



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

Tuesday / May 24, 2022 / 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 April 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 5) BILLS TO BE PAID: Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 5/24/2022
- 6) APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT: Approve April 2022 Treasurer's Report
- 7) CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:
- 8) OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
- 9) NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
 - a) Discussion and Approval Ordinance No. 22-05-01 An Ordinance Authorizing Village Expenditures Pending Adoption of Annual Appropriation Ordinance
 - b) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance No. 22-05-02 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for Infrastructure Improvements
 - c) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance No. 22-05-03 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for Drainage Repairs for Public Works
 - d) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance No. 22-05-04 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for Ball Diamond Dirt for Public Works
 - e) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance No. 22-05-05 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for a Self-Leveling Drag for Public Works
 - f) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance No. 22-05-06 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for a Sprayer Cart for Public Works
 - g) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance No. 22-05-07 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for a Utility Cart for Public Works
 - h) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance No. 22-05-08 An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Stain for the Bridge at the Village Park
 - i) Discussion and Approval to Locate and Negotiate Terms of Purchase of two Public Works trucks

j) Discussion of Expenditures of remaining ARPA Funds

k) General Business Discussion

President's Comments-

10) 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: May 20, 2022 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, May 24, 2022 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:

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

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

Absent:
Bill Haines, Trustee of Parks

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the April 26, 2022 Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche stated after hearing none, the April 26, 2022 minutes stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the April 26, 2022 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: President Patsche asked whether the board had reviewed the May 24, 2022 Bills to be Paid, and whether there were any changes, corrections, or amendments. Trustee Briggs asked what the volvo key was for, President Patsche stated it was impounded without the key and in order to sell the vehicle we purchased a key from the dealership. President Patsche asked for a motion to approve the bills as presented.

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid for May 24, 2022 as presented by
Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER REPORTS: President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the April 2022 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche said hearing none, the April 2022 Treasurer Report stand approved as submitted.

Motion to approve the April 2022 Treasurer Report as presented by:
Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Bourland
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tim Fuhmann addressed the board regarding the former St. Joseph Home. Mr. Fuhmann stated he has heard that the building would be open from the hours of 3 pm to 8 pm with no one overnight. Mr. Fuhmann has reached out to members of his neighborhood and to Little Flower to coordinate a meeting between the new owners, Little Flower, the Village of Southern View and any neighbors who have questions on how they will be utilizing the property. Mr. Fuhmann also had concerns about a homeless individual that is hanging around Arbys, Chief Wiese stated that the individual was harmless and they check on him periodically, unfortunately it is public property and they can't make him leave. Mr. Fuhmann's neighbor, Tom is concerned about the Klekamp property, Melissa Klekamp was in attendance and stated she is trying to get over there to clean up the yard but due to the rain and her and her husband had covid it has taken her awhile to address the issues.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche presented Ordinance 22-05-01 An Ordinance Authorizing Village Expenditures Pending Adoption of Annual Appropriation Ordinance. President Patsche stated this is an ordinance that allows the Village to pay the bills until the official Appropriation Ordinance is passed and is passed every year.

Motion to approve Ordinance 22-05-01 An Ordinance Authorizing Village Expenditures Pending Adoption of Annual Appropriation Ordinance by Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval Ordinance No. 22-05-02 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for Infrastructure Improvements. President Patsche stated this ordinance will allow the Village to have one internet account and allow for a new phone system installed that ties the three buildings together. President Patsche stated upgrading the infrastructure will bring it up to the 21st century. The hope is this will allow the Village to offer WI-FI throughout the property. The Police Department will be the hub of the buildings, the Police Department has a generator.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-05-02 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for Infrastructure Improvements by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Bourland
Upon roll call vote, ALL voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval on Ordinance No. 22-05-03 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for Drainage Repairs for Public Works. President Patsche asked Trustee Pierce to explain. Trustee Pierce stated there is some drainage issues around the East Pavilion and Restrooms and the East side of the Park near the baseball diamond. Trustee Bourland asked about along the North side of the soccer field that has an issue. Trustee Pierce stated he recommends trenching lines to allow the water to be removed from the low spots throughout various locations throughout the park but his plan is working on the East side first.

