



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

Tuesday / January 27, 2026 / 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) MOMENT OF SILENCE
- 4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mike Patsche, Village President
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approve December 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Approve July 22, 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Approve January 22, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- 6) BILLS TO BE PAID: Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 1/27/26
- 7) APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT: Approve December 2025 Treasurer's Report
- 8) CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:
- 9) DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Department Report for December 2025
Public Works Department Report December 2025
Engineering Report
Legal Counsel Report
- 10) OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
 - a) Discussion and Approval of the Proposed Letter of Understanding distributed November 4, 2025
 - b) Discuss and Approve the Replacement of the Air Compressor
- 11) NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:
 - a) Discuss and Approve Direct Deposit Enrollment
 - b) Discuss and Approve Opening a 1% Bank Account Fund for Grocery Tax Revenue and Infrastructure Funds
 - c) Discuss and Approve Amount to Transfer to 1% Fund Account, 10% Gaming Revenue
 - d) Discuss and Approve Deposit of IDOT funds into the 1% Fund Account

- e) Discuss and Approve the Purchase of 1 Dell Computer for the Police Department with Office 365 Licensing
- f) Discuss and Approve to Purchase Equipment to Qualify and Certify the Taser 10 per Axon / ILETSB Requirements

President's Comments-

12) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

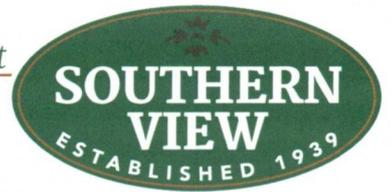
- a) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee or Legal Counsel for the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))
- b) Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under the Open Meetings Act for Purposes of Approval by the Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21))

Return from Executive Session--may take action on the items discussed in Executive Session

13) 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: January 23, 2026 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 a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 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
Nora Petrosky, Trustee
Betsy Richbark, Trustee of Public Health & Safety and Economic Development
Mike Tavernor, Trustee
Don Craven, Attorney

Also Present:
Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer & Clerk

President Patsche asked Reverend Dave Fox to lead the meeting in prayer in honor of Trustee Rebecca LaRussa.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to approve the December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

Motion to approve the July 22, 2025, Executive Meeting Minutes as presented by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; Trustee Tavernor voted present
MOTION PASSES.

Motion to approve the January 22, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes as amended by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; Trustee Tavernor voted present
MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid, for January 27, 2026, as presented by Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee Petrosky
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER REPORTS: President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the December 2025 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche stated, the December 2025 Treasurer Report stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the December 2025 Treasurer Report as presented by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Maki provided his report to the Board in their packet. Chief Maki stated there were 337 service calls for the month of December, 3 accidents, 59 traffic citations and 48 warnings written. There are 23 vacant properties within the Village. Chief Maki stated that the Holiday Toy Drive was a success for 2025 with 6 families receiving gifts and dinner from Santa. Chief Maki also stated that he has been working on closing the ongoing investigations back to 2023.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Trustee Eskew stated Public Works has been salting the roads and plowing snow. Public Works were able to get out and grab a few loads of leaves in between the snow. Trustee Eskew stated that we have one employee that is taking one week on and off due to FMLA.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Kevin Kuhn, Kuhn & Trello stated the Village did not receive the OSLAD grant and there has been no word on the federal grant for 4th Street. Trustee Richbark asked if Kevin had heard from Tyler at the City and he had not. Trustee Richbark stated she will reach out to him tomorrow. Trustee Petrosky asked about the 2026 MFT program and wants to make sure there are striping costs into the MFT agreement for 2026. Kevin stated they have started the MFT for 2026 so the Village can purchase salt and when the weather breaks, they will formulate the proposal for the calendar year and present it to the Board.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Craven had nothing to report.

ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Trustee Richbark stated that the owners at 6th and Linton are actively looking for a business to build at that corner. The radio station is up for sale, and the tower has to stay. The property is zoned residential and there are about 150 antenna like rods in the ground. Tuesday, February 3, 2026, there is a zoning board meeting regarding the 73 acres South of the Park to create a C-3 that could help attracting businesses to the Village. Trustee Richbark also stated that she and Janie have created a generic letter to the managers of big businesses to gain possible supplies, samples, hygiene items, soap etc. Trustee Petrosky stated she received a complaint regarding the Outlet has commercial stuff blowing from their dumpsters and are not keeping the area clean. Trustee Eskew stated he will go over and speak with them.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Letter of Understanding distributed on November 4, 2025, from IDOT.

Motion to approve the Letter of Understanding distributed on November 4, 2025, as presented by Trustee Briggs and 2nd by Trustee Richbark

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Replacement of the Air Compressor. Trustee Eskew stated that it can be removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Direct Deposit Enrollment. Treasurer Cave stated that most municipalities and businesses have direct deposit for payroll and the costs for the Village to enroll would be roughly \$50.00 per month through Illinois National Bank. Treasurer Cave provided the Board with a draft of the Direct Deposit Enrollment Form.

Motion to approve Direct Deposit Enrollment as presented 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 Opening up a Bank Account Fund for Grocery Tax Revenue and Infrastructure Funds. Attorney Craven stated that he will draft a resolution to present to the Board at the next meeting. The opening of a bank account has been tabled until the next meeting.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of an Amount to Transfer to the Fund Account, 10% of the Gaming Revenue. Following discussion Attorney Craven stated he will draft a resolution for dollars to transfer from Gaming Revenue to the Infrastructure Fund and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Deposit of IDOT funds into the Infrastructure Account. Attorney Craven stated that it can be done when the check comes in.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Purchase of 1 Dell Computer for the Police Department with Office 365 licensing. Chief Maki stated that all the computers are outdated with Windows 10 and the computer that is needing replaced and does not have the capacity to house the software that is needed with Watchguard.

Motion to approve the Purchase of 1 Dell Computer for the Police Department with Office 365 paid out of the Police Departments line items by Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee Eskew

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; Trustee Tavernor voted NO

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Purchase Equipment to Qualify and Certify the Taser 10 per Axon / ILETSB Requirements. Chief Maki stated that Southern View Police Department received a grant for the purchase of Taser 10's by Axon. What the grant did not cover is the cartridges for training and certification, those are live and inert cartridges. Total would be \$4,710.00. They do offer a 5-year payment plan at \$942.00 per year. Unfortunately, this is needed, Chief Maki explained that if they do not certify with these new tasers, they cannot use them and each officer has to certify each year to carry the taser. Chief Maki is going to reach out to a company that sells the Refurbished Tasers X26 in September and see if they have interest in purchasing the tasers from the Village to recoup some of the costs. Chief Maki has reached out to another Police Department to borrow their suit to train our officers.

Motion to approve the Purchase of Equipment to Qualify and Certify the Taser 10 per Axon / ILETSB Requirements as presented by Trustee Petrosky and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cyndi Tavernor stated that the Southern View Neighborhood Watch Committee would like to adopt the west side garden area in honor of Trustee LaRussa, and possibly plant a dogwood tree that will bloom in the Spring.

Tim Fuhrman, resident wanted to inform the Village that Mr. Woodrum received a letter of damage from a resident on St. Francis that a tree fell on a motor home, car and boat. Tim stated that Mr. Woodrum does not own the property on Straight Street and that he informed the sender.

Trustee Briggs had a thought of installing a concrete sidewalk in the Park from the East side of the playground to the Martin Pavilion allowing visitors to walk around the entire playground and connecting the pavilions together with a sidewalk. Trustee Briggs would like to dedicate it to Trustee LaRussa.

Trustee Richbark stated that the Village needs to revisit the Garbage Ordinance to allow residents to keep their garbage cans up near the front of their home, as long as it is removed from the street, there are several properties that just cannot move the cans to the rear of their property.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Patsche asked for a motion to close the regular meeting at 7:16 pm. Motion was made by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Petrosky.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: February 24, 2026