

Village of St. Joseph

Village Board Meeting

March 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 Absent
 Cummings Present
 Rapp Present

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Lisa Wallace, Office Administrator, Mike Peters, Public Works Director, Mike Sennert, Village Clerk; Marc Miller, Village Attorney; Brian Martin, Dave McCormick, Tyler Marsh, Tiffany Smetzer, Heather Stevenson, Megan Althoff, Village Residents; and Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record.

Proclamations/Appointments: Proclamation celebrating Mike Peters years of service and retirement.

Mayor Page read a Village proclamation honoring Mike Peters for his 54 years of service to the Village, upon his retirement on March 31, 2026.

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

1. Regular Board of Trustees Meeting minutes - March 10, 2026* - Exhibit #1
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$41,501.50* - Exhibit #2

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

Public Participation:

Resident Brian Martin addressed the Trustees about concerns with the Parks and Recreation director position and how he feels the village doesn't need a full time person. Next Mr. Martin shared his feelings about the Interim position stating that he feels it is ridiculous and feels it is a waste of tax payer money to hire this person.

Resident Tyler Marsh pointed out that previous meetings discussed how the Village has no money for different areas, but is now planning to hire this interim position at a high cost. Next he discussed how he isn't happy with not giving the Public Works Director position to current employees that know the village.

Dave McCormick expressed that he is not happy with the past Christmas celebration and feels it isn't done well.

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Resident Tiffany Smetzer asked the Trustees for the average weekly cost of the interim position? She added that she doesn't feel we need to pay for someone so expensive and hopes the trustees will vote no.

Resident Heather Stevenson spoke about how she feels it is a big mistake for the interim position and the Village needs to hire from within. She also stated that she feels it is fiscally irresponsible to approve this hire.

Resident Megan Altoff expressed that she feels that the position is not needed.

New Business (* Indicates Action Item):

1. Consideration and possible approval of Contingent Workforce Services Agreement between MGT Impact Solutions LLC and the Village of St. Joseph* - Exhibit #3

Administrator Hackney explained that the contract is with a staffing company and the service agreement for the public works position is for 6 months.

Mayor Page explained how he or any of the Trustees can't discuss current employees that applied for the position, since personnel matters are private. He added that the interim person will also give an assessment of the Village's needs based on his years of experience. Page also reiterated that this is not a permanent hire and that all applicants will be considered for the permanent position. Mayor Page also added that the idea for the interim position was his so that way the Village could have an outside assessment of what the Village needs in the next Public Works Director.

Cummings motioned and Rapp seconded to approve the Contingent Workforce Services Agreement between MGT Impact Solutions LLC and the Village of St. Joseph as presented. Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Nay, Childers-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 4-1

2. Update on Community Festival Commission Planning.
-Tabled until the next meeting

3. Introduction to Fund Balance Policy.- Exhibit #4

Administrator Hackney reported that the auditor has recommended that a Fund Balance policy be put into place. He gave an overview of the policy and the current fund balances, highlighting different funds. Hackney let the Trustees know that this will come to them as an ordinance in the future.

Trustee Rapp commented that the threshold this policy creates is like a rainy day fund for the Village.

Old Business (* indicates Action Item):

1. FY26/27 Budget Discussion: Direction on Discretionary Budget Items: - Exhibit #5

-Tabled until next meeting.

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Village Administrator:

Administrator Hackney reported that another single family home building permit has been issued for vacant lot in town. He also added that Rail Trail conversations are ongoing about the Village's need to have access into the future subdivision to the south of the trail.

Staff Updates:

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

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

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

Mayor:

-Nothing to report.

Board of Trustees:

- Nothing to report.

Executive Session:

At 7:48 p.m., Cummings motioned and Rapp seconded to enter into Executive Session for:

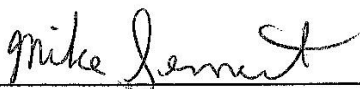
- 1) Executive session for the limited purpose of considering the sale of Village real estate pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6)

Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

At 7:57 p.m., Rapp motioned and Cummings seconded to return to Open Session. Roll call was taken: Walsh-Aye, Peters-Aye, Childers-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

At 7:58 p.m., Walsh motioned and Childers seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Mike Sennert
Village Clerk

Approved: April 14, 2026