

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

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Held: Tuesday April 1, 2025

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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  
Brad Adkins

Members Absent-

Marlene Arthur

Village Solicitor, Randy Lambert was present.

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 4, 2025. Mr. Classing seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Classing-yes, Mr. McCoy-yes, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mrs. Arthur-Absent, Mr. Adkins-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held March 24, 2025. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Classing-yes, Mr. McCoy-yes, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mrs. Arthur-Absent, Mr. Adkins-yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to approve the payment of invoices paid in March 2025. Mr. Adkins seconded. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public:**

Thomas Goodman and Donal Freeman submitted a proposal regarding cyber security and what the village needs to do to be in compliance.

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

**Old Business:**

Mr. Classing informed council about what transpired during the phone meeting held with the State Auditor's office regarding the performance audit. Stated that we are waiting on a proposal.

**New Business:**

Mayor Gaskin updated council on the PFAS settlement. It is progressing.

He also stated that we have proposed to purchase property located at 201 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East and 102 Ferry Street to place a filter building.

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to suspend the three reading rule for **Resolution No. 25-05 A** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a real estate purchase agreement for the purchase of property located at 201 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East and 102 Ferry Street, South Point, Ohio owned by Mary M. Rose. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call All yes, Motion carried 5-0

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to adopt **Resolution No -05**. Mr. Classing seconded the motion. Roll Call All yes, Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to open 2 new funds, one for the Collins Avenue Lift Station and the other one for Opoiod Settlement. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call All yes, Motion carried 5-0.

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Mr. Austin made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for **Ordinance 25-06** An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Base Code, 2025 Edition, as the code of Ordinances for the Municipality of South Point, Ohio and suspending the three reading rule. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Clasing made a motion to approve **Ordinance 25-06**. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for **Ordinance 25-07** 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 December 31, 2025 and Suspending the Three Reading rule.. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to approve **Ordinance 25-07**. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for **Ordinance 25-08** An Ordinance authorizing the Village of South Point, Ohio to enter into property schedule No. 2 to a Master Lease Purchase Agreement by and between U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and finance the acquisition, furnishing, installation, and equipping of a fire truck, and all necessary appurtenances thereto, authorizing other documents in connection therewith, and suspending the three reading rule. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 25-08**. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to approve the transfer of funds for the month of March 2025. Mr. Classing seconded. Roll call: All yes. Motion Carried 5-0.

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
General Fund	2904 Police Dept. Fund	40,000.00
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)	1,370.00
Vehicle Permissive Tax	3101 Street Repaving Bond (2015 LCNI)	11,781.00
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 March 31, 2025. Mr. Classing seconded. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 5-0.

## Department Reports

### **Village Administrator:**

Russ presented for the month of March, the water department pumped 13,259,000 with 0 water breaks. We have had 35 leak adjustments for February and March. Sewer department treated 24 million gallons for the month of March. The street department grass season has started.

**Fire Department:** Mark stated that the fire truck is still in production. There have been 4 or 5 fires lately and a high speed chase that resulted in an auto accident. One of our fire fighters rescued one of the occupants of the vehicle by taking his gear off and jumping in the river to save him.

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**Police Department:** Chris stated the auction did fairly good and three of the cruisers were sold to Ironton. He and Hannah have been working on HB 29. All of license forfeiture's for non payment have been removed.

Public:

Amy Harris started the discussion regarding why South Point is not providing an officer at the School and if it can be provided in the future. A lot of discussion went back and forth with the Mayor agreeing to contact the school.

Chuck Conley, wanted to thank Russ McDonald and his department for what they do. Also wanted to thank both of the Chiefs and their departments. He voiced that he thought South Point's Police funding is too low and traffic going to and from McGinnis is going too fast.

Maria Chapman has an issue with the property right next to her house on the corner, blocking the streets and are there 24/7 and not supposed to be.

Gretchen Hale stated she was not prepared for the sewage price increase. She said it is a burden for the residents. Mayor Gaskin explained the reasons for the increase.

Mr. Adkins made a motion to cap the sewage rate at \$21.50. A discussion was made regarding pros and cons of passing the motion. It was decided by council delay making a decision until further review could be completed.

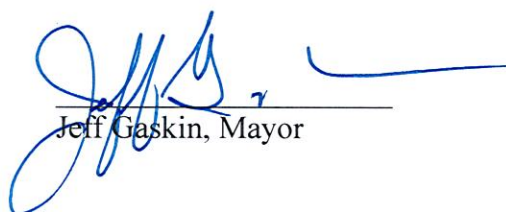
Lesley asked council if any decision has been made on backyard chickens in the Village. Mayor Gaskin said he would have council to make a decision next meeting.

Mayor Gaskin called for an executive session for legal reasons.

No motions were made in executive session and no actions were taken after the session.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05.

  
Lori Jordan, Clerk

  
Jeff Gaskin, Mayor