

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the South Point Village Council was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call:

Members Present-

Mr. McCoy
 Mr. Classing
 Mrs. Daniel
 Mrs. Chapman
 Mr. Payne
 Mr. Austin

Members Absent-

Village Solicitor, Mark McCown was present.

Mrs. Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 3, 2026. Mr. Payne seconded. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the payment of invoices paid in March 2026. Mr. Classing seconded. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Public:

Dean Greene, with the data center being built in Franklin Furnace. He gave a presentation giving some information regarding data centers and what they can bring to the communities. After his presentation he answered questions from the public.

Letitia Fox, spouse of Robert Fox asking for help in finding her husband. Mayor Gaskin and Chief Majher both addressed her concerns. Mayor Gaskin requested that the Chaplain pray over the family.

Mr. Classing made a motion to go into recess. Mrs. Chapman Seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Gaskin called the meeting back into session.

Matt Knight, he lives right outside the village and is having issues with the internet.

Brandon Bowling complaint regarding tax assessments on property that he purchased. Mayor stated that we would contact Auditor's office and have the amounts removed from the tax bill.

Thomas Goodman with Diversified submitted the quarter report to council and discussed the retention of public records and how it pertains to emails and social media.

Mayor Gaskin made a statement that right now is not a good time to increase the sewer rates. He provided a printout of the water and sewer rates in the industrial park to council. Also provided a new appointment schedule which is attached.

Mr. Payne made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding appointment. Mrs. Chapman seconded the motion. Mayor, Council and Attorney are invited to attend. Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session began at 8:52 p.m

Mrs. Chapman made a motion to return to regular session. It was seconded by Mr. McCoy. Roll Call, All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Council returned to regular session at 9:53 p.m.

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Old Business:

A second reading was held for **Resolution 26-04**. Mrs. Chapman made a motion to amend **Resolution 26-04** to read as follows striking all in the printed **Resolution 26-04** and replacing as follows **Resolution 26-04** A Resolution imposing a moratorium upon AI Data Centers. Whereas, Village council is concerned with the sudden influx of AI Data Centers and whereas, Village Council desires to place a moratorium on AI Data Centers while Village Council is assured that such facilities are safe for the Village. Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the council of the village of South Point, Ohio as follows Section 1 That a moratorium is hereby placed on all AI Data Centers wishing to locate within the Village of South Point for a period of (12) months. Section 2 This Resolution shall be declared an emergency necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of South Point, Ohio so that regulations may be properly adopted for the orderly, safe and construction of said centers. Mrs. Daniel seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Austin requested council to give him 6 months to try and figure out how we can generate money for the village by allowing the centers to come into town.

A Second reading was held on **Resolution 26-05** A Resolution to Retain Village Legal Counsel.

New Business:

Miscellaneous - None

A first reading was held for **Ordinance 26-08** An Ordinance to Amend Appropriation Ordinance 25-19 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, 2026. Mr. Classing made a motion to amend adding Section 4 declaring that the within is an emergency to appropriately fund the operations of the Village. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to suspend the three- reading rule on **Ordinance 26-08**. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 26-08**. Mrs. Daniel seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

First Reading on **Ordinance 26-09** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No 10-04 to increase the Mayor's Court Computerization fee and to conform with Ohio Revised Code Section 1901.261. Mrs. Daniel made a motion to Amend Adding Section 5 declaring an emergency to purchase necessary upgraded equipment for the Mayor's Court computerization equipment software to maintain the orderly operations of the mayor's court. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion Passed 6-0.

Mr. Payne made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule on **Ordinance 26-09**. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Daniel made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 26-09**. Mr. Classing seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes. Motion passed 6-0.

First reading was held on **Ordinance 26-10** An Ordinance authorizing the certification of unpaid mayor's court fines, fees, and court costs to the collection enforcement section of the Ohio Attorney General; establishing procedures for collection; providing for referral of unpaid cases after six months; and providing for disposition or cancellation of uncollectible debt pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Austin made motion to suspend the three-reading order on **Ordinance 26-10**. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes. Motion passed 6-0.

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Mr. Classing made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 26-10**. Mrs. Chapman seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

First reading was held on **Ordinance 26-11** An Ordinance approving, adopting, and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2026 edition, As the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of South Point, Ohio

Mr. Classing made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule on **Ordinance 26-11**. Mrs. Chapman seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion Carried 6-0.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 26-11**. Mrs. Daniel seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

First reading was held on **Resolution 26-06** A Resolution Authorizing Hourly Wage increases for South Point Police Department Personnel.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule on **Resolution 26-06**. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Payne made a motion to adopt **Resolution 26-06**. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

First Reading was held on **Resolution 26-07** A Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a Petty Cash Fund for the Village of South Point Police Department.

Mr. Payne made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule on **Resolution 26-07**. Mr. Austin Seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Daniel made a motion to adopt **Resolution 26-07**. Mrs. Chapman seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion Carried 6-0.

First reading was held on **Resolution 26-08** A Resolution Authorizing the closure of certain bank accounts maintained at Wesbanco for the South Point Police Department.

