



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

Tuesday / December 19, 2023 / 6:00 p.m.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Mike Patsche, Village President
- 2) ROLL CALL: Nate Briggs, Trustee
Robert Eskew, Trustee
Bill Haines, Trustee
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee
Betsy Richbark, Trustee
Mike Tavernor, Trustee
- 3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mike Patsche, Village President
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approve November 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Approve November 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- 5) BILLS TO BE PAID: Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 12/19/2023
- 6) APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT: Approve November 2023 Treasurer's Report
- 7) CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:
- 8) POLICE REPORT: Police Department Report for November 2023
- 9) OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
 - a) Discussion and Approval of the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property
 - b) Discussion and Approval of the Enterprise Lease for Fleet Vehicles
- 10) NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
 - a) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 23-12-01 An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2024
 - b) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 23-12-02 An Ordinance Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the Village of Southern View
 - c) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 23-12-03 An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Southern View Neighborhood Watch
 - d) Discussion and Approval of Public Works Employee Raises
 - e) General Business Discussion

President's Comments-

11) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

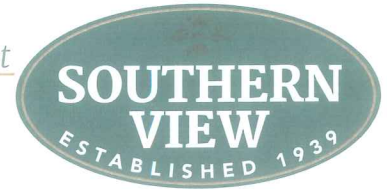
- a) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee or Legal Counsel for the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))
- b) Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under the Open Meetings Act for Purposes of Approval by the Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21))
- 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

12) 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: December 15, 2023 6:30 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, December 19, 2023, at the Southern View Municipal Building, 3410 South Fifth Street, Southern View, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Patsche, followed by Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following were present:

Nate Briggs, Trustee of Economic Development
Robert Eskew, Trustee of Building Permits
Bill Haines, Trustee of Parks
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee of Public Relations
Betsy Richbark, Trustee of Health & Safety
Mike Tavernor, Trustee of Grants, Business Development

Also Present:
Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer & Clerk

Absent:
Don Craven, Attorney

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

Motion to approve the November 28, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by: Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the November 30, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. Trustee Briggs asked for a sentence be removed from the minutes. President Patsche stated after hearing from Trustee Briggs, the November 30, 2023, special minutes stand approved as amended.

Motion to approve the November 30, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes as amended by: Trustee Briggs and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: President Patsche asked whether the board had reviewed the December 19, 2023, Bills to be Paid, and whether there were any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche stated there were quite a few additions to the bills in front of everyone. Trustee Tavernor asked why the Public Works department does not do their own maintenance on the trucks or the equipment. President Patsche stated he prefers a certified professional do all the maintenance to ensure it is done correctly. Trustee Haines stated that they can not change the oil as there is no drain in the Public Works nor water source. Trustee Eskew stated that he has reached out to Jason at CWLP to discuss the amount of water usage in the Park. President Patsche asked for a motion to approve the bills as amended.

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid for December 19, 2023, as amended by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Maki addressed the Board on the department report for November of 2023. The Police Department answered 195 service calls, 1 traffic accident, 23 traffic tickets, 22 warnings, and there are 17 vacant homes in the Village. The Police Department is investigating several storage unit thefts 3 units just in the last week and are finishing the final review from the murder/suicide in November. Chief Maki stated that this Saturday they will be delivering meals for 15 people and providing meals and toys for 4 separate families. Chief Maki stated he is evaluating the IDOT hireback program and seems to have renewed interest from the officers and will make a determination in February of 2024 on if the program will continue. Chief Maki also reported that all the officers in the department are completing their qualifications and will be federal and state certified. President Patsche asked where they are training, are they using our facility? Lieutenant Bridges stated that they train anywhere they can. Chief Maki Training will continue to ensure our officers are prepared. Chief Maki stated they just had their active shooter training and was a great training session for our officers and will be setting up another one in the near future. Chief Maki praised Lieutenant Bridges on his knowledge and training program.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property. President Patsche stated they are still working on a date for the meeting with himself, Kevin Kuhn, and Attorney Craven. President Patsche asked to table this till the next agenda.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Enterprise Lease. Trustee Eskew asked to table this discussion till the next meeting. Trustee Tavernor seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Ordinance 23-12-01 an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2024. President Patsche stated that this is a yearly ordinance that allows the Village to levy the property taxes on all property in the village.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-12-01 an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2024 by Trustee Tavernor and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Ordinance 23-12-02 An Ordinance Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the Village of Southern View. Clerk Cave stated that this is something that the general assembly has passed to allow part time employees to earn 40 hours of paid leave. Illinois Municipal League has been asking for an exemption on municipalities but it has not been heard and the Village will need something in place prior to January 1st. This ordinance allows the Board to offer paid time off to all employees starting in June 2024. Following discussion, the Board could modify this prior to June.

