



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

**Tuesday / July 22, 2025 / 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) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mike Patsche, Village President
- 4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approve June 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 5) BILLS TO BE PAID:** Approval of the Bills to be paid, with checks issued 7/22/2025
- 6) APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT:** Approve June 2025 Treasurer's Report
- 7) CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**
- 8) DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**
  - Police Department Report for June 2025
  - Public Works Department Report June 2025
  - Engineering Report
  - Legal Counsel Report
- 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 and Approval of Purchase of ½ Cage for 2018 Ford Explorer
  - b) Discuss and Approve Request for Tourism Dollars
  - c) Discuss and Approve Playground Rules for Park Signage
  - d) Discuss and Approve Purchase of Hand Dryers for East & West Pavilions
  - e) Discuss and Approve Purchase & Installation of Gutters on East & West Pavilions
  - f) Discuss and Approve Sidewalk Repair to Playgrounds
  - g) 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))

**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: July 18, 2025 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 the regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 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 Commercial Permits  
Rebecca LaRussa, Trustee  
Nora Petrosky, Trustee  
Betsy Richbark, Trustee of Public Health & Safety and Economic Development  
Mike Tavernor, Trustee

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

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### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to approve the June 24, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by Trustee Richbark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Petrosky  
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee LaRussa voted present  
**MOTION PASSES.**

### APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:

Motion to Approve the Bills to be Paid, for July 22, 2025, as presented by Trustee Eskew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Petrosky  
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee LaRussa voted present  
**MOTION PASSES.**

**APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER REPORTS:** President Patsche asked whether the Board had reviewed the June 2025 Treasurer Report and if they found need for any changes, corrections, or amendments. Trustee Petrosky asked for the chipper repair to be taken out of line item 713 equipment repair instead of 722 public works miscellaneous. Trustee Petrosky stated she thought it would be best to have the expenses for maintenance in a designated line item. Treasurer Cave stated that she will make that change and that the appropriations are still being worked on for Fiscal Year 2026. President Patsche stated, the June 2025 Treasurer Report stand approved as amended.

Motion to approve the June 2025 Treasurer Report as presented by  
Trustee Eskew and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Petrosky  
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee LaRussa voted present  
**MOTION PASSES.**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ann Anderson, resident on Kern Street, addressed the Board on the flooding and pot holes that are on Kern. Trustee Eskew stated he has been working with the Engineer to find an asphalt contractor to repair the road without spending over \$350,000.00.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Maki provided his report to the Board. Chief Maki stated there were 228 service calls for the month of June, 2 accidents, 71 traffic stops and 183 warnings written. Flock cameras have been used 1 time for a stolen vehicle. Chief Maki stated Cops n Bobbers was a great success 16 children attended and received t-shirts, fishing poles and tackle boxes. The Police Department completed the high-speed training course. Chief Maki is fine tuning the plans for National Night Out and Chief Maki stated that Officer Capoeman has been a great addition to the department. Trustee Petrosky asked if the Police Department is 24/7 coverage and if they were still doing hirebacks. Chief Maki replied yes, they are 24/7 coverage and are still doing IDOT Hirebacks.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Trustee Eskew stated he has items to be discussed in new business.

**ENGINEERING REPORT:** Kevin Kuhn, Kuhn & Trello stated he has not heard back from IDOT. Trustee Petrosky asked how many grants we have applied for. Kevin stated there are 3 grants, the drainage on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, OSLAD grant and the HMGP federal grant. Trustee Petrosky stated we need to address the potholes before they get worse for winter.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Craven stated he had nothing to report.

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**OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:** President Patsche stated the IDOT Condemnation of Village Property is tabled.

President Patsche stated the Approval of Land Acquisition for IDOT is also tabled.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Purchase of ½ Cage for the 2018 Ford Explorer. Chief Maki stated the costs for the cage is \$3,656.00. Discussion took place on the funds that would be used and if the forfeiture fund could be used for the purchase. Attorney Craven stated he would review the statue and report if we can use those funds. The 2016 Ford is at Landmark Ford due to the transmission; it is the third repair for the warranty work that was done.

Motion to approve the Purchase of a ½ cage for the 2018 Ford Explorer by Trustee LaRussa and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Petrosky

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE; except Trustee Tavernor voted no

**MOTION PASSES.**

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Request for Tourism Dollars. Snoop from Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center presented to the Board that he would like a donation of Tourism Dollars for the purchase of a lighted sign at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Joseph. Snoop stated he has been losing income on the hotel since 2023. The sign would be from a company in Maryland Heights, who quoted a total of \$138,000.00. Trustee Richbark stated that she has several concerns about a lighted sign. Trustee Richbark stated that the trailer that he has now hides the entry to the hotel. Snoop stated he is planning on moving the sign (trailer) to the Southeast corner of the parking lot. Trustee Richbark stated that it is a moot point as that is on an IDOT road and that first he would need permission from IDOT to have such a large lighted sign. Discussion took place on the sign and the ability to display advertising on the sign for any business that would want to advertise for a small fee. Following discussion, the Board will meet with Snoop at the Hotel next week to see what and where he is wanting to purchase.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Playground Rules for Park Signage. President Patsche stated we have had some residents express that signage is needed in the park to prevent any injuries, warn parents, signage for no alcohol or drugs and for liability. President Patsche stated that a special meeting should be set for any park items before the next meeting. Trustee Eskew stated that we were supposed to be provided with a box of stickers and extra paint for the playground, but we did not.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Purchase of Hand Dryers for the East and West Pavilions. Trustee Eskew stated it is for the Martin Pavilion, the East and West Hand Dryers work in those pavilions but the Martin Pavilion needs updated.

Motion to approve the Purchase of Hand Dryers for the Martin Pavilion by Trustee LaRussa and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Richbark

Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

**MOTION PASSES.**

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of the Purchase and Installation of Gutters on the East and West Pavilions. Trustee Eskew stated that the two pavilions need gutters. The Martin Pavilion already has gutters. Following discussion Trustee Eskew will obtain bids for the gutters and will provide them to the Board for approval and will discuss at the possible special meeting regarding park items that has not been scheduled yet.

President Patsche asked for discussion and approval of Sidewalk Repair to Playgrounds. Trustee Eskew stated he has provided the Board with bids for the concrete work to make it ADA accessible to each area of the playgrounds. The old concrete sidewalk needs to be removed as it needs to be graded down to access the area. Discussion took place on where each sidewalk was going to be placed and the bid.

Motion to approve Sidewalk Repair to Playground and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Repair not to exceed \$8,000.00 by Trustee Richbark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Petrosky  
Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;  
**MOTION PASSES.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was made by Trustee Petrosky 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 LaRussa seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, all voted AYE;

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:58 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:12 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, President Patsche asked for a motion to close the meeting at 7:13 pm. Motion was made by Trustee LaRussa and 2nd by Trustee Eskew.

**PREPARED BY:** Lisa Cave, Clerk

**DATE APPROVED:** August 26, 2025