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 27, 2023 / 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 May 23, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

5) BILLS TO BE PAID:

Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 6/27/2023

6) APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT: Approve May 2023 Treasurer's Report

7) CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Andy Goleman, Sangamon County Auditor (6:45pm)

Jim Allmon, Sangamon County Coroner

8) POLICE REPORT:

Police Department Report for May 2023

9) OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

a) Discussion and Approval of the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property

10) NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

a) Discussion and Approval of the Appointment of Chief of Police

b) Discussion and Approval of One Day Special Event for Sunset Inn on July

23rd, 2023

c) Discussion and Approval of Hourly Rate for Full Time and Part Time

Employees

d) 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 23, 2023 1:30 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 27, 2023, 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 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

Mike Taveror, Trustee

Also Present:

Lisa Cave, Village Treasurer & Clerk

Don Craven, Attorney

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the May 23, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche stated after hearing none, the May 23, 2023, minutes stand approved as presented.

Motion to approve the May 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes as presented by: Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee LaRussa Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS: President Patsche asked whether the board had reviewed the June 27, 2023, Bills to be Paid, and whether there were any changes, corrections, or amendments. Trustee Briggs asked if the camera charge was a one time charge? President Patsche stated yes. President Patsche asked for a motion to approve the bills as presented.

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid for June 27, 2023, as presented by Trustee Eskew 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 2023 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. President Patsche said hearing none, the May 2023 Treasurer Report stand approved as submitted.

Motion to approve the May 2023 Treasurer Report as presented by: Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Briggs Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee Haines voted present **MOTION PASSES.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sue Ellen Frederick addressed the Board regarding IDOT widening 6th Street and St Joseph. She is concerned at how they will widen St Joseph and who is going to be responsible for upkeep on the road? Kevin Kuhn, Village Engineer showed Sue Ellen the parcel viewer on his phone and following discussion, Kevin was asked to investigate the plan for St Joseph and 6th Street.

Cindy Tavernor, resident on Kern, addressed the Board regarding Cops n Bobbers. Cindy stated that the event was a fun event for all envolved but noticed quite a few issues with the Park. There is debris and garbage in the pond. Cindy suggested adding more garbage cans around the pond to prevent people throwing them on the ground. A family of 6 tried to play ball at the large ball diamond but the bases are broken and there is a hole in the pitching mound. Trustee Haines stated people do not throw garbage in cans, they toss it on the ground. President Patsche stated that there has been a lot of vandalism in the park. Cindy also stated that the dugouts there are missing shingles and possibly may need to be rebuilt. Cindy stated that the Village needs to maintain it better for a better presentation. Cindy also stated that Heather's memorial is in need of some love. Facebook has been posting about that area and she would be more than happy to help if necessary. Trustee LaRussa stated she would go by the memorial tomorrow and maybe plant some sunflowers. President Patsche stated that Heather is a part of his family, and he will reach out to them and ask for them to check on the area. Patty stated that the name plates on the memorials are damaged through the park. Trustee LaRussa stated that the Village Park is a 501c if anyone would like to donate.

Tim Fuhrman addressed the Board on the Klekamp property. Mr. Fuhrman stated that the property is overgrown, and the sewers are clogged and the fence needs removed, there are a lot of varmints in the area. Trustee Richbark stated that a letter went out last week and if she has not heard from them, the Attorney will issue a legal letter. Attorney Craven stated that he will send the letter certified.

Andy Goleman, Sangamon County Auditor addressed the Board and explained what his office does for Sangamon County. The Auditor's office acts as the official accountant in Sangamon County that ensures all the expenditures that are paid are correct prior to going out and keeps an inventory of the 233 million assets of Sangamon County.

Jim Allmon, Sangamon County Coroner addressed the Board and explained what the County Coroner does. Jim is excited that Sangamon County is constructing a morgue. The Coroner's office has 8 part time, 3 full time investigators and 1 death investigator. There were over 3,000 deaths last year and the Coroner's office did 350 autopsy's. Opioids are at an all-time high with fentanyl contributing to 74 deaths last year alone.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Appointment of Roy Maki as the Chief of Police. President Patsche stated that there have been no resumes turned in for the Chief's position and he is very happy with Chief Maki and the whole Police Department. Trustee LaRussa asked if we had advertised the position. President Patsche stated yes, the position was advertised in appropriate outlets.

Motion to approve the Appointment of Roy Maki as the Village of Southern View Police Chief effective immediately by Trustee Eskew and 2nd by Trustee Richbark Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Maki addressed the Board on the department report for May of 2023. The Police Department answered 252 service calls, 54 traffic tickets, 78 warnings, and there are 23 vacant homes in the Village. The Police Department is down one full time officer and Chief Maki has secured a spot with the Macon County Police Academy if we find a qualified candidate that is not certified. We do get our funds back after the officer has graduated. Cindy Tavernor suggested putting the numbers in the Southern View Newsletter for the Village residents. Chief Maki also advised the Board that the 2016 Ford SUV (black) is in need of a transmission. Irwin's can replace the transmission with a remanufactured transmission for a cost of \$4,563.87 and would only take 2 ½ weeks to complete. Trustee LaRussa asked for a complete list of vehicles that the Village has and Chief Maki provided that to her. The consensus from the Board was to go ahead and fix the vehicle.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION: President Patsche asked for Attorney Craven, Engineer Kuhn and Trustee Eskew to report to the Board on the meeting with IDOT they attended. IDOT stated that the curbing near the Park will be 9 inches tall instead of 6 inches and that there will be a large ditch to allow all the drainage to catch the water to keep it away from the new road. Trustee Haines would like to see the pond dug out deeper while they are doing the road expansion. Trustee Briggs suggested that the Village see if IDOT could extend the walking path around the west side of the pond to allow the public for continued flow of the park path while the road expansion was conducted. IDOT suggested that the Village pick out the type of trees it would like and have a rough estimate of the costs of planting them. After discussion, the Board asked Engineer Kuhn to go back to IDOT with an amount of \$100,000.00 and see what they say and report back to the Village.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION CONTINUE: President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of a One Day Special Event for Sunset Inn on July 23, 2023.

Motion to approve a One Day Special Event for Sunset Inn on July 23, 2023 by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Briggs Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Trustee LaRussa 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 Eskew seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except for Trustee Haines who voted NO.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:16 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:35 pm.

Clerk Cave called the role with all Trustees being present except for Trustee Haines who had left the Executive Session at 8:00 pm.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval on the Hourly Rate for the Southern View Police Department Patrolmen.

Motion to increase the hourly rate of all full time and part time Police Patrolmen by \$1.25 per hour effective June 1, 2023 by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Briggs

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

MOTION PASSES.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval on the Hourly Rate for the Southern View Public Works Department.

Motion to increase the hourly rate of Dave Cole by \$1.50 and \$1.00 for Damian Smith, Kyle Heriford and Dominick Rick effective June 1, 2023 by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Richbark 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 8:39 pm. The motion was made by Trustee Tavernor and 2nd by Trustee Briggs.

PREPARED BY: Lisa Cave, Clerk

DATE APPROVED: July 25, 2023