

Village of St. Joseph

Village Board Meeting

September 10, 2024

Mayor Fruhling-Voges called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Roll call was taken. Fruhling-Voges Present
 Page Present-via Zoom
 Vallee Present
 Painter Present
 Wolfersberger Present
 Cummings Present
 Rapp Present

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Mike Sennert, Village Clerk/Village IT; Marc Miller, Village Attorney; Butch Dalhaus, Rector Solar; and Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record.

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

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

Public Participation:

None

New Business (* Indicates Action Item):

1. Resolution making minor revision to Personnel Policies regarding On-Call Duty* - Exhibit #6

Trustee Rapp questioned if there is a separate cell phone that the employees use when on call. Administrator Hackney responded that there is a cell phone for on-call duty and it is passed from employee to employee when it is there week to be on duty.

Painter motioned and Vallee seconded to approve making minor revision to Personnel Policies regarding On-Call Duty as presented. Roll call was taken: Vallee-Aye, Painter-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

2. Resolution making minor revision to Personnel Policies regarding WWTP Operator program* - Exhibit #7

No Discussion

Rapp motioned and Wolfersberger seconded to approve making minor revision to Personnel Policies regarding WWTP Operator program as presented. Roll call was taken: Vallee-Aye, Painter-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

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3. Approval of WWTP Invoice for 1st payment of solar array* - Exhibit #8

Administrator Hackney presented the board with a plan to cash flow the payments for the WWTP solar array. He explained that he could also seek out financing options if the board preferred. Trustee Painter asked Hackney which he preferred and he responded that either way is fine, the Village will have the cash flow to pay the invoices using money from CD's as they come available.

Trustee Rapp questioned why the fencing to go around the array wasn't listed on the invoice. The Rector representative reported that it would be on a later invoice when it was time to install the fence.

Painter motioned and Rapp seconded to approve the WWTP Invoice for 1st payment of solar array as presented. Roll call was taken: Vallee-Aye, Painter-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

4. Discussion and possible purchase of AED devices for Village Properties*.- Exhibit #9

Mayor Fruhling-Voges gave an overview of the AED devices and the quote the village had received. The trustees discussed the possible locations for devices at public facilities. It was determined that the Sports Complex should be the first location and Kolb Park the next in line for a device. The Mayor and Administrator Hackney discussed how the Village could do a phased in plan purchasing a couple AED's each year to cover all of the needed locations. Hackney was directed to look for vandal proof cabinets that the devices can be kept in at the parks. He responded he would provide more information at the next meeting.

No Action Taken

Old Business (* indicates Action Item):

1. Consideration and possible selection of a qualified bid for Solar Services on farm ground owned by the Village* - Exhibit #10

Butch Dalhaus from Rector Solar presented the Trustees with the information requested at the last meeting concerning other villages that have installed WWTP solar arrays and their savings. He reported that the Village of Plano installed a similar system and they are saving \$150,000 a year on their electric bill. He also reported that Mattoon just signed a contract to add solar to their WWTP and anticipate a zero dollar energy bill. Other communities that he contacted didn't respond.

Trustees discussed the purchase of the solar array and the majority felt that they would prefer purchasing over leasing. Although some still had concerns about signing a contract and taking on more debt right now. Rector Solar offered to create a letter of intent and the village pay \$10,000 upfront, for Rector to put in the applications and get the process started. Once all applications were

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approved then they would present the village with a purchase agreement to proceed. Trustees discussed this option and Mayor Fruhling-Voges explained that it was time to make a decision on moving forward or not with the project. Rector Solar then offered to split the \$10,000 fee and the Village only pay \$5,000 upfront for Rector Solar to submit the applications and start the process.

Painter motioned and Wolfersberger seconded to approve the selection of a qualified bid for Solar Services on farm ground owned by the Village with the Village paying \$5,000 to start the process as presented. Roll call was taken: Vallee-Aye, Painter-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

Village Administrator:

-Nothing to report.

Staff Updates:

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

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

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

Mayor's Desk:

-Mayor Fruhling-Voges reminded everyone that the Village is hosting the CIMOA (Central Illinois Municipal Officials Association) meeting on September 26th at 6:00 pm.

-The Mayor reported that her annual Halloween Costume parade would be Saturday, October 26th at 10:00 a.m.

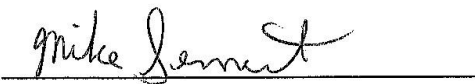
-The Mayor also noted that the Village has started publishing a quarterly newsletter to let the public know the different things going on in the village.

Board of Trustees:

- None

At 7:34 p.m., Painter motioned and Vallee seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Mike Sennert
Village Clerk

Approved: September 24, 2024