



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

Tuesday / October 28, 2025 / 6:00 p.m.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mike Patsche, Village President
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**
 - Nate Briggs, Trustee
 - Robert Eskew, Trustee
 - Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee
 - Nora Petrosky, Trustee
 - Betsy Richbark, Trustee
 - Mike Tavernor, Trustee
- 3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mike Patsche, Village President
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approve September 23, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 5) **BILLS TO BE PAID:** Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 10/28/2025
- 6) **APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT:** Approve September 2025 Treasurer's Report
- 7) **CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**
- 8) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
 - Police Department Report for September 2025
 - Public Works Department Report September 2025
 - Engineering Report
 - Legal Counsel Report
- 9) **OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:**
 - a) Discussion and Approval of the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property
 - b) Discussion and Approval of Land Acquisition from IDOT
 - c) Discussion and Approval of Toro Timing Belt Replacement
- 10) **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:**
 - a) Discuss and Approve MFT Maintenance for Storm Sewer Repair and Mill & Overlay Operations
 - b) Discuss and Approve Live Music until 12:30 am Wednesday night/Thursday morning for New Year's Eve at the Curve Inn
 - c) Discuss and Approve Bids for the Removal of Trees at 3174 Carman & 3105 S. 5th Street.
 - d) Discuss and Approve Health Insurance Bids for Employees for 2026

- e) Discuss and Approve Purchasing Tires for Blue F-150
- f) Discuss and Approve Bid to Repair Hub Seal on Backhoe
- g) Discuss and Approve Replacement of Big Red
- h) Reopening Charge Account at Contech Engineered Solutions
- i) Scheduling a Special Meeting with IDOT
- j) General Business Discussion

President's Comments-

11) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

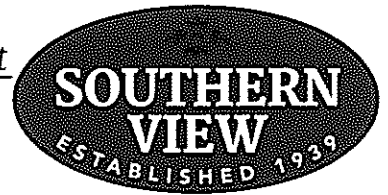
- a) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee or Legal Counsel for the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))
- b) Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under the Open Meetings Act for Purposes of Approval by the Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21))

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: October 24, 2025 7:00 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, October 28, 2025, 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, Co-Trustee of Parks
Robert Eskew, Trustee of Public Works and Permits
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee
Nora Petrosky, Trustee
Betsy Richbark, Trustee of Public Health & Safety and Economic Development
Mike Tavernor, Trustee

Also Present:

Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer & Clerk
Don Craven, Attorney

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to approve the September 23, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee Petrosky
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee LaRussa and Trustee Tavernor voted present

MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:

Motion to remove the \$20,000.00 payment to Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center for the Mural on the Bills to be Paid until the next meeting by Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee LaRussa

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid, for October 28, 2025, as amended by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee LaRussa voted No
MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER REPORTS: President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the September 2025 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. Trustee Petrosky asked Treasurer Cave to verify the totals of the Video Gaming Taxes and Video Gaming Fees, there seems to be an error. President Patsche stated, the September 2025 Treasurer Report stand approved as amended.

Motion to approve the September 2025 Treasurer Report as amended by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee LaRussa voted No
MOTION PASSES.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rodney Halverson stated the property at 3332 S. 4th Street has the carport falling down and the roof sagging. Trustee Richbark stated she will contact the property owners.

Tim Fuhmann addressed the Board, his neighbor Mr. Woodrum was wanting to know when he could see some progress on removing the buildings. Trustee Eskew stated he has spoken with Tim and it is on the list before winter. Tim also asked if there was any issue with people removing the firewood on the property. Trustee Eskew stated he has no problem with firewood being removed but he asked for Tim or Trustee Eskew to be present at the time anyone was on the property. Tim also asked what the status was of the Village equipment. Trustee Eskew stated the Toro is the machine used to trim the yard and it is on the agenda for approval tonight.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Maki provided his report to the Board in their packet. Chief Maki stated there were 358 service calls for the month of September, 0 accidents, 74 traffic citations and 123 warnings written. There are 21 vacant properties within the Village. Flock cameras have been used 1 time in the month of September. Chief Maki stated they are still reviewing all the open cases and closing them as needed. Chief Maki stated all officers were recertified on the taser X26 and Officer Karrick has become the evidence custodian for the department. Chief Maki stated the Micro Chip Pet Clinic was slow but the Village chipped 8 pets and he has set next years date to early April to hopefully chip any holiday pets. Calls for service and traffic enforcement for the department in September 2024 to 2025 have exceeded expectations by 110 calls and 118 traffic enforcements.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Trustee Eskew stated Public Works had borrowed the jetter truck from Woodside Township and thanked Brad Miller for arranging the use of the truck. Public Works have picked up all the limbs in the Village and the dirt has been grated around the playground. The leaf vac is ready for use as soon as the leaves fall.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Kevin Kuhn, Kuhn & Trello stated he has the MFT Resolution for 2025 and that Sangamon County should have a notice of funding opportunity in November.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Craven stated he attended a hearing on an unemployment claim and is waiting a decision.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche stated the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property is tabled.

