

Village of St. Joseph

Village Board Meeting

September 24, 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
 Vallee Absent
 Painter Present
 Wolfersberger Present
 Cummings Present
 Rapp Present

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Mike Sennert, Village Clerk/IT; Marc Miller, Village Attorney; Jeremy Yohnka, Lynn Hardimon, Brooke Knott, Scott Potter, Andrew Schaefer, Jennifer Ball, Village Residents; Ryan Learas and Sean Bott, -Reifsteck, Wakefield, Fanning, & Co.; and Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record (via Zoom).

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

1. Regular Village Board Meeting minutes - September 10th, 2024* - [Exhibit #1](#)
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$461,312.79* - [Exhibit #2](#)
3. Comcast service agreement extension - 2 years* - [Exhibit #3](#)

Trustee Rapp questioned when the mower that was in for repairs was returned. Administrator Hackney responded late July or early August.

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

Public Participation:

Village Resident Jeremy Yohnka gave the trustees an update on the Pickleball Club including:

- The league has doubled in participants from Spring to Fall
- The tournament held during the Fall Festival hosted 41 teams
- The club has approached the High School and Middle Schools in encourage participation

Yohnka then went to inquire about the resurfacing of the tennis/pickleball court. Administrator Hackey reported he has contacted three companies that resurface courts and only one has responded with a quote.

The trustees discussed the need to continue seeking companies to resurface the current court and the possibility of pouring a new concrete slab at Kolb Park for Pickleball.

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New Business (* Indicates Action Item):

1. Presentation of former church renovation feasibility.

Sean Bott and Ryan Learas from Reifsteck, Wakefield, Fanning Architects gave the trustees an overview of the current condition of the building at 407 S. Main St. The trustees were then presented with three options for remodeling and bringing the building up to code.

Option 1:

- Adding an elevator to the north end and reconfiguring interior stairs
- Creating an office space and expanding the bathrooms on the first floor
- Creating five offices, a kitchen, and bathrooms in the basement
- Approximate cost-\$1,318,327

Option 2:

- Adding an addition to the north end to accommodate a ramp to access the basement from the first floor
- Larger office space, bathrooms and storage space on the first floor
- Creating six offices, a