



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

Tuesday / April 23, 2024 / 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 March 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Approve February 27, 2024 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- 5) BILLS TO BE PAID: Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 4/23/2024
- 6) APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT: Approve March 2024 Treasurer's Report
- 7) CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Neighborhood Watch Quarterly Report
- 8) DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Department Report for March 2024
Public Works Department Report March 2024
- 9) OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: a) Discussion and Approval of the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property
b) Discussion and Approval of Land Acquisition from IDOT
- 10) NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: a) Discussion of 3:00 am Liquor Licenses
b) Discussion and Approval of the OSLAD Grant through Kuhn & Trello
c) Discussion and Approval of the Opening of an Oreilley's Business Account
d) Discussion and Approval of Request for the Expenditure of Tourism Dollars between Family Affair and the Village of Southern View for July 20, 2024
e) Discussion and Approval of Request for Expenditures of Tourism Dollars (Not to Exceed) for the 85th Anniversary Event July 19, 2024 through July 21, 2024
f) Discussion and Approval of an Amendments Necessary to Allow the Liquor Sales in the Park

g) Discussion on Corner Obstructions within the Village

h) 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: April 19, 2024 8:00 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, April 23, 2024, 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
Robert Eskew, Trustee of Residential & Commercial Building Permits
Bill Haines, Trustee of Parks
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee
Betsy Richbark, Trustee of Health & Safety
Mike Tavernor, Trustee of Grants, Business Development

Also Present:
Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer & Clerk
Joe Craven, Attorney

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche stated after hearing none, the March 26, 2024, minutes stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by: Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee Haines voted present
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the February 27, 2024, Executive Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche stated after hearing none, the February 27, 2024, minutes stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the February 27, 2024, Executive Meeting Minutes as presented by: Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee Haines & Trustee LaRussa voted present
MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: President Patsche asked whether the board had reviewed the April 23, 2024, Bills to be Paid, and whether there were any changes, corrections, or amendments. Trustee LaRussa asked why Craven & Craven attorney charges were so high in February 2024, Treasurer Cave stated that there were many IDOT meetings. Trustee LaRussa asked why 4 cases of copy paper? Treasurer Cave stated the office was down to 2 reems of paper and she ordered 4, one case going to the Police Department. Trustee LaRussa stated she believes that to be a lot of paper the office is going through. Trustee LaRussa also asked what the clay litter was purchased for? President Patsche stated when they moved the barrels some oil had spilled, and President Patsche gave Public Works \$60.00 cash to run and get the litter. Trustee LaRussa asked where the barrells came from? Trustee Eskew stated from him. Trustee LaRussa stated she does not feel reimbursement should be paid and that Trustee Eskew should pay that fee himself. Trustee LaRussa also asked what the supplies purchased for the Martin Pavilion sink were? President Patsche stated that the sink needed repaired it was leaking. President Patsche stated there were two additions to the bills in front of everyone.

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid, for April 23, 2024, as amended without reimbursement to President Patsche by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER REPORTS: President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the March 2024 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche said hearing none, the March 2024 Treasurer Report stand approved as submitted.

Motion to approve the March 2024 Treasurer Report as presented by: Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Richbark

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except for Trustee LaRussa voted present

MOTION PASSES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cyndi Tavernor addressed the Board with an update from Neighborhood Watch. The April 13th event had 57 vendors and 59 cars. Cyndi provided the Board the quarterly report specifying a total of over \$4,000.00 in the account. Trustee LaRussa and Trustee Richbark both stated they would like to see the actual bank statement with the spreadsheet, stating how do they know the numbers are accurate? President Patsche asked Cyndi if at the next quarterly report, she could share the bank statement also and she responded yes. Cyndi thanked all board members that had shown up to the event and stated that every one of the board members was in attendance on Saturday April 13. Trustee LaRussa asked the costs per vendor and if they charged for tables? Cyndi stated that they charged \$25.00 per vendor and \$5.00 per rental of the tables. Trustee LaRussa asked what tables were used? Cyndi responded with tables from the Martin Pavilion along with tables from the Municipal Building. Neighborhood Watch is planning more events. Trustee LaRussa asked if the Neighborhood Watch rents the park or do they just block it off? Cyndi stated they do not rent the park or pavilions, but she has blocked off the dates of events for the year at the office.

Tim Fuhman asked if the Village had any more mulch left around for residents? Public Works stated they had some if he wanted to come by. Tim also asked if Public Works could pick up the concrete debris that is blocking drainage at the Klekamp property. Public Works stated they would pick it up.

Nora Petrosky stated that resident Cindy Gumble reported to her that there was sharp rusty metal on the playground equipment that is very dangerous. President Patsche stated he would have Public Works look at it in the morning.

Mark Harwood asked when he was going to be provided the rock he had asked for? President Patsche stated there is a procedure and that a work order would need filled out. Mark stated he had already turned one in several months ago. 4th and Linton Streets are getting bad. President Patsche stated that he has spoke with the Engineers on Linton and for Kern as both are the worst streets in the Village and they need done. Currently the Board is waiting on the numbers. Mark also asked about chickens. Is the Zoning Board going to meet for chickens?