First Reading was held on **Resolution 26-09** A Resolution Authorizing the opening of new accounts at Desco Federal Credit Union for the South Point Police Department.

Council has set a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm to address retention of current small businesses in the village and ways to attract new businesses.

Mr. Classing made a motion to approve the transfer of funds for the month of April 2026. Mr. McCoy seconded. Roll call: All yes. Motion Carried 6-0.

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
General Fund	2904 Police Dept. Fund	\$18,000.00
General Fund	3106 Police vehicle Loan Fund	22,000.00
Sewer Fund	5721 Solida Sewer Bond (2017 LCNI)	4,375.00
Sewer Fund	5701 Sewer Improvements Bond (OPWC-2009)	1,021.00
Sewer Fund	5761 Sewer Reserve	4,500.00
Sewer Fund	5723 WWTP Clarifiers Rehab Loan (OWDA-2018)	2,252.00
Water Fund	5762 Water Reserve	1,667.00
Street Fund	3101 Street Repaving Bond (2015 LCNI)	5,491.00
Vehicle Permissive Tax	3101 Street Repaving Bond (2015 LCNI)	3,000.00
Fire Dept. Fund	3102 Fire Truck Bond (2020 PNC)	2,500.00
Sewer Fund	3103 Vacuum Truck Bond (2021 US Bank)	3,943.00
Water Fund	5724 Phase 2 Waterline Replacement Loan	5,626.00
Water Fund	5722 Phase 1 Waterline Replacement Loan	1,061.00
Fire Dept Fund	3105 Fire Truck Loan 2025	131,003.42

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Mrs. Chapman made a motion to Approve the Clerk/Treasurer financial report, revenue/expenditure account status report and bank reconciliation ending March 31, 2026. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Austin made a motion to allow the Fiscal Officer to group the Village into a Retro plan through BWC. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chapman. The motion was passed 6-0.

Department Reports

Village Administrator:

Russ presented his report for the month of March, the water department pumped 10,527,000 gallons. There were no waterline breaks. Working on getting grants to help pay to paint the water tanks. Phase 3 Waterline project is completed. First loan payment will be something this summer or early fall.

The sewer department treated 27 million gallons of sewage. Been working on repairing the digester.

The street department – Black top projects and grass cutting. Sand Road will be paved in the fall.

Ohio EPA stopped in and stated that since our meetings were being published on youtube, that we needed to make a public announcement regarding vehicles leaking oil. This oil is going into the catch basins and eventually going into the river. Please control the leaking of oil to keep this from happening.

Clean up will be on your garbage day, which is on the 20th and 22nd. Brush pickup is the week of the 20th.

Police Department:

Had 13 incident reports. 3 crash reports, 78 calls for service. 110 traffic citations with 31 warnings. Assisted the drug task force with two raids, one in Proctorville and one in Coal Grove. Impound auction is scheduled at 10:00 this Saturday. 4 officers attending swat training. Foot chase on Washington Avenue.

Fire Department:

Had 14 calls last month. Getting ready for some training classes. Everything has been running good.

Had a discussion regarding contracts for employees when we pay for their training.

Code Enforcement Officer:

Absent

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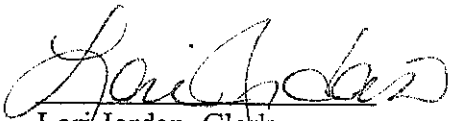
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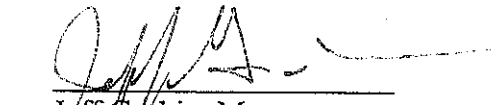
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Miscellaneous:

Mayor Gaskin reported that we are working on a request for quotes for garbage bids. We just received 5.5 million from Dupont through the EPA for the Pfas. We have asked RCAP for a new study. Hospital lift station should be online in the next 30 days. Sidewalk construction will begin in August 2026. Applied for Congressional spending appropriation. Applied for 2 million from Senator Moreno for Auburn Avenue flooding. Applied for 2 million dollars from Congressman Taylors Appropriations for sewer realigning. Need to get something on the spray pad. ODOT is going to fix the dip in the round a bout, will be about \$90,000.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:12 p.m.


Lory Jordan, Clerk


Jeff Gaskin, Mayor

Village of South Point

APPOINTMENTS

2026

Appointment of:

Planning Commission Committee	
Chair	Maria Chapman
Member	Sandra Daniel
Police Committee	
Chair	Rocky McCoy
Member	David Classing
Zoning	Chuck Austin, Chair Sandra Daniel
Finance Committee	
Chair	David Classing
Member	Rocky McCoy
Member	Robert Payne
Audit Committee	
Chair	David Classing
Member	Robert Payne
Records Retention Committee	Sandra Daniel Maria Chapman
Board of Trustees for Fireman's	David Classing
Relief & Pension Fund	Maria Chapman
Resident Appointment	Mr. Paul Denning
Emergency Preparedness	Sandra Daniel, Chair Maria Chapman Mark Goodall