

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held: Tuesday November 3, 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  
Charles Withrow  
Brad Adkins  
Mary Cogan

Members Absent-

Village Solicitor, Randy Lambert was present.

Mr. Withrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 7, 2025. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Classing, yes; Mr. McCoy, yes; Mr. Austin, yes; Mr. Withrow, yes; Mr. Adkins, yes; Mrs. Cogan, pass. Motion carried 5-0

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

**Public:**

Justin Pizzulli, Ohio State Representative for Scioto County, Adams County and ½ of Brown County. Mr. Pizzulli started his presentation talking about how Mayor Gaskin has been a supporter of the bill that he is working on. Also stated that Jason Stevens, who is the representative for Lawrence, also has been very supportive. Mr. Stevens apologized for not being able to attend the meeting this evening.

He said that he had not planned on getting involved in this issue but when he found out how important it was to the people that he represents, he decided it was time to learn everything he could regarding recovery houses. He said it is not that he dislikes people that are in recovery, he wants everyone to get better. What he is against is the exploitation of them since there is a lot of money in the business. A recovery house is just where the person that is in recovery sleeps. They do their counseling, see doctors, etc. during the day. They are not supposed to have any treatment in recovery homes. When he took office there was no regulation on who could open a recovery home. They were able to pass a bill that states they must register and get a license, but it is still easy for anyone to obtain. If anyone would like to get a list of the licenses you can obtain that at the ADAMHS Board located in Portsmouth, Ohio. Some of the owners of the properties are not helping them but exploiting them by making money off them. Recovery is buying up all of the vacant properties and taking over. There are 21 counties in the state who do not have any recovery housing. There are 22 counties that have more recovery housing than they should have because the cost of living is lower in those areas. Judges will court order them to the counties that have beds available. Since recovery housing is protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act if a municipality tries to stop them from coming in your area they can be sued.

There is over 80 houses in Lawrence County last time he checked. A judge gives them a choice to go to jail or go to a recovery house. Over 50 percent of the people in Recovery housing in our area are from out of town. This needs to be spread out over the state of Ohio instead of them all opening in our area. To address this, he has introduced House Bill 58 which will equally distribute housing for recovery all over the state. It also states that if a court orders them to another county and that person defies their court order, they will have to provide transportation to get them back to their county, so they are not just hanging out in the county where they were supposed to get treatment. It also creates a task force to discuss the issue. He said if you need further information, feel free to contact him.

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The bill has been opposed by the Coalition of Ohio Council of Behavioral Health, Ohio Recovery Housing, and The Alliance of Recovery Providers. They have full-time lobbyists and work against them. They are looking at recovery housing as a housing issue. His bill views it as a healthcare issue. The bill has had 4 hearings and now has enough votes to get it to pass. Of course, there were things that had to be changed to get it passed.

### Old Business:

None

### New Business:

Mr. Austin made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for **Ordinance 25-17** An ordinance to amend appropriation Ordinance 24-24 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. Mrs. Cogan seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 25-17**. Mr. Classing seconded the motion. Roll Call. All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Adkins made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for **Ordinance 25-18** An ordinance to change a part time employee Landon Hutchinson to full time status. Mr. Withrow seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to approve **Ordinance 25-18**. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion Carried 6-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule for **Resolution 25-14** A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion Carried 6-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to approve **Resolution 25-14**. Mr. McCoy 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 November 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)	1,514.53
Water Fund	5722 Phase 1 Waterline Replacement Loan	6,603.80

Mr. Withrow 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 October 31, 2025. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

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## Department Reports

### **Village Administrator:**

Russ presented his report for the month of October, the water department pumped 10,222,000 gallons. This time last year it was 12,033,000. In 2020, we pumped 18,930,000. No water breaks. Just had the EPA inspection. They saw no physical violations. Will have the report to present next month.

The sewer department treated 37 million gallons of sewer. Last month was 33 million gallons.

The street department - cleanup days has been completed. Started today hauling that off. Today we picked up 90 tons of salt. Have 150 tons on hand in preparation of the snow weather approaching.

Brush pickup for November will be November 17-21 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **Fire Department:**

Received a grant for gear from BWC. Still waiting to hear about the Marcs grant. Have received the small community grant. Had a massive structure fire last week. Everyone was able to get out without having to be rescued. Had an auto accident on 52 and talked about the two boys that was involved in the fatality accident in Chesapeake. Had 54 people show up for the rescue training.

### **Police Department:**

Stated that due to technical issues he was unable to present the monthly report. Did have a drug bust in Olde Farm. Thanked council for approving full time status for Landon Hutchinson.

### **Code Enforcement Officer:**

Absent but had a report. Issued eight warnings for tall grass last month. Three warning for junk and trash, 4 for dogs at large. Working on getting all of his information on the computer to be available for everyone.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Report from Diversified given to Council. IT is moving along. There are still some issues that we are working through.

Letter from medical insurance regarding the renewal for 2026. It is going up approximately 12 percent. We are meeting with some others to get more quotes.

Next month we will have an ordinance on chickens deciding whether South Point will allow chickens in the Village.

Mr. Classing discussed the meeting we had with the County Auditor regarding the property tax issue in the State of Ohio.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Lori Jordan, Clerk



Jeff Gaskin, Mayor