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Lieutenant Towsley provided the Board with a summary of the Police Department Report for March of 2024. Lieutenant Towsley stated the Chief had a medical procedure last week but will be back tomorrow. Lieutenant Towsley stated that the Police Department answered 286 service calls, 7 traffic accidents, 88 traffic tickets, 89 warnings, and there are 22 vacant homes in the Village. Coffee with a Cop had 5 attendees with great conversations. The next Coffee with a Cop will be on May 7th, 2024, at Brezies Roasted Beans.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche stated that IDOT reached out and apologized that they have neglected to send the documents for the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property. President Patsche stated IDOT is working on them and will have them to the Village soon. President Patsche plans to have a separate meeting to discuss it further once IDOT has sent over their proposal.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche asked for discussion of the 3:00 am Liquor Licenses. Ami Merchant, owner of the Curve Inn addressed the Board. Ami stated she has owned the Curve Inn for 21.5 years. She employs 43 employees, all bartenders are Bassett trained and last year made 1.5 million in sales last year. Ami stated that between 1 am – 3 am made \$350,000 attributing 18.6% of the 2023 revenue and between those hours gaming revenue was \$51,376, 21.9% revenue. Ami stated she appreciates the concern, but they are a local business that goes above and beyond, not a bad place, they scan every person at the door that comes in after 1 am, there is a banned list. She stated she is open 364 days a year, they are always striving to do better. Most issues happen in the parking lot when the patrons leave. The pandemic has hit businesses hard, and it has a trickle-down effect; raising prices etc and no one wants to have more closed businesses. Will the problems go away if they close at 1 am, Ami stated she does not think so. Ami stated she has implemented a no entry after 2:00 am. The Board thanked Ami for coming in and bringing the documents she provided to the Board.

Nora Petrosky, owner of the Sixth Room addressed the Board and stated she has a 3:00 am license for her gaming business. Nora thanked Ami for coming and that she feels Southern View is special and unique. Nora stated that in 9 years she has had no problem and sometimes if there are customers still wanting to gamble after 3:00 am she recommends they visit the hotel. Nora states she has 4 employees, and she would like the Village to keep the 3:00 am license and not be monkey see monkey do. The Board thanked Nora for her comments.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the OSLAD grant through Kuhn & Trello. Trustee LaRussa asked if they knew how much it would cost for them to do the grant reporting. Kevin Kuhn, Village Engineer stated that he does not see it being over \$2,000.00. Kevin stated that the sooner we move through the process the less amount of reporting would take.

Motion to approve Kuhn & Trello administering the OSLAD grant not to exceed \$2,000.00 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 opening an O'Reilly's Business Account. Trustee LaRussa asked how many in-store credit accounts are open? Treasurer Cave stated we have an account at Auto Zone and at Napa. Trustee Eskew stated O'Reilly's will match any price. Trustee LaRussa asked what is the protocol who will be able to purchase? Treasurer Cave stated the Police Department and Public Works are allowed to purchase. For example, wiper blades or a headlight. Who authorizes the purchase, Trustee LaRussa asked. Nora Petrosky stated the President authorizes the expenditures he is over Public Works and the Police Department.

Motion to approve the opening an O'Reilly's Account for the Village of Southern View by Trustee Tavernor and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except for Trustee LaRussa voted present
MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Request for the Expenditure of Tourism Dollars between Family Affair and the Village of Southern View for July 20, 2024. Jerry Thompson presented to the Board a revised contract for the event on July 20, 2024. Jerry stated he was involved with the Spring Fling and has 3 to 4 events at the hotel a year. Jerry states he has vendors coming from all over and people from all over the country come to his events. Trustee LaRussa asked who he had spoken to regarding this event. Jerry stated he had talked with Cyndi and Mike Tavernor through getting the Spring Fling together. Jerry stated that he is already having a three-day event that weekend and wanted to combine his event with ours and provide the music for the 85th anniversary. Trustee LaRussa asked why he had not spoken to anyone on the Board and why this was done without any input from the board? Jerry stated he is new at this and was bringing it to the Board now. Trustee LaRussa asked if he was directed not to talk to any board members regarding the contract? Trustee Tavernor stated he did not have to tell her he was talking with anyone. Trustee LaRussa stated she has asked repeatedly for transparency. Trustee Richbark asked who are the bands that will be playing? Jerry stated he has not decided on that yet. Following discussion, Attorney Craven suggested the Board have a committee meeting and work out the planning for the 85th anniversary and go from there. A motion to table this and the next two items on the agenda until after the committee can meet by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Eskew.

President Patsche asked for discussion on Corner Obstructions within the Village. Trustee Richbark stated that there are some areas in the Village that she believes are in violation of line of sight. Trustee Richbark stated that at 6th and Garrett the vegetation is getting out of control all ready and at the corner of 3rd Street and Cordelia, the Southeast corner they have installed plastic, and the fencing is no longer 50% open. A resident stated the corner of 6th and St. Joseph is the same way. Trustee Eskew stated he had not provided a building permit for a fence at that location.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, President Patsche asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:38 pm. Motion was made by Trustee Tavernor and 2nd by Trustee Eskew.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: May 28, 2024