



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

Tuesday / November 28, 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 October 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Approve November 14, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- 5) BILLS TO BE PAID: Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 11/28/2023
- 6) APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT: Approve October 2023 Treasurer's Report
- 7) CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:
- 8) POLICE REPORT: Police Department Report for October 2023
- 9) OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
 - a) Discussion and Approval of the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property
 - b) Discussion and Approval to Change Locks at the Martin Pavilion
- 10) NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
 - a) Discussion and Approval of One Day Special Event December 31, 2023 / January 1, 2024 Live Music at the Curve Inn
 - b) Discussion and Approval of Big Red Dump Truck Repair
 - c) Discussion and Approval of the Enterprise Lease for Fleet Vehicles
 - d) Discussion and Approval of Removing Trees at Various Locations Throughout the Village
 - e) Discussion and Approval of Resolution 23-11-01 A Resolution Approving the Calendar Year 2024 Holiday Schedule
 - f) Discussion and Approval of Resolution for Maintenance of FY 2024 MFT Program
 - g) Discussion and Approval of 3rd Street Park Gate
 - h) Discussion and Approval of Demolition of Homes at 3333 Carman and 2912 S 3rd Street

- i) Discussion and Approval of Rental of Municipal Building to ISFA Bootcamp
- j) Discussion and Approval of Christmas Bonuses
- k) Discussion and Approval of Health Insurance for Village Employees
- l) Discussion and Approval of Full Time Officer Hourly Pay
- m) General Business Discussion

President's Comments-

11) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

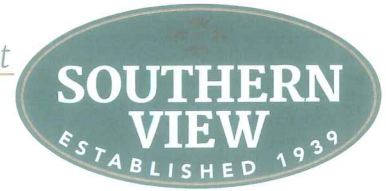
- a) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee or Legal Counsel for the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))
- b) Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under the Open Meetings Act for Purposes of Approval by the Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21))
- 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: November 22, 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, November 28, 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
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
Don Craven, Attorney

Absent:
Bill Haines, Trustee of Parks

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche stated after hearing none, the October 24, 2023, minutes stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by: Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: President Patsche asked whether the board had reviewed the November 28, 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. There was an error in the Bills to be Paid that Ameren Illinois was listed twice. Trustee LaRussa asked about the Staples bill and what was the reason for such a high bill. Treasurer Cave responded that she purchased 4 cases of paper with one going to the PD and tax papers, calendars, and ink for printers. Trustee LaRussa also asked what event the reimbursement for Cyndi Tavernor was. Treasurer Cave stated it was for the two events in October. President Patsche asked for a motion to approve the bills as amended.

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid for November 28, 2023, as amended by Trustee Tavernor 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 October 2023 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche said hearing none, the October 2023 Treasurer Report stand approved as submitted.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

President Patsche addressed the Board and the Public that big red has been broke down and that it should be fixed tomorrow. President Patsche stated that Trustee Eskew and Trustee Tavernor have inspected a back up truck for big red and he would like a special meeting to be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023. President Patsche asked the Board if they would be available at 6:15pm for that meeting. After discussion, Attorney Craven posted the special meeting on the front of the building for Thursdays meeting at 6:25pm.

Jerry Thompson, president of Musical Mischief addressed the Board to ask for a donation for their event at the Route 66 Hotel on December 8-9. They are promoting 5 bands, local musicians, Springfield talent, 2-day holiday bizarre and a craft fair. They provide 24-hour security for the duration and invite all the residents and board members to attend. President Patsche stated that the Village could use the Hotel/Motel Tax for the donation, but it would have to be presented at the meeting on Thursday for approval.

Tim Fuhrmann, resident on Straight Street, addressed the Board on the neighbor across the street. Tim stated that there are a lot of leaves on the property, and it was perfect burning weather, but nothing has been done. He is concerned with the varmints and also stated that 10 Federal's fence is falling in. Tim stated that the drainage is still an issue at the neighbor's property with chunks of concrete in the ditch. Trustee Richbark stated that she has been by there and did not see any chunks of concrete and that the ditch flowed with the natural flow of the land. Tim asked if they were removing all of the sheds and Trustee Richbark stated that they are not tearing down the shed in the center, only the one in the back. Tim asked the Village if there was any surplus office equipment that is needed as he is purging this winter and would like to donate items that we could use. President Patsche stated he would have to come and take a look at what he has to see if the Village could use them.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Maki addressed the Board on the department report for October of 2023. The Police Department answered 208 service calls, 1 traffic accident, 40 traffic tickets, 28 warnings, and there are 17 vacant homes in the Village. The Police Department is investigating several storage unit thefts and several fraud cases. Chief Maki stated that he has donated to the Public Works department several tools that were abandoned in June of 2023 and had 3 bicycles that were donated to the Outlet also from June of 2023. The Chief stated that there are a few other bikes that will also be donated to the Outlet once the required time limit has passed.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the IDO T Condemnation of Village Property. Attorney Craven stated he has spoken with IDOT and they have agreed to a small meeting with the President, Kevin Kuhn, and Attorney Craven. They want to start with a small group before they meet with board members for their questions. President Patsche asked to table this till the next agenda.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval to Change the Locks at the Martin Pavilion. Trustee Eskew stated that he would like it removed from the table.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of a One Day Special Event December 31, 2023/January 1, 2024, Live Music at the Curve Inn. President Patsche stated we received an email from Ami asking to allow music until 12:15 am on the 1st.