Trustee LaRussa wanted to discuss the Tourist Fund on spending the funds we have in that account. President Patsche stated no, we talked earlier today regarding these items and the Tourist Fund can not be used for these items, we are in the middle of a vote.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-05-03 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for Drainage Repairs for Public Works by Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval on Ordinance No. 22-05-04 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for Ball Diamond Dirt for Public Works. President Patsche asked Trustee Pierce to explain. Trustee Pierce stated the dirt that is on the fields is not the correct dirt to play baseball/softball on. Each field will require 3 loads of dirt that will need to be delivered and tail gate it out to the diamonds. The dirt will allow the fields to dry up after the rains. The costs is \$28 per ton and the loads are about 14 tons. The Village will need 6 loads of dirt, 3 for each field. The diamonds are in high demand.

Trustee LaRussa stated she had spoken to a Representative in the State of Illinois and they had told her that the municipality can spend the funds on what they feel is tourism until someone complains or files a lawsuit. It would be up to the complaintant to legitimize the meaning of the term. Attorney Craven read the state statue: *Except as otherwise provided in this Division, the amounts collected by any municipality pursuant to this Section shall be expended by the municipality solely to promote tourism and conventions within that municipality or otherwise to attract nonresident overnight visitors to the municipality. No funds received pursuant to this Section shall be used to advertise for or otherwise promote new competition in the hotel business.* Trustee LaRussa asked why we cant utilize the Tourism funds for these purchases? Attorney Craven stressed that the Village should not veer too far away from what is in the statue because the last thing the Village would want is to spend money on attorney fees. Trustee Eskew stated that spending the money on events at the park would be ok once we have the park ready to hold tourism events versus trying to spend the money before we can even hold the events. Trustee LaRussa stated she felt that the Village should be able to spend the money of the Tourism funds to upgrade the park in order to bring the community together and it is not sneaky or sly to use that money. Attorney Craven stated that is wonderful to bring the community together but that is not tourism. Trustee LaRussa called on a member of the public to speak and President Patsche stated no, you do not call on people to speak that is the chairmans job. President Patsche asked Trustee LaRussa, are you trying to run the meeting? There is a motion and a second on the floor to this ordinance and you are trying to spend money out of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, that is wrong Rebecca. President Patsche apologized and stated that it is one big pot with certain accounts being designated for certain things. Trustee Bourland stated this Ordinance is to purchase dirt for the baseball and softball fields. Trustee LaRussa stated, exactly why cant we pay for this out of the Tourism fund to promote the Park. President Patsche responded no we can not. Trustee LaRussa responded well what else can we use the Tourism funds for? President Patsche stated advertising, promotion of tourism to the Village, events like a festival, those funds have specific uses. Trustee LaRussa stated she was just asking if we can use the Tourism funds can be used for this and spend

the \$4,000 on the roads. President Patsche called on Sue Ellen to address the board. Sue Ellen stated that she sees where Trustee LaRussa is saying but the Village would need the area or property ready for the tourism to spend the money on it not spend the money to get the property or area ready. President Patsche stated he would like to get back to the agenda. If a board member would like something to be posted on the agenda to discuss, reach out by the Thursday before the meeting to allow ample time to have it posted on the agenda.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-05-04 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for Ball Diamond Dirt for Public Works by Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval on Ordinance No. 22-05-05 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for a Self-Leveling Drag for Public Works. President Patsche asked Trustee Pierce to explain. Trustee Pierce stated the drag that the Public Works is using is from many many years ago that was thrown together from a former employee. The drag is insufficient to do the job. Trustee Pierce stated we are having more and more people want to utilize the park for practice and games and we need to take care of it properly.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-05-05 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for a Self-Leveling Drag for Public Works by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Bourland

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

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval on Ordinance No. 22-05-06 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for a Sprayer Cart for Public Works. Trustee Pierce stated there is a need for a sprayer cart to spray the park path, along the ditches, diamonds and other areas in the Village. The sprayer cart can be towed by our cart or by a lawn mower to allow Public Works to spray a larger area in less time. The sprayer cart has a 50 gallon tank and has arms that stick out and spray.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-05-06 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for a Sprayer Cart for Public Works by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Pierce

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval on Ordinance No. 22-05-07 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for a Utility Cart for Public Works. Trustee Pierce stated since the golf cart is no longer operational, he would like to replace it with a multi purpose utility cart that is gasoline with no batteries, bed and a cab. Trustee Bourland asked American made? Trustee Pierce stated he is still investigating options but would like the authorization to spend up to \$10,000 to purchase a Utility cart. Trustee Pierce would like to purchase a blade for the utility cart for possible snow removal and backfilling.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-05-07 An Ordinance Approving Expenditures for a Utility Cart for Public Works by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Bourland

