stated that she would like to volunteer for any events.

Nora Petrosky also stated that it has been 4 years since a road project was done, there is plenty of money in the till to spend on the roads. Trustee LaRussa asked residents if you could go back into their headspace and go back to 2019 before COVID and how our lives have changed since then.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Attorney Craven asked for a motion to close the meeting at 6:59 pm. The motion was made by Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee LaRussa.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: May 23, 2023