

Village of St. Joseph

Village Board Meeting

January 13, 2026

Mayor Page called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Roll call was taken. Page Present
 Walsh Present
 Peters Present
 Childers Present
 Wolfersberger Present
 Cummings Present
 Rapp Present

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Mike Sennert, Village Clerk; Marc Miller, Ken Cooley, Reid Bewley, Village Residents; and Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record.

Consent Agenda (* indicates action item, omnibus motion):

1. Regular Village Board Meeting minutes - December 9th, 2025* - Exhibit #1
2. Treasurer's Report - January 2026* - Exhibit #2
3. Investment Recommendations - January 2026* - Exhibit #3
4. Approval of bills in the amount of \$64,932.01* - Exhibit #4
5. Resolution 2026-001 - Resolution for Maintenance (MFT) under the Illinois Highway Code* - Exhibit #5

Rapp motioned and Cummings seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 6-0

Public Participation:

None

New Business (* Indicates Action Item):

1. Consideration and possible approval of an extension of the Request for Proposal deadline for the Village sanitary sewer system from January 23, 2026 to February 6, 2026.* - Exhibit #6

Mayor Page reported that one potential bidder requested an extension for the proposal.

Rapp motioned and Wolfersberger seconded to approve the extension of the Request for Proposal deadline for the Village sanitary sewer system from January 23, 2026 to February 6, 2026 as presented. Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 6-0

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2. Consideration and possible Approval of IDOR requested revision and possible approval of revised ordinance to include a municipal grocery retailer's occupation tax and a municipal grocery service tax for the Village of St. Joseph* - Exhibit #7

Mayor Page informed the Trustees that IDOR Requested a revision in the ordinance and that it was just clerical changes. Administrator Hackney added the taxes are already being collected even though the request was made.

Cummings motioned and Peters seconded to approve the IDOR requested revision and possible approval of revised ordinance to include a municipal grocery retailer's occupation tax and a municipal grocery service tax for the Village of St. Joseph as presented. Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 6-0

3. Consideration and Possible Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 to provide for a Board of Trustees Meeting Remote Attendance Policy* - Exhibit #8

Attorney Miller explained that this just puts an ordinance in place for Trustees to be able to attend meetings remotely. The four areas that are reasons to attend remotely are: personal illness, employment purposes, family emergency, or unexpected childcare obligations.

Walsh motioned and Childers seconded to approve the Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 to provide for a Board of Trustees Meeting Remote Attendance Policy as presented. Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 6-0

4. Consideration and Possible Approval of an Ordinance Providing for and Approving the First Amendment to the St. Joseph TIF District Redevelopment Project Area, Plan and Projects* - Exhibit #9

Mayor Page gave an overview of the amendment explaining that it is a small area of land in front of the daycare on Peters drive that is owned by Ameren. Page added that it shouldn't have been included in the TIF District so this amendment would remove it.

Cummings motioned and Rapp seconded to approve the Ordinance Providing for and Approving the First Amendment to the St. Joseph TIF District Redevelopment Project Area, Plan and Projects as presented. Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 6-0

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5. FY 26/27 Budget Discussion: Mowing Services Request for Proposals* - Exhibit #10

Administrator Hackney explained that last year the Trustees chose to bid out mowing in certain areas of the Village. Last year's costs were comparable to when Village employees did the mowing. Trustee Peters inquired why the Village is still mowing certain areas. Administrator Hackney said that certain areas need more customization and the Village employees know the areas well..

Walsh motioned and Peters seconded to approve the Mowing Services Request for Proposals as presented. Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 6-0

6. FY 26/27 Budget Discussion:Field Treatment Request for Proposals* - Exhibit #11

Administrator Hackney gave an overview of how past proposals worked. He explained how areas have been split between a company specializing in recreational fields and another company that is a traditional lawn care company.

Rapp motioned and Wolfersberger seconded to approve the Field Treatment Request for Proposals as presented. Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 6-0

7. FY26/27 Budget Discussion: Animal Control contract - Exhibit #12

Administrator Hackney provided past amounts the Village paid to Animal Control in previous contracts. Hackney explained that the contract is per service call charge. Citizens can call Metcad and they will send animal control and the Village will be charged. He added that if the sheriff's dept. calls for assistance with an animal we aren't charged.

Old Business (* indicates Action Item):

None

Village Administrator:

Updates in the packet

Staff Updates:

-**Village Attorney**-Nothing to report.

-**Village Clerk**-Nothing to report.

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-**Public Works**-Nothing to report.

Mayor's Desk:

-Nothing to report.

Board of Trustees:

-Trustee Rapp discussed the funds it takes to run the Sports Complex each year. He is against the community center being built at the Sports Complex. Rapp is worried if SJRF isn't able to pay the yearly expenses that the Village will have to cover them. He wants more information from SJRF about expenses and revenue.

Executive Session:

At 7:53 p.m. Wolfersberger motioned and Peters seconded to enter into Executive Session for:


- 1) Executive session for the limited purpose of discussing imminent litigation pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)

Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Crider-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 6-0

At 8:29 p.m., Rapp motioned and Walsh seconded to return to Open Session. Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Crider-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 6-0

At 8:30 p.m., Peters motioned and Wolfersberger seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Mike Sennert
Village Clerk

Approved: January 27, 2026