

Village of St. Joseph

Village Board Meeting

February 24, 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, Village Attorney; Reid Bewley, Margaret Sexton, Kim Ahart, Village Residents; and Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record.

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

1. Regular Village Board Meeting minutes - February 10, 2026* - Exhibit #1
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$1,753,727.89* - Exhibit #2

Cummings motioned and Rapp seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call was taken: Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

Public Participation:

-None

New Business (* Indicates Action Item):

1. Consideration of staff letter, and possible approval of Resolution authorizing MOU for placement of Community Garden at Hackler Park* - Exhibit #3

Mayor Page explained how the Girl Scouts came to a previous meeting and proposed constructing a community garden. Administrator Hackney and the Public Works department have been working with the Scouts on the planning of the garden. Page explained that the MOU grants permission to the Girl Scouts and lays out their responsibilities for the gardens.

Rapp motioned and Peters seconded to approve the Resolution authorizing MOU for placement of Community Garden at Hackler Park as presented. Roll call was taken: Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

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2. Consideration and possible approval of resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus equipment* - Exhibit #4

Administrator Hackney explained that the listed items will be put up for auction with a service like municibid, as in the past.

Rapp motioned and Cummings seconded to approve the resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus equipment as presented. Roll call was taken: Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

3. Consideration and possible approval of waiver request of preliminary plat process and fees associated with Shady Creek Subdivision which will be located at the Extension of West Evergreen Street as it extends West* - Exhibit #5

Mayor Page reported that this project has been in the planning stage for the last two years and they are now ready to get started. Administrator Hackney explained that they will still have to go through the final plat process.

Trustee Peters inquired if this is going to set a precedence for future projects wanting their fees waived. Trustee Childers and Cummings responded that they feel future requests for fee waivers will be attributed to the TIF District funds, so this type of waiver won't be necessary.

Cummings motioned and Wolfersberger seconded to approve the waiver request of preliminary plat process and fees associated with Shady Creek Subdivision as presented. Roll call was taken: Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

Old Business (* indicates Action Item):

None

Village Administrator:

-Administrator Hackney asked the Trustees to send him any discretionary items for the new budget.

-Hackney informed the trustees that he requested information from Drainage District 6 on their funds and expenditures.

-Hackney also directed the Trustees to the monthly budget report. The report shows that the Parks and Recreation fund gained money, from the non-rule sales tax, for the first time.

Staff Updates:

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

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

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

Mayor:

-Nothing to report.

Board of Trustees:

- Trustee Rapp inquired if the Village is going to make a resolution that the new Community Center will be self-sustaining. Mayor Page responded that he wants a contract with the Saint Joseph Recreation Foundation committee once they have the money to start building. In the contract it will address who is responsible for continuing funding and managing the center.

Executive Session:

At 7:18 p.m., Peters motioned and Wolfersberger seconded to enter into Executive Session for:

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

Roll call was taken: Peters-Aye, Childers-Abstain, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 4-1-0

*Trustee Childers exited the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

At 8:01 p.m., Rapp motioned and Cummings seconded to return to Open Session. Roll call was taken: Peters-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 4-0

At 8:02 p.m., Wolfersberger motioned and Cummings seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Mike Sennert
Village Clerk

Approved: March 10, 2026