



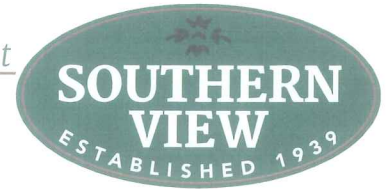
**Southern View President and Board of Trustees  
Agenda for the Regular Monthly Meeting**  
Trustees present in person or via zoom. Citizens can be present by zoom only  
Invitation on [www.Southernview.us](http://www.Southernview.us)

**Tuesday / January 26, 2021 / 6:00 p.m.**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mike Patsche, Village President
  - 2) **ROLL CALL:**
    - Greg Bourland, Trustee
    - Bill Haines, Trustee
    - Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee
    - John McLaughlin, Trustee
    - Jack Pierce, Trustee
  - 3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mike Patsche, Village President
  - 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approve December 22, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - 5) **BILLS TO BE PAID:** Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 1/26/2021
  - 6) **APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT:** Approve December 2020 Treasurer's Report
  - 7) **CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**
  - 8) **APPROVAL OF AN APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE TO FILL THE OPEN SEAT ON THE BOARD**
  - 9) **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:**
    - a) Discuss and Approve Ordinance No. 21-1-01 An Ordinance Amending Sign Regulations
    - b) Discuss and Approve Ordinance No. 21-01-02 An Ordinance Establishing a Fund for Friends of Southern View Park
    - c) Discuss and Approve Ordinance No. 21-1-03 An Ordinance Establishing a Fund for Friends of Southern View Police
    - d) Discuss and Approve Ordinance No. 21-1-04 An Ordinance Revising the Number of Liquor Licenses Authorized in the Village of Southern View, IL
    - e) Discuss and Approve Body Cameras and Cameras for each police vehicle per State Law
    - f) General Business Discussion
- President's Comments-
- 10) **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: January 22, 2021 1:00 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, January 26, 2021 at the Southern View Municipal Building, 3410 South Fifth Street, Southern View, Illinois via Zoom. 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:

Greg Bourland, Trustee of Residential Building Permits  
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee of Community/Family Relations  
John McLaughlin, Trustee of Community Parks  
Bill Haines, Trustee of Commercial Bldg Permits

Also Present:  
Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer & Clerk  
Don Craven, Attorney

Absent:  
Jack Pierce, Trustee of Health & Safety

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the December 22, 2020 Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche said hearing none, the December 22, 2020 minutes would stand approved as submitted.

Motion to approve the December 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented by:  
Trustee Bourland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McLaughlin  
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE, including President Patsche  
**MOTION PASSES.**

**APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:** President Patsche asked whether the board had reviewed the January 26, 2021 Bills to be Paid, and whether there were any changes, corrections, or amendments.

President Patsche asked for a motion to approve the bills as presented.  
Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid as presented by Trustee McLaughlin and  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee LaRussa.  
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE, including President Patsche  
**MOTION PASSES.**

**APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER REPORTS:** President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the December 2020 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments.

President Patsche said hearing none, the December 2020 Treasurer Report Stand approved as submitted. Motion to approve the December 2020 Treasurer Report as presented by: Trustee Bourland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee McLaughlin

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE, including President Patsche

**MOTION PASSES.**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:** President Patsche reminding the Board members that Trustee Foster had resigned at the last meeting on December 22, 2020. President Patsche stated that since there is an opening on the board, he would like to appoint Robert Eskew Jr. who had ran at the last election and is running for a position of Trustee at this next election, along with Nate Briggs and Bill Haines.

Motion to approve the appointment of Robert Eskew Jr. to the Board of Trustees filling the open seat left by former Trustee James Foster by Trustee Bourland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee LaRussa

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE

**MOTION PASSES.**

President Patsche asked Robert to join him at the head table to take the Oath of Office to be sworn in as Trustee of the Village of Southern View, IL

**NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:** President Patsche present Ordinance No. 21-01-01 Ordinance Amending the Sign Ordinance in the Village of Southern View, IL. This Ordinance states that no sign can be placed in the Village right of way without the permission of the Village Board. If there are signs on the right of way, the Village will pick up and hold the sign for 7 days and then dispose of. This came about because of a lot of yellow signs in the Village looking for distressed sellers in the Village. Trustee McLaughlin called the gentleman and told him we were taking them down. It makes the Village look trashy.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-01-01 Approving an Ordinance Amending the Sign Ordinance in the Village of Southern View, IL by Trustee Bourland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE

**MOTION PASSES.**

President Patsche presented Ordinance No. 21-01-02 and Ordinance 21-01-03. Ordinance 21-01-02 is an Ordinance Establishing a Fund for Friends of Southern View Park and Ordinance 21-01-03 is an Ordinance Establishing a Fund for Friends of Southern View Police. This all came about because we had a resident last month pass away and left money to the Southern View Park. President Patsche stated at that time he got a crazy idea about maybe setting up another way for residents to contribute to the Park and Police Department. If residents want to donate money to either of these departments, they should check with their accountant first but this could very well be tax deductible for them. President Patsche read each ordinance out loud to the board. Trustee LaRussa asked Attorney Cravens if this would prevent the Village from receiving any grants. Attorney Cravens stated no, it would not.

Motion to approve Ordinance 21-01-02 is an Ordinance Establishing a Fund for Friends of Southern View Park and Ordinance 21-01-03 is an Ordinance Establishing a Fund for Friends of Southern View Police. by Trustee Bourland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee LaRussa

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE.