Motion to approve a One Day Special Event December 31, 2023/January 1, 2024, Live Music at the Curve Inn until 12:15 am by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Richbark

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Big Red Dump Truck Repair. President Patsche stated that the bid he received was around \$6,800.00 and that there were a few other issues like o rings and sensors that need addressed and that he would like a motion to repair the truck with all current issues being repaired.

Motion to approve the Repair of Big Red Dump Truck to Truck Centers up to \$7,500.00 by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Enterprise Lease for Fleet Vehicles. Trustee Eskew stated he would like some more information and would like to table the discussion. Trustee Tavernor stated that he agrees and would second the motion to table.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the List of Trees to be Removed at Various Locations throughout the Village. President Patsche stated that this is a large list of trees, that are either diseased, dead or damaged from the storm in June of 2023. If they could be taken down within this program the Village would receive 75% of the costs refunded back to the Village through the Disaster grant. After discussion, Trustee LaRussa would like to look at the trees better before making a decision and asked that it be tabled until Thursday's meeting.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Resolution 23-11-01 A Resolution Approving the Calendar Year 2024 Holiday Schedule.

Motion to approve the Resolution 23-11-01 A Resolution Approving the Calendar Year 2024 Holiday Schedule by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Resolution for Maintenance of FY 2024 MFT Program.

Motion to approve the Resolution for Maintenance of FY 2024 MFT Program by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the 3rd Street Gate for the Village Park. Trustee Eskew stated that he has spoken with the Youth Service Bureau and they have agreed that we can have the gate and have allowed us to go and remove the gate at our convenience. Trustee Eskew stated that he is planning on asking Trustee Tavernor to help remove the gate and bring it over to Public Works for installation.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Demolition of Homes at 3333 Carman and 2912 S 3rd Street. Trustee Richbark stated that nothing has been done with these properties in over 2 years. Attorney Craven stated that if the Board agreed he would file court documents to ask approval from a judge to demolish the property. The Village would be able to place a lien on the lots and possibly foreclose on them. Attorney Craven also stated that the judge could allow the owners of the property some time to complete the work and that it would not be immediate.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Rental of the Municipal Building to ISFA Bootcamp. Trustee LaRussa stated that she received an email from the Illinois State Floral Arrangement that holds a Bootcamp, and they would like the residential rate for the rental of the Municipal Building four times a year for the full weekend. Costs would be \$300.00 rental each weekend. President Patsche asked how many people they anticipate having at this bootcamp, as the Village Hall only holds so many people. Trustee LaRussa stated that she is unsure and will reach out to them for an answer. Trustee LaRussa asked to table the discussion until the meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Trustee Eskew 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 Tavernor seconded the motion.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:29 pm.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Christmas Bonuses for the Village Employees.

Motion to approve the Christmas Bonuses for \$100.00 for full time employees and ranking officers and \$50.00 for part time employees by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance for Village Employees. The increase this year is 4%.

Motion to approve the rate increase for Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance for Village Employees by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except for Trustee Briggs who abstained from voting.

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Full Time Officer Hourly Rate of Pay.

Motion to approve the Hourly Rate of Full time Police Officers to \$25.00 per hour retroactive to November 26, 2023, by Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee LaRussa

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche stated that the Village had a great turnout for the Veterans Day Dinner.

Trustee LaRussa asked to recess the meeting and reconvene on Thursday November 30, 2023, at 6:25pm.

Trustee LaRussa motioned to recess the meeting and reconvene on Thursday November 30, 2023, at 6:25pm 2nd by Trustee Eskew. Meeting was recessed at 7:28 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: The President and the Board of Trustees reconvening the regular scheduled Meeting recessed on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:28 pm, 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
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee of Public Relations
Betsy Richbark, Trustee of Health & Safety (via phone)
Mike Tavernor, Trustee of Grants, Business Development

Also Present:

Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer & Clerk

Absent:

