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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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

Roll Call:

Members Present-

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

Members Absent-

Village Solicitor, Randy Lambert was present.

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

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

Public:

Melvin Yapp, spoke regarding businesses leaving South Point and asked if council would entertain tax breaks for small businesses like businesses receive at the Point or any other ways to keep businesses in town. Mrs. Daniel offered having a work session to discuss the matter.

Rick Fitzpatrick, spoke regarding speed limit and stop signs or adding speed bumps, parking issues on 3rd Street and Ferry. Handicap parking along the park is 100 yards from the picnic area. Questioned who maintains cameras at the boat dock. Informed that drivers are doing donuts in the gravel area. Thanked the Village for putting in dog waste stations and asked if there was a no leash law for cats. Mr. Gaskin addressed each of his concerns.

Old Business:

A third reading was held for **Ordinance 26-02**. An ordinance to revising the rates for the South Point utilities water system. Mr. Payne made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 26-02**. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman, Pass; Mr. Payne, yes; Mr. Austin, yes; Mr. McCoy, yes; Mr. Classing, yes; Mrs. Daniel, no. Motion passed 4-1, with one council member passing.

A third reading was held for **Ordinance 26-03** An Ordinance Revising the South Point Utilities Wastewater Rates. Mr. McCoy made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 26-03**. It was seconded by Mr. Payne. Roll Call: Mr. Classing, no; Mrs. Daniel, no; Mrs. Chapman, no; Mr. Payne, yes; Mr. Austin, yes, Mr. McCoy, Yes. Due to a 3-3 result, Mr. Gaskin decided the vote with a no vote. Motion failed 3-4.

A third reading was held for **Resolution 26-01** A Resolution to retain village legal counsel. Mr. Classing made a motion to adopt **Resolution 26-01**. Mrs. Daniel seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Daniel, yes; Mrs. Chapman, yes; Mr. Payne, no; Mr. Austin, no; Mr. McCoy, no; Mr. Classing, yes. Due to a 3-3 result, Mr. Gaskin decided the vote with a yes vote, but stated that the Motion was denied. Motion passed 4-3.

Mr. Austin submitted **Resolution 26-05** A Resolution to retain Randy Lambert for the time period stated in Resolution 26-01 and made a motion to suspend the three- reading rule on **Resolution 26-05**. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Chapman, no; Mr. Payne, yes; Mr. Austin, yes; Mr. McCoy, yes; Mr. Classing, no; Mrs. Daniel, No. Motion failed 3-3. A first reading was held.

New Business:

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Mr. Payne made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule on **Ordinance 26-07** An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 25-19 to make appropriations for current expenses of the Village of South Point, State of Ohio, During the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. Mr. Austin seconded the motion. Roll Call, All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Austin made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 26-07** and seconded by Mr. McCoy. Roll Call, All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule on **Resolution 26-03** A Resolution authorizing the submission to the Ohio Department of Transportation of an application for their grass removal and assistance support and safety program for state fiscal years 2026 and 2027; and giving consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of transportation to provide supplemental mowing, pruning, trimming, and/or cutting on the rights-of-way of state highway roads within the village corporate limits. Mrs. Chapman seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Classing made a motion to adopt **Resolution 26-03**. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 26-08 was skipped due to not receiving the ordinance from the Police Department.

Mrs. Daniel made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule on **Resolution 26-04** A resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on the establishment, conversion of other structures or buildings into a data center, including the development and construction of any building, structure, use or change of use that would allow data centers for a period of twelve (12) months from the effective date of this resolution in order to allow the Village of south Point, Ohio administration and Village Council time to review applicable federal codes, Ohio statutes, codes and regulations along with the Village's Codified Ordinances relative to such activity changing codified ordinances to village ordinances. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chapman. Roll Call: Mr. Austin, no; Mr. McCoy, yes; Mr. Classing, yes; Mrs. Chapman, yes; Mrs. Daniel, yes; Mr. Payne, Pass. Motion failed 4-1, with one council member passing. First Reading held.

Mr. Payne made a motion to hire Rian McKenzie and Austin Baldwin as part time police officers. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Classing, yes; Mrs. Daniel, yes; Mrs. Chapman, no; Mr. Payne, yes; Mr. Austin, yes; Mr. McCoy, yes. Motion passed 5-1.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the transfer of funds for the month of March 2026. 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	\$60,000.00
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)	3710.00
Water Fund	5724 Phase 2 Waterline Replacement Loan	5,626.00
Water Fund	5722 Phase 1 Waterline Replacement Loan	1,061.00

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

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Mr. Classing made a motion to Approve the Clerk/Treasurer financial report, revenue/expenditure account status report and bank reconciliation ending February 28, 2026. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. Roll Call: All yes, Motion passed 6-0.

Department Reports**Village Administrator:**

Russ presented his report for the month of February, the water department pumped 10,859,000 gallons. There were no waterline breaks. There were two boil advisories due to the Phase 3 waterline replacement project. Should be done with the project around March 2026. Will probably be starting to pay on the loan in June or July.

The sewer department treated 29 million gallons of sewage. Have been having issues with the digester and clarifier valves. He stated that anyone that wants to come take a tour of the sewer plant is invited to do so.

The street department – Grass season is right around the corner. Brush pick up will be the 23rd and 25th day of March.

Police Department:

Discussed drug raids that the department has been involved with. They have been collaborating with other departments within the county.

Fire Department:

Had one structure fire in the village. Assisted Perry Township on a fire and three with Fayette Township. We have had numerous accidents. Remember to change batteries in CO detectors and smoke alarms. Took new truck to civic center and showed it off. Still waiting to hear back on some grants that he has applied for.

Code Enforcement Officer:

Not a whole lot going on with all of the snow and ice but is working to get some properties cleaned up.

Miscellaneous:

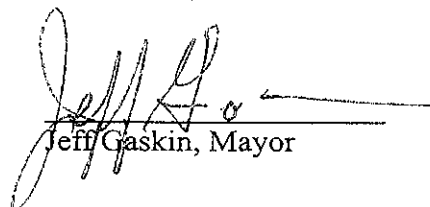
Mayor Gaskin reported on House Bill 58 passing in the House. That is the bill that Justin Pizzulli spoke to us about a few meetings ago. Mr. Gaskin gave a summary of the bill to council. Asked if there was any updated to the splash park before he turns in the grant tomorrow. Informed council that ODOT is going to pay to fix the dip in the roundabout.

Mr. Classing spoke regarding the OPIOID money is to be used to prevent Opioid use. Mr. Gaskin said he wanted to use the money to start a drug testing program with village employees.

Mrs. Chapman brought up an issue of parking on village streets especially around the park.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


Lori Jordan, Clerk


Jeff Gaskin, Mayor