

Village of Southern View

Mike Patsche, *President*

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

Tuesday / June 25, 2024 / 6:00 p.m.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mike Patsche, Village President
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**
 - Greg Bourland, Trustee
 - Nate Briggs, Trustee
 - Robert Eskew, Trustee
 - Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee
 - Betsy Richbark, Trustee
 - Mike Tavernor, Trustee
- 3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mike Patsche, Village President
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - Approve May 28, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - Approve June 19, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes
- 5) **BILLS TO BE PAID:** Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 6/25/2024
- 6) **APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT:** Approve May 2024 Treasurer's Report
- 7) **CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**
- 8) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
 - Police Department Report for May 2024
 - Public Works Department Report May 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 Liquor Ordinance
 - b) Discussion and Approval of Electrical Upgrade with Disconnects at Village Park
 - c) Discussion and Approval of the Changing of Locks at the Martin Pavilion
 - d) Discussion and Approval of 2024 MFT Supplemental Resolution
 - e) Discussion and Approval of 2024 MFT Construction Plan
 - f) Discussion and Approval of 2024 FEMA Grant Opportunity 75//25
 - g) Discussion and Approval of Three-Day Permit for Route 66 Hotel for the 85th Anniversary
 - h) Discussion and Approval of Consideration of Extension of Probation of Public Works Foreman

- i) **Discussion and Approval of a Part Time Seasonal Employee for Public Works**
- j) **Discussion of Full Time Police Officers**
- k) **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: June 21, 2024 8:00 p.m.

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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, June 25, 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:

Greg Bourland, Trustee of Parks
Nate Briggs, Trustee
Robert Eskew, Trustee of Residential & Commercial Building Permits
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee
Betsy Richbark, Trustee of Health & Safety & Business Development
Mike Tavernor, Trustee of Residential Permits

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche stated after hearing none, the May 28, 2024, minutes stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by: Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Eskew
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the June 19, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes of the Park and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. Trustee LaRussa asked when the President appointed Trustee Eskew as president pro tem? Trustee LaRussa asked if that was publicly stated? Attorney Craven stated that is a choice of the President to appoint who he sees fit and it does not need approval from the Board. Trustee LaRussa stated that President Pro tem Eskew needs to be added to the last paragraph in place of President pro tem. President Patsche asked, the June 19, 2024, committee minutes stand approved as amended.

Motion to approve the June 19, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes as amended by: Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee Bourland
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee LaRussa voted present
MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: President Patsche asked whether the board had reviewed the June 25, 2024, Bills to be Paid, and whether there were any changes, corrections, or amendments.

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid, for June 25, 2024, as presented by Trustee Bourland 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 May 2024 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. Trustee Tavernor asked about the Friends of Southern View Park and Police funds were from. Treasurer Cave stated that they are donations from residents and businesses for the Park or Police. President Patsche said hearing none, the May 2024 Treasurer Report stand approved as submitted.

Motion to approve the April 2024 Treasurer Report as presented by:
Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;
MOTION PASSES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ami Merchant, owner of the Curve Inn stated she realizes this is just a discussion regarding the liquor hours but she would like to see possibly to amend the Southern View verbiage to allow 30 mins for last call and if the Board would reduce the hours until 2 am she would like the possibility to allow for live music until 10:30 am on Friday and Saturday only. City of Springfield went to 2 am with all their liquor licenses and the County went to 1 am.

Tim Furhmann, resident on Straight Street, addressed the Board regarding the Klekamp property. Sheds are deteriorating and one has a caved in roof. There seems to be ground hogs breeding under the sheds and outbuildings. Tim requested that someone from the Board go over and walk the area and have the Klekamps tear the buildings down. Trustee Richbark stated she would go and have a conversation with the owners.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Maki provided the Board with a summary of the Police Department Report for May of 2024. Chief Maki stated that the Police Department answered 384 service calls, 3 traffic accidents, 36 traffic tickets, 50 warnings, and there are 16 vacant homes/for sale homes in the Village. Coffee with a Cop had 8 attendees with great conversations. Chief Maki stated all three Durango's are in service and they are waiting on the antennas to come in. The Police Department found a homeless man had been bathing in the pavilion bathroom so at 10 pm each night, the bathrooms are being locked and reopened at 5 am for the public. This should help with the Village water bill at the park.

