



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

**Tuesday / May 27, 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  
**OATH OF OFFICE:** Newly Elected Trustees
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approve April 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 5) **BILLS TO BE PAID:** Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 5/27/2025
- 6) **APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT:** Approve April 2025 Treasurer's Report
- 7) **CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**
- 8) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
  - Police Department Report for April 2025
  - Public Works Department Report April 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 Chipper Repair
  - d) Discussion and Approval of Funds for Dump Truck to Replace Big Red
- 10) **NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:**
  - a) Discussion and Approval of Resolution 24-05-01 Granting a One Day Special Event on June 7, 2025, for Sunset Inn and July 2, 2025, for the Curve Inn

- b) Discuss and Approve the Purchase or Lease of Copy Machine for the Main Office
- c) Discuss and Approve the Contract for Sangamon Connect for 3-year Contract for Telephones at the Municipal Complex
- d) Discuss and Approve Bids for Public Works & Parks
- 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))

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: May 23, 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, May 27, 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:

Greg Bourland, Co-Trustee of Parks and Residential Permits  
Nate Briggs, Co-Trustee of Parks  
Robert Eskew, Trustee of Public Works and Commercial 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

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**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the April 22, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by Trustee Bourland and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Eskew  
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;  
**MOTION PASSES.**

Trustee Bourland left the table for newly elected Trustee.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

President Patsche administered the Oath of Office to Nate Briggs, Robert Eskew and Nora Petrosky for their four-year terms as Trustees on the Village of Southern View Board.

**APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:**

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid, for May 27, 2025, as presented by Trustee Petrosky and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Richbark  
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 April 2025 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche said hearing none, the April 2025 Treasurer Report stand approved as submitted.

Motion to approve the April 2025 Treasurer Report as presented by  
Trustee Richbark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Petrosky  
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; Trustee LaRussa voted NO  
**MOTION PASSES.**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dale LaRocca, resident of 1<sup>st</sup> Street, asked when the culvert will be jetted out and possibly replaced from 3100 – 3116 S 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Dale stated it is a breeding ground for the mosquitos.

Jackie Clark, resident of 6<sup>th</sup> Street, stated there is a vehicle that drives fast down the road around the same time every day at about 9:30 pm, it is a newer camero. Jackie also stated that the ditch needs mowed behind the school. Trustee Eskew stated that he will contact Ms. Lott and that it is the responsibility of District 186 to keep the ditch mowed. Jackie asked about the buses being moved from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The buses are not doing the speed limit, they have put bus stop signs on the telephone poles which is not allowed, and they are going down her road every 15 to 20 minutes, right after another with no pickups. Marci Haines stated the buses have been turning on Flora for the last two weeks and they are already doing damage to the road. Trustee LaRussa asked who authorized them to move the buses. President Patsche stated he asked Trustee Eskew to contact SMTD and set a meeting up with them to discuss the repairs that were needed on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Trustee Eskew stated he asked for a face-to-face meeting and the day before SMTD drove down 4<sup>th</sup> Street and stated the buses were doing damage to the road. Trustee LaRussa asked who Trustee Eskew spoke with and when. Trustee Eskew stated he recommended they work together to find a solution by helping contribute to the road work caused by the buses. SMTD came back stating they did not want to contribute to any repairs, and their solution was to move the bus route. President Patsche stated that the concrete repair the Village had done several years ago has held up, but the costs of concrete is extremely high. President Patsche stated the Village has applied for a grant to repair 4<sup>th</sup> Street and to do all the Village streets properly is \$3 million and we do not have those funds.

Tim Fuhrman resident on Straight Street, stated he appreciated the work Public Works has done on Straight Street and that there is a storm sewer drain that needs cleaned out, there is more than one drain on the property. Trustee Petrosky asked why Public Works were on private property. President Patsche stated the Village purchased the property from the Kleekamps in February of 2025. Trustee Eskew stated he would go look at the drains to ensure they are flowing.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Maki provided his report to the Board. Chief Maki stated there were 287 service calls for the month of April, 2 accidents, 45 traffic stops and 122 warnings written. There are 32 vacant properties within the Village. The Police Department has conducted training on High-Risk Vehicle Stops Training and Training on the Ballistic Shields. Flock cameras have been used 1 time for stolen vehicles. Chief Maki stated the Police Department is fully staffed with 100% coverage and are preparing for Cops n Bobbers and National Night Out. Cyndi Tavernor stated the committee has already begun planning for National Night Out. Chief Maki stated that it is a Police Event and that he has been contacted by Trustee Eskew and Trustee LaRussa to help with the event and if the committee would like to be involved, he will set up a meeting with the four of them to discuss and plan the event.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Trustee Eskew stated Public Works completed the junk pick up with 18 loads in 2 ½ weeks. 4<sup>th</sup> Street asphalt patches have been completed. The Seasonal employee has started mowing the park, the last two weeks, two mowers went down and had to have repairs. Public Works will be testing on Tuesday next week for their pesticide licenses. Trustee Petrosky asked how long does it will take to mow the park? Trustee Eskew stated 3 days with one person.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Kevin Kuhn, Kuhn & Trello stated he has nothing to report. President Patsche asked if everyone was available for a special meeting to discuss the tree plan of the park and the IDOT topics, after which we can schedule a meeting with IDOT. Following discussion, the special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Craven stated if the Board agrees, he suggests that the Village amend the ordinance and publish the changes, to allow the Village to issue a letter and if the resident did not mow or remove the weeds that are over 10 inches within 5 days, the Village can have someone mow the yard and fine the resident \$250.00 if they do not pay that the Village can issue a lien. President Patsche asked this to be added to the agenda in June.

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**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 Chipper Repair. The estimate to diagnose the repairs necessary was on the bid from the last meeting. Trustee Eskew stated the amount of time it would take for the guys to dump the branches out at Evans and the number of loads; we would be better off repairing the chipper.

Motion to approve the Chipper Repair by Trustee Petrosky and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Richbark

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

**MOTION PASSES.**

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Funds for Dump Truck to Replace Big Red. Trustee Eskew stated he spoke with Trustee Briggs who had found a truck online, it did not have the salt spreader, plow etc. and it was \$20,000. Trustee LaRussa stated she would like any vehicle inspected prior to the Board approving a purchase. Trustee Petrosky stated she would even entertain going up to \$30,000 for a newer truck if that would help locate a good vehicle. Following discussion, the Board wanted 3 options of trucks to choose from and a special meeting would be called.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Resolution 25-05-01 Granting a One Day Special Event on June 7, 2025, for Sunset Inn and July 2, 2025, for the Curve Inn.

Motion to approve Resolution 25-05-01 Granting a One Day Special Event on June 7, 2025, for Sunset Inn and July 2, 2025, for the Curve Inn by Trustee Richbark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

**MOTION PASSES.**

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Purchase or Lease of Copy Machine for the Main Office.

Motion to approve a Lease Agreement with Watts Copy for 60 months by Trustee Petrosky and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee LaRussa

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

**MOTION PASSES.**

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Contract for Sangamon Connect for 3 – year Contract for Telephones at the Municipal Complex.

Motion to approve Contract for Sangamon Connect for 3 – year Contract for Telephones at the Municipal Complex by Trustee Richbark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee LaRussa

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

**MOTION PASSES.**

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

**PREPARED BY:** Lisa Cave, Clerk

**DATE APPROVED:** June 24, 2025