Bill Haines, Trustee of Parks

President Patsche would like to continue the Discussion and Approval of Removing Trees at Various Locations Throughout the Village. President Patsche explained that the derecho that came through on June 29, 2023, had damaged a lot of trees through the Village. President Patsche stated that he, Lisa, Joe Rechner and Tyler Lufkin drove the entire Village and identified the trees that may need to be investigated to be removed from the storm. There are quite a few that are damaged, diseased, dead, or just dangerous trees. There is one tree on the list that is a gum ball tree and those are ones that the Village has been working on removing for years. Trustee Tavernor stated he felt some trees were high to remove and would like a second opinion. Trustee LaRussa stated she does not want to remove healthy trees. Trustee Briggs stated he didn't feel a gum ball tree should be taken down unless there was an issue with it. President Patsche stated that the gum balls block the drainage out of the Village and the Village has been removing gum ball trees for years in the winter months. Trustee Richbark stated that if the Village could be reimbursed 75% of the costs it makes sense to remove the trees now. After a long discussion, Treasurer Cave made a call to Joe Rechner to explain some of the quotes he provided and for the Trustees to ask questions to Joe himself. After speaking with Joe, Trustee LaRussa asked if we had a second opinion on the trees? President Patsche stated we have an opinion of a tree expert, Joe Rechner. President Patsche stated that the liability would fall on the Village if these trees damaged a home or god forbid falls on a resident. Following the discussion, the Board agreed to the list

being presented to FEMA for reimbursement at this time. President Patsche stated it is easier to remove a tree from the list than to try and add a tree to the list. Treasurer Cave stated she has tried to drag her feet on submitting the list until the Board could review the list and will continue to do so but that FEMA is requiring the project to be submitted.

Motion to approve the Tree List be submitted to FEMA for removal by Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE including President Patsche; except for Trustee Briggs and Trustee LaRussa who voted present.

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Rental of the Municipal Building to ISFA Bootcamp. President Patsche asked Trustee LaRussa if she heard back from them on the amount of people would be attending. Trustee LaRussa stated that they anticipate having 15 people with 4 instructors so the amount of people would be relatively small.

Motion to approve the Rental of the Municipal Building to ISFA Bootcamp for the residential rate by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except for Trustee LaRussa who abstained from voting.

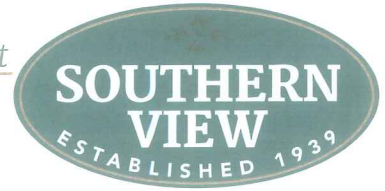
MOTION PASSES.

Trustee LaRussa stated she abstained from voting as the request came from her sister.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Patsche asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:46 pm. Motion was made by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Eskew.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: December 19, 2023



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

CALL TO ORDER: The President and the Board of Trustees held the special board meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at the Southern View Municipal Building, 3410 South Fifth Street, Southern View, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 7:46 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 (via phone)
Mike Tavernor, Trustee of Grants, Business Development

Also Present:
Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer & Clerk

Absent:
Bill Haines, Trustee of Parks

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Donation to Musical Mischief for the December 8-9th event. Jerry addressed the Board and stated that this is the fourth event at the hotel and the hotel is sold out for the event. President Patsche stated he liked the idea and would suggest that the Board approve a \$500.00 donation to the event using Hotel/Motel funds.

Motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Musical Mischiefs for the December 8th-9th event at the Route 66 Hotel by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except for Trustee LaRussa abstained from voting.

MOTION PASSES.

Trustee LaRussa stated she had done the digital design for their first event.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Purchase of a Truck and Chipper for the Public Works Department. Trustee Eskew stated that the Village dump truck has had issues for the last few years and this truck would be a great addition to the fleet as a backup or replacement for big red. Trustee Eskew stated that the chipper has an automatic feed and the truck is a 2007 750 Ford that is equipped to handle the limbs that are chipped and the leaf vac. Both are very clean and in excellent shape. Trustee Tavernor agreed that he and Trustee Eskew went over and checked the truck out before bringing it to the Board for a vote. Trustee Briggs asked what about purchasing a trailer that we can equip for the leaf vac. ~~Trustee Briggs stated he had spoke with Dave and that Dave felt that would work if we cannot purchase a new dump truck.~~ Trustee Tavernor stated that a trailer would not be large

enough for the amount of debris we have. Questions arose on if it was even legal to drive the truck hauling a trailer and pulling the vacuum behind it. President Patsche stated that the Village residents want their leaves picked up and from what he has been told that facebook is flooded with comments on how the Village needs to find other remedies to pick up the leaves when the truck was down. Trustee LaRussa stated that he should not succumb to peer pressure. President Patsche stated he doesn't, but obviously the trustees haven't done their homework on what is needed in the Village. President Patsche stated that we are the only Village left that provides the service of leaf and limb pickup and the Village residents would like that to continue. Trustee LaRussa asked what happened to getting more than one bid and what was the rush to purchase a vehicle without having a second bid. Trustee LaRussa felt that this is rushed to make a decision. Trustee Eskew stated that when he spoke with the dealership, they agreed to hold the vehicle until the Village Board could meet, they gave us 72 hours to hold the vehicle and the chipper.

Motion to approve the Purchase of a 2007 Ford F450 Truck with Chipper for \$55,000.00 by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE including President Patsche; except for Trustee Briggs and Trustee LaRussa who voted no

MOTION PASSES.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Patsche asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:08 pm. The motion was made by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Eskew.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: December 19, 2023