Motion to approve the Ordinance 23-12-02 An Ordinance Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the Village of Southern View by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Haines

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Ordinance 23-12-03 An Ordinance Approving the Agreement with Southern View Neighborhood Watch. President Patsche asked Trustee Eskew to explain. Trustee Eskew allowed Chris Baughman to speak to the Board regarding the agreement. Chris stated that the Southern View Neighborhood Watch is registered with the Secretary of State and has their own FEIN number and will file for 501c3 tax exempt in the beginning of 2024. Southern View Neighborhood Watch is about crime prevention and community involvement. Southern View Neighborhood Watch has sponsored several events since August of 2023 and have proven success with each event, Cookies with Santa, Weiner Roasts, Trunk or Treat and National Night Out. Cyndi Tavernor stated the amount requested from the Village of Southern View is \$1,500.00 and the balance of the donations of \$376.26 that was collected in August for Neighborhood Watch signage, stickers for residents home and future events for this fiscal year. Southern View Neighborhood Watch will provide the Village Board with quarterly reports showing breakdowns of income and expenses. Cyndi asked for the agreement to be passed by the Board. Trustee Haines asked if this would be for Southern View only? Cyndi stated that they passed flyers out to Southern View School to get the word out. Marci Haines stated that she didn't feel that it should be for only Southern View residents. Cyndi stated we have two blocks that are in the City that are very involved in Southern View. Trustee Tavernor stated that National Night Out food was donated. Trustee Eskew stated he was the one that passed the flyers to the school. Brayden Mayberry stated that he promotes the events on social media. Cyndi Tavernor stated she wants to move forward and not bring up the past. Residents are wanting more events. Trustee Richbark asked if every year Southern View Neighborhood Watch will come to the Board for more money. Trustee LaRussa asked which line item the amount would come from? Treasurer Cave stated that typically anything with Neighborhood Watch would come out of 623 designated for them. President Patsche stated that number 7 of the agreement allows Neighborhood Watch to come to the Board for extra funding in \$500 increments. Trustee LaRussa stated that this is a contract using tax payers money. Trustee LaRussa stated she would like the Southern View Neighborhood Watch to come to the Board and ask for funds for their

events as they come up. Trustee LaRussa stated that the village funds need to stay within the Village. Trustee Eskew stated that when the gentlemen came in and asked for a donation for his musical event we shouldn't have given it to him? Trustee LaRussa stated that is different those are tourism funds this is tax payers dollars. Trustee Eskew stated no it is the same, it is all tax payers dollars, this is a donation to the Neighborhood Watch. Cyndi Tavernor stated that the goal is Southern View Neighborhood Watch, Southern View Board and the residents work together. Trustee LaRussa stated that she remembered that the Southern View Neighborhood Watch didn't want to be affiliated with the Board. Cyndi stated no that is not what was stated, we want to work together, Cyndi also stated that the last 3 years residents have not wanted to participate with the events. President Patsche stated this is enough, take your turn to speak, we are not in grade school. Trustee Briggs asked where the figure of \$1,500 came up from? President Patsche stated that in our appropriation we had put \$3,000 for this line item. Chris Baughman stated that historically the Village has appropriated that amount. Treasurer Cave stated there is \$2,000 in line item 540. Trustee Tavernor made the motion to approve and Trustee Eskew 2nd the motion. Trustee LaRussa made a motion to terminate the ordinance. President Patsche stated we have a motion and a 2nd to approve. Trustee LaRussa stated she did not hear any motion or 2nd. President Patsche stated he has heard it. Trustee Briggs asked what line item will the amount come from? Treasurer Cave stated that \$2,000 for special events and 623 line item for Neighborhood Watch would be \$3,000. Treasurer Cave stated that this would come out of line item 623.

Motion to approve the Ordinance 23-12-03 An Ordinance Approving the Agreement with Southern View Neighborhood Watch by Trustee Tavernor and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

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

MOTION PASSES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Trustee Richbark to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)); minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act for purposes of approval by the Body (5ILCS 120/2(c)(21); Trustee Eskew seconded the motion.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:01 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:34 pm.

Trustee LaRussa left the meeting at 7:04 pm.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Public Works Employee Raises.

Motion to approve the approval of Employees of Public Works Raises by Trustee Haines and there was no 2nd

MOTION FAILED.

Trustee Briggs stated that the Christmas Lights are brightening up the Village.

Trustee Tavernor stated that he has been investigating different options for the Police cars.

Clerk Cave stated that the codification has been complete. If you would like to take home a book you are able to but when you sever your Trustee position, the book will have to be returned. Trustees will need to add ordinances that are provided to them in their packet into the book. Clerk Cave will not come to your home to add the ordinance to your book. This is your responsibility. Each ordinance that is passed will be provided to American Legal every 6 months that will be updated to the online code. The code is online and is on the website. President Patsche asked if it would be possible to give a copy of the signed ordinance to each Trustee when it is passed. Clerk Cave stated that we would be using a lot more paper as the Trustees receive the ordinance in their packet and then I would be providing another signed copy after the meeting. Clerk Cave will provide double sided signed ordinances and put them in your individual mailboxes.

Trustee Haines stated that for Neighborhood Watch they need to announce to people do not follow people to get information for example on a hit and run. We need to make sure that residents are aware.

Trustee Richbark stated that she appreciates the post that Chief Maki made on turning on their porch lights. Chief Maki is looking for another program to help seniors and residents with led bulbs.

Trustee Eskew stated he has issued 3 building permits at Bree's Beans next to Jamies Route 66. The last Southern View Neighborhood Watch meeting Trustee Eskew had Lieutenant Towsley speak to our residents about issues within the Village.

Cyndi Tavernor stated that she needs President Patsche to determine the Presidents award for the Christmas Light Contest. Cyndi asked for President Patsche to let her know tomorrow night who he chooses. Signs will be put out on Saturday December 23, 2023. Residents will receive the sign and a gift card for all winners.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Patsche asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:47 pm. Motion was made by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: January 23, 2024