Dom Rice, public works employee stated that they did get behind on the junk pickup, but everything is done and they will be working on the limb pick up.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche stated that a special meeting will be scheduled for the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property and the for the Land Acquisition from IDOT soon. The Park Committee will meet again to discuss the trees in the park prior to the IDOT meeting.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Electrical Upgrade with Disconnects at the Village Park. Trustee Eskew stated he received two bids' Watts Electric and Request Electric. Each vendor can do the work prior to the 85th celebration. The upgrades will be North and South of the Martin Pavilion.

Motion to approve Watts Electric for Electrical Upgrade with Disconnects at the Village Park by Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee LaRussa

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of changing the locks at the Martin Pavilion. Trustee LaRussa stated she has had access to the building since 2016 and would still want access. Chief Maki stated that the Southern View Neighborhood Watch has been storing items in the Martin Pavilion and has water and sometimes food is kept inside which is not a good place due to the pavilion not being temperature controlled and for bugs and rodents. Chief Maki stated that the East Pavilion storage room would work better for Neighborhood Watch as it is a bigger area for storage. Trustee LaRussa stated that no food should be kept in the Martin Pavilion. President Patsche recommended tabling this discussion for the next meeting.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of 2024 MFT Supplemental Resolution. Kevin Kuhn, Village Engineer stated that there was an error on the previous resolution amounting to \$2,000.00. This resolution will correct that error.

Motion to approve 2024 MFT Supplemental Resolution by Trustee Bourland and 2nd by Trustee Tavernor

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of 2024 Construction Plan. Kevin Kuhn, Village Engineer stated that the 2024 Construction Plan and the 2024 FEMA Grant Opportunity go hand in hand. Kevin stated that Kuhn and Trello have about \$16,800 already in the Kern Street and Linton projects. If those streets are not selected, the Village would need to pay that out of general funds and that MFT funds cannot be used for the engineering costs. Trustee LaRussa asked who selected those roads to do? President Patsche stated he met with the engineers and those are the two worst roads. President Patsche asked the Engineers to get bids on those roads. Trustee LaRussa stated that he should have asked the Board their opinion before asking the Engineers to do that. President Patsche stated when he met with the Engineers a 30-year road guy told him that the Village is losing the roads. Trustee LaRussa stated that roads are a decision for the entire board, and they should collectively make those decisions. President Patsche stated he has heard for years how Kern is not wide enough for even emergency vehicles including from Trustee LaRussa and there are drainage issues that need addressed. Trustee Richbark asked if they could leave a sidewalk on one side of the road? Kevin stated that unfortunately the sidewalk has nowhere to tie into. There are no sidewalks on adjacent streets. If we put a sidewalk in on one side, they must be 48" and ADA compliant and would impede the width of the construction of the road. Kevin Kuhn did state that FEMA has a 75/25 matching grant that he has reached out to FEMA to see if the Village would qualify. Kevin stated that the drainage needs repaired along 4th street and if we were to repair the drainage, we would be able to tie in the road repairs on 4th Street from County Market to Garret Street. The Village would need to come up with 25% of the costs. Kevin stated the costs for the grant would be \$5,000.00.

Motion to approve the Application of FEMA Grant by Kuhn & Trello by Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee Bourland

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Three-Day Permit for Route 66 Hotel for the 85th Anniversary. The permit will allow Route 66 Hotel to sell alcohol at the 85th Anniversary Celebration.

Motion to approve the Three-Day Permit for Route 66 Hotel for the 85th Anniversary by Trustee Richbark and 2nd by Trustee Bourland

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of a Part time Seasonal Employee for Public Works. Trustee Tavernor stated he would like to obtain bids for the weekly cutting of the park, everything south of the ditch. Discussion took place on the need for a part-time employee if the Village would hire a vendor to cut the park. Trustee Tavernor will be collecting the bids and report back to the board.

President Patsche asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee Eskew to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)); Trustee Bourland seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:20 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:22 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Attorney Craven asked for a motion to close the meeting at 8:22 pm. Motion was made by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee LaRussa.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: July 23, 2024