

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

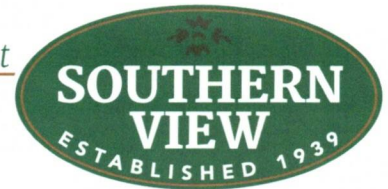
**Thursday / November 30, 2023 / 6:30 p.m.**

- 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) CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:
- 5) OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
- 6) NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
  - a) Discussion and Approval of a Donation to Musical Mischief
  - b) Discussion and Approval of the Purchase of a Truck and Chipper for the Public Works Department
  - c) General Business Discussion

President's Comments-

- 7) 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 28, 2023 6:30 p.m.



## 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 6:30 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

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President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Donation to Musical Mischief for the December 8-9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> event at the Route 66 Hotel by Trustee Eskew and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Eskew.

**PREPARED BY:** Lisa Cave, Clerk

**DATE APPROVED:** December 19, 2023

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