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

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval on Ordinance No. 22-05-08 An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Stain for the Bridge at the Village Park. Trustee Pierce stated he would like to purchase an all weather stain up to \$1,000 to stain the bridge at the Village Park. The bridge is weathered and needs to be addressed. Trustee LaRussa stated she had spoke to Joe and that he stated he had some stain around the Public Works building and would like to table this. Trustee LaRussa asked if we just cant use that stain instead of purchasing new. Trustee Pierce stated that Joe did not say to him that he had extra stain and he will see what we have but would still like the authority to purchase if there is not enough stain to do the bridge. President Patsche stated that this Ordinance is to allow the purchase of stain up to \$1,000, Public Works may have a few gallons but we will still need to purchase more. Trustee Pierce would like to move forward on the Ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-05-08 An Ordinance Approving the Purchase of Stain for the Bridge at the Village Park by Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Briggs
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval to locate and negotiate terms of Purchase of two Public Works Trucks. Trustee Pierce stated that he has been looking into locating trucks but at this time they are hard to come by. Rush Trucking had a used one up near Chicago that would have fit perfect for us but Trustee Pierce did not have the authorization to even hold the truck to bring to the board for approval, within a few hours the truck was gone. Trustee Pierce would like the authority to locate and negotiate an agreement to bring back to the Village Board for approval when he finds one that will fit the Villages needs. Trustee Pierce stated that Public Works will be replacing the white 1 ton truck and the Village's blue dump truck. Prices range from \$79,000 to \$150,000 or more. Attorney Craven stated the Board can authorize Trustee Pierce and President Patsche to purchase a truck up to an amount. President Patsche stated we would pay the state rate and finance the rest on a governmental loan. Trustee Pierce would like to purchase a diesel engine which is \$10,000 more over than gas. Brad Miller from Woodside Township ordered an International truck in February 2021 and they still do not have the truck. Trustee Pierce stated we have a blue dump truck, red dump truck and the white 1 ton. The Village is looking to replace the blue dump truck and the white 1 ton truck. Rush Truck Center quoted a price of roughly \$150,000 on a big dump truck.

Motion to authorized the Public Works Trustee, Trustee Pierce and the Southern View President Patsche to locate two new or used Public Works trucks and to spend up to \$50,000 on deposit of those trucks to allow the Village Board sufficient time to review and approve the paperwork for purchase as long as the deposit are refundable if the Board chooses not to purchase the trucks by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Pierce
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion of the expenditures of remaining ARPA funds. Trustee Briggs would like to see banners replaced around the Village. President Patsche stated those could possibly come out of the Tourism funds. Trustee Eskew asked about repairing the gazebo. President Patsche stated that there are other items that need to be done around the Village that will be paid within the general funds that we are still working on. Trustee LaRussa asked why she was reprimanded when calling on a member of the public to speak and someone else was allowed to do it during this meeting? President Patsche stated that folks are taking these Roberts Rules of Order only when it benefits them and not following that the Chair of the meeting is the one whose responsibility it is to call on people to speak. This allows for an orderly meeting. Trustee LaRussa stated she felt she was targeted and President Patsche was

aggressive to her when he spoke to her. President Patsche apologized again to Trustee LaRussa and he had thought at the last meeting that we had corrected this issue that anyone that wants to talk must go through the Chair of the meeting, it is very hard to hold the meeting with 4 or 5 different conversations going on at the table. Trustee LaRussa stated she felt President Patsche was disrespectful on how he handled the situation. President Patsche stated he feels that it is disrespectful of Trustee LaRussa to try to run the meeting.

Trustee LaRussa left the meeting at 7:17 pm.

President Patsche apologized to the board and the public.

Trustee Eskew stated the house at 3025 S. 6th Street will be torn down the first week of July. 3102 S. 3rd Street the current owner is selling the property to the neighbors on each side that the two neighbors will share the property and remove the house. 17 addresses are being watched on the grass. The corner house at St Joseph and Carman and they were asked to clean up the yard by this weekend. Trustee Eskew and Lisa have been attending the Sangamon County Hazard Mitigation Task Force in hopes to obtain additional grant money. Trustee Eskew stated the Neighborhood Watch meeting on May 11, 2022 with the Springfield Fire Department. Todd Taylor shared how to use fire extinguishers and what to do with them when they are expired.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Patsche asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:21pm. Motion was made by Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Eskew.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: June 29, 2022