

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held: Tuesday September 2, 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

Brad Adkins

Rockford McCoy

Chuck Austin

Mary Cogan

Charles Withrow

Members Absent-

None

Village Solicitor, Randy Lambert was present.

Mr. Adkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 5, 2025. Mr. Withrow seconded. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to approve the payment of invoices paid in August 2025. Mr. McCoy seconded. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Public:

Linda Main with People of the Point stated that the July Party of the Park was a success. She thanked all of the volunteers and businesses that donated to make it all happen. They are already starting on planning for next year.

Maria Chapman requested that the alley by her property be vacated by the Village. Mayor submitted ordinance 98-9 to council and stated that Randy said that council could vacate property if they chose to. It was brought to council but no motion was made.

Old Business:

A discussion was started regarding an Email from Ben Howard regarding the sewer rates. Mike Kelley expressed his concerns regarding the sewer rates and maintaining the sewer plant. He stated that the department conserves when they can by fixing equipment in house but there is only so long that you can keep putting a band-aid on the equipment before it completely stops working. The cost of supplies and parts have gone up making it harder to maintain the equipment. He stated that the headworks is currently down. They are hoping they can get it fixed quickly.

Russ stated that the headworks project is scheduled to start in the spring of 2026 and that he had plans for repairs and updates in the department but is unable to do so due to the lowering of the sewer rates.

There was a discussion among council on whether to raise rates or not. Council stated they would take a look at the sewer rates again and there may be a small increase the first of the year.

Another discussion was made on moving \$100,000 from General Fund and \$100,000 from the Star Investment account or taking \$200,000 out of the Star Investment account to the Sewer Reserve Fund.

Mr. Adkins made a motion to take \$200,000 out of the Star Investment Account and place in the sewer reserve account. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

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Kathy questioned how we determine the amount of the sewer transfer each month. Mayor Gaskin explained that both accounts can be used for sewer expenses and the amount is based on the percentage of assets in the plant.

Another resident asked if the water rates had to raise along with the sewer rates. Russ explained that we have maintenance and repairs in both departments. Randy added that most of the money that we have received to do updates on the water department is actually loans that we have to pay back.

New Business:

1. Mr. Classing made a motion to add three new funds: Headworks Improvements, Waterline Improvements Phase 3 and Meters and PFAS Water Wells. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.
2. Mr. Classing made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule on **Ordinance 25-15** An Ordinance amending Ordinance 24-22 concerning the South Point Utilities Water System and Suspending the three-reading rule. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 25-15**. Mrs. Cogan seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

3. Mr. Austin made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule on **Ordinance 25-16** 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. The motion was seconded by Mr. Classing. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 25-16**. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cogan. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

4. Mr. Adkins made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule on **Resolution 25-11** A Resolution authorizing Patrick D. Leighty, Lawrence County Engineer to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required and suspending the three-reading rule. Mrs. Cogan seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to adopt **Resolution 25-11**. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the transfer of funds for the month of September, 2025. Mr. Classing seconded. Roll call: All yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
General Fund	2904 Police Dept. Fund	28,000.00
General Fund	3106 Police Vehicle Loan Fund	12,000.00
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

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Water Fund	5722 Phase 1 Waterline Replacement Loan	6,603.80
Tiffany Lane	2011 Street Fund	5,473.26

Mr. Adkins 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 August, 2025. Mr. Classing seconded. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Department Reports

Village Administrator:

Russ presented his report for the month of August, the water department pumped 10,919,000 with no water breaks. In August 2024, we pumped 14,352,000 gallons of water. In August of 2020 we pumped 20,491,000 with 18 water breaks.

The sewer department treated 23 million gallons of sewage.

Street department: Brush pick up is set for 9/22 through 9/26.

Police Department: Lenny was present to represent the police department. Stated that he is preparing a revision of the fines and fees for the department. He is also preparing a public records policy update for the department. The department had 50 calls, 2 crashes, 2 pursuits, 5 drug arrests, 1 death investigation, 2 burglaries and 1 assault for the month of August.

Fire Department: The new fire truck is here and ready for service. The department handled an accident with a vehicle crashing into a gas meter on Park Avenue.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Gaskin stated that the Village of South Point will be featured in the Ohio Municipal Magazine.

Mentioned that Brea was working on typing the headers for the Ordinances and Resolutions to help make them searchable to locate them easier.

Mr. Classing made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Mrs. Cogan seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Gaskin stated there would be no action taken this evening after executive council.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.


Lori Jordan, Clerk


Jeff Gaskin, Mayor