### **MOTION PASSES.**

President Patsche presented Ordinance No. 21-01-04 Ordinance Revising the Number of Liquor Licenses Authorized in the Village of Southern View. Recently we have had interest from 2 individuals regarding opening up a gaming parlor. One individual wants to open up a gaming parlor with a Chicken place, KKC in the Family Video location and also another gaming parlor in the Route 66 Village Mall. Attorney Craven stated just to be clear the board scaled back on all open licenses in the past and there was not any available. This provides the board with the ability to create an additional license when there is a need for one. Trustee LaRussa asked what the time limit was for a 1AA license. Clerk Cave responded a 1AA is open till 3 am.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 21-01-04 Ordinance Revising the Number of Liquor Licenses Authorized in the Village of Southern View by Trustee Bourland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE.

### **MOTION PASSES.**

President Patsche presented the Watchguard proposal to the board regarding body cameras and software. Due to the House and Senate passing the Criminal Justice Bill it is sitting on the Governor's desk to be signed. This bill puts special mandates that the police department must have body cameras. Attorney Craven states he believes it gives the Police Department till 2023 to be in compliance. With that said once the bill gets signed into law, either the price of these will increase dramatically or there will be a sale but it is probably for the best to get started on purchasing these for the Police Department. Chief Wiese stated the way the law reads now most of the videos only need kept for 90 days. The software does require an annual fee and licensing fees. Attorney Craven stated he is hearing \$100,000 for storage from SPD so if the Village can store them less expensive the better. Trustee Haines asked about the storage is it on all day every day. Chief Wiese stated that the cameras can be shut off if your in the rest room, a victim asks you to turn it off etc. Trustee Haines asked if you are pulling people over does that get recorded. Chief Wiese stated that actually when you pull someone over you will have the video from the body camera and the car camera video. All videos must be kept for 90 days, if there is no shooting, officer complaints, etc you will be able to delete those videos but if there are any complaints or active issues those will be kept as per the guidelines of the statute. Trustee LaRussa asked if we have reached out to other smaller police departments to see how they will be handling the situation. Chief Wiese stated he has talked with everyone around with body cameras, Village of Spaulding is doing stuff differently because they are a much smaller scale with less expensive cameras, their software is not protected. These cameras are protected, software is protected, the officers cant change anything, no one has access to the body camera videos unless the Chief gives them access to them. There is always a concern that someone can hack into your system and retrieve files so we are doing everything possible to ensure that can not happen. Trustee LaRussa asked the Chief what other departments have found out while researching different companies with various options. Chief Wiese stated that he has started body cameras in two other Villages. Chief Wiese states he is very aware of what these systems can do. Chief Wiese stated that the equipment in Virden was always breaking down. This system is a hardy camera. Trustee McLaughlin asked isn't there some grants to pay for some of the costs? President Patsche stated yes we will work on those, but the problem with these grants is that the Village will need to spend the money first and be reimbursed later. Most grants we get left out of is due to the fact that the Village will need to have 75% of the total project of our own money before any grant money could be awarded. Trustee LaRussa asked if we spoke to Brad Cole, with IL Municipal League. President Patsche stated that yes we have been in contact with Brad. These body cameras will provide some protection from a frivolous lawsuit on the Village. Unfortunately, we will be mandated to have these. Attorney Craven stated this could go hand and hand with the Ordinances we have passed tonight, if there are businesses that would like to donate funds for body cameras. President Patsche stated right now the Village is looking good on funds.

The Village has more money in the bank than we have ever had. With the Village employees cutting the park, cutting the hours down at the Village office and other changes we have made, the Village is looking good on finances.

President Patsche announced the Village of Southern View has received \$67,737 from the Cares Act that Treasurer Cave had worked several hours on obtaining for the Village. This check was for reimbursement of police hours, public works and Lisa too since we did not lay anyone off during the Covid pandemic.

Trustee LaRussa asked if there is something we can demolish a house that we did a few years ago. Attorney Craven stated there is a program with the Sangamon county Department of Public Health that turns their apprentices loose on the project. Trustee McLaughlin stated that is what we did over on Straight Street a few years ago.

President Patsche asked to get back to the Body Cameras as we had strayed off topic.

Motion to approve the purchase of Watch Guard Body Cameras for the Police Department by Trustee Bourland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee LaRussa  
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE.

**MOTION PASSES.**

President Patsche wanted to thank Treasurer Lisa Cave again for the grant.

President Patsche announced that the Police Department has removed 12 cars and one motorcycle from the impound lot and we have received a check in the amount of \$4,414.08 from Gary and Jerrys. The Village also has the old Chevy Impala that has been moved to surplus. President Patsche would like to start the auction on that. Trustee Haines stated that do the auction and he and Trustee McLaughlin will pay double for the vehicle. Attorney Craven stated that we pass an ordinance declaring it as surplus, put that on the Village website and all other social media outlets, place a for sale sign on the vehicle we can then put the vehicle up for sealed bids.

Trustee LaRussa wanted to commend the Public Works crew on the great job they did on the roads from the last snow storm.

Trustee McLaughlin stated the guys are cleaning up the back lot and park. The guys had went through the entire village and picked up all the trash that was in the ditches. Cut some old trees down in the park and will be planting replacements in the spring. We have been working on a plan on what they will be doing once spring hits with extending the sidewalks and corners in the Village.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, President Patsche asked for a motion to close the meeting at 6:43pm. Motion was made by Trustee LaRussa and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Bourland.

**PREPARED BY:** Lisa Cave, Clerk

**DATE APPROVED:** February 23, 2021