

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held: Tuesday February 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the South Point Village Council was called to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Jeff Gaskin led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by prayer offered by Pastor Ryan Byers.

Roll Call:

Members Present-

David Classing
Rockford McCoy
Chuck Austin
Mary Cogan
Marlene Arthur
Brad Adkins

Members Absent-

Village Solicitor, Randy Lambert was present.

Mr. Classing made a motion to approve the minutes of the organizational meeting held January 7, 2025. Mrs. Cogan seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Classing-yes, Mr. McCoy-yes, Mr. Austin-Absent, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mrs. Arthur-Absent, Mr. Adkins-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 7, 2025. Mrs. Cogan seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Classing-yes, Mr. McCoy-yes, Mr. Austin-Absent, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mrs. Arthur-Absent, Mr. Adkins-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Adkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held January 23, 2025. Mr. Classing seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Classing-yes, Mr. McCoy-yes, Mr. Austin-Absent, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mrs. Arthur-Absent, Mr. Adkins- yes. Motion carried.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the payment of invoices paid in February 2025. Mr. Adkins seconded. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried.

Public:

Kevin Wood updated Council on the following.

1. The Sewer lift station to serve the medical facility received a good bid and was accepted by Council at the special meeting. There is a \$646,000 ARC grant along with an EPA loan that will be awarded at the OWDA board meeting in February. The total cost will be \$883,268.
2. Proposal for Council to approve a general plan to be conducted which costs \$70,000 and will take approximately 6-8 months to complete. Mayor Gaskin asked Council for permission to borrow the money. The money should be reimbursed to the Village from the settlement. Council stated that the Village would pay the \$70,000 out of the water fund.

Mayor Gaskin stated that the rest of the public would have time to address Council at the end of the meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Austin made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for **Ordinance 25-01** An Ordinance to Amend Appropriation Ordinance 24-21 to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of South Point, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 2025 and suspending the three-reading rule. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to approve **Ordinance 25-01**. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried.

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Mr. Austin made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for **Ordinance 25-02** An ordinance Revising the South Point Utilities Wastewater Rates. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to approve **Ordinance 25-02**. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Classing-no, Mr. McCoy-yes, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mrs. Arthur-yes, Mr. Adkins- no. Motion carried.

Mr. Classing made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for **Ordinance 25-03** An Ordinance Revising the Rates for the South Point Utilities Water System. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Austin made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 25-03**. Mrs. Arthur seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for **Ordinance 25-04** An Ordinance Modifying the Salaries of Village Employees and Fixing Rate of Compensation. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Mr. Classing made a motion to approve the transfer of funds for the month of February 2025. Mrs. Austin seconded. Roll call: All yes. Motion Carried

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
General Fund	2904 Police Dept. Fund	65,000.00
Sewer Fund	5721 Solida Sewer Bond (2017 LCNI)	4,375.00
Sewer Fund	5701 Sewer Improvements Bond (OPWC-2009)	3,380.00
Sewer Fund	5761 Sewer Reserve	4,500.00
Sewer Fund	5723 WWTP Clarifiers Rehab Loan (OWDA-2018)	4,305.00
Water Fund	5762 Water Reserve	1,667.00
Street Fund	3101 Street Repaving Bond (2015 LCNI)	456.00
Vehicle Permissive Tax	3101 Street Repaving Bond (2015 LCNI)	3,750.00
Fire Dept. Fund	3102 Fire Truck Bond (2020 PNC)	2,500.00
Sewer Fund	3103 Vacuum Truck Bond (2021 US Bank)	7,995.00
Water Fund	5722 Phase 1 Waterline Replacement Loan	
4,061.82		
Water Fund	5724 Phase 2 Waterline Replacement Loan	
6.603.80		

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's financial report, and the Rev/Expenditure account status report and the bank reconciliation for the month ending December 31, 2024. Mr. Adkins seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Classing-no, Mr. McCoy-yes, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-yes. Mrs. Arthur-yes, Mr. Adkins-no. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Village Administrator:

Russ presented for the month of January, the water department pumped 15,661,000 with 0 water breaks. Meter readings have started. Sewer department treated 33 million gallons for the month of January. The street department used approximately 60 tons of salt during the snow events.

Fire Department: Mark stated the new fire truck is in production.

Police Department: Chris presented a Mayor's Court Summary Report to council He stated that during the month of January, criminal activity was slow. The snow events caused more vehicle accidents.

Public:

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Gary Hammock discussed his concern regarding the speed of trains going through the residential area in the evenings.

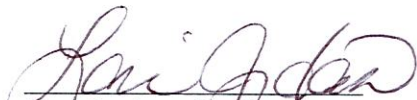
There was a lot of discussion regarding a zoning issue for the old South Point Elementary Building now owned by White Caps. Colton Copley is wanting to open up a medical spa in the building. He asked that the previous variance be amended to allow him to do so. Solicitor, Randy Lambert presented documents to council to help assist them in making a decision. Attorney Tyler Haslam opposes amending the variance. He thinks council should leave it as is or pass a new variance. Some residents stated they liked businesses coming to South Point and others expressed that they did not want businesses in residential areas. After several minutes of discussion, it was agreed upon council to have a zoning board of appeals meeting on February 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.


Tyler Rogers, inquired about the water quality.

Rex Howell, President of Tristate Bible College discussed the need to add another entry point to the College. A possibility would be making an entrance on the back side of the property. Joe Freeman stated he owned most of the property that would be needed to make that entrance and that he would donate that property to the village.

Mary Cogan made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. Mr. Austin seconded the motion.

No motions were made in executive session. Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Lori Jordan, Clerk


Jeff Gaskin, Mayor