President Patsche stated the Approval of Land Acquisition for IDOT is also tabled.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Toro Timing Belt Replacement. Trustee Eskew stated that they have found the water pump and has received a bid for labor to repair the Toro. The labor is \$1,295.30. Trustee Eskew would like to repair the mower as it cuts a large area and is a good machine. Total costs for repairing the machine is \$2,095.00.

Motion to approve repairing the Toro mower by Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee LaRussa
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

NEW BUSINESS: President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of MFT Maintenance for Storm Sewer Repair and Mill and Overlay Operations. Kevin Kuhn, Engineer, stated that anything over \$25,000.00 must be sent out for bid and that this maintenance agreement will address the two sink holes that was discovered by the police department and on 5th Street and also the Mill and Overlay on Linton from 6th to 5th and Mill and Overlay for 2nd and St Joseph. Trustee Petrosky stated she would like to see the cracks filled in the Village and painting of the lines on the street.

Motion to approve the MFT Maintenance for Storm Sewer Repair and Mill and Overlay Operations for 2026 by Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee Petrosky
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for a special meeting date for IDOT to come and bring the maps to the Village Board. Following discussion, November 4, 2025 at 5:00 pm the Village will hold a special meeting for IDOT to present to the Board.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Live Music until 12:30 am Wednesday night/Thursday morning for New Years Eve at the Curve Inn.

Motion to approve Live Music until 12:30 am on New Years Eve at the Curve Inn by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee LaRussa
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Bids for the Removal of Trees at 3174 Carman and 3105 S. 5th Street. Trustee Eskew stated that the tree at 3105 S. 5th Street can be removed for \$1,500.00 by Lufkin Environmental and the tree at 3174 Carman the tree itself is on the residents property and the resident agreed to pay for the other portion to remove the tree completely. Costs to trim the branches over the right away and powerlines is \$650.00 and the resident would pay the balance of \$1,350.00 and the tree would be removed.

Motion to approve the removal of a tree at 3105 S. 5th Street for the amount of \$1,500.00 by Lufkin Environmental by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee Richbark

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

Motion to approve the removal of branches over the right away and power lines at 3174 Carman in the amount of \$650.00 by Lufkin Environmental by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee Richbark

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Health Insurance Bids for Employees for 2026. Treasurer Cave stated she had received the quotes from Sean and provided it to the Board. Treasurer Cave read the email she received from Sean : *attached is the renewal and alternate Blue Cross plan quotes, your plan is very benefit rich and I know the board wants to provide a high quality plan for their people, as you can see there is not a big discount to move the deductible, in fact the \$600 deductible is more expensive due to higher co-insurance. The \$1100 deductible would be the recommendation as far as value. The last plan is not a good option for your group. The other carriers are higher, the wild card may be moving to a level funded (self insured) plan but that would require health applications on each employee (like it used to be in the old days).*

Motion to approve the renewal of the current health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the full-time employees by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee Briggs who abstained the vote

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Purchasing Tires for the Blue F-150. The Blue F-150 is used to pick up supplies for various vendors, events and typically use it daily.

Motion to approve the Purchase of Tires for the Blue F-150 with the certificates in the amount of \$908.50 by Trustee Tavernor and 2nd by Trustee LaRussa

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Bid to Repair the Hub Seal on the Backhoe. Trustee Eskew stated he had Martin Equipment come out and look at the Backhoe. Following review of the Backhoe it was discovered the front hub needed resealed. Total costs is \$1,881.61.

Motion to approve the Repair Bid on the Hub Seal on the Backhoe by Martin Equipment by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Replacement of Big Red. Trustee Eskew stated he has been speaking with Rush and has located a truck to replace Big Red. The truck was used in Champaign and Rush is providing their inspection list. The truck comes with the blade, salt spreader and has only 48,000 miles. Trustee Eskew would also like to send it to Truck Centers for an independent inspection of the truck. Following discussion, it was agreed to add it to the special meeting on November 4, 2025.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of reopening the Charge Account at Contech Engineered Solutions. President Patsche stated this is where we purchase the culvert piping.

Motion to approve the Reopening of the Charge Account at Contech Engineered Solutions by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Petrosky
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche stated that the Village will host along with Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center a Veteran's Day Dinner on November 11, 2025, at the Hotel. Postcards went out to all the Village residents.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Patsche asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion was made by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Eskew.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: November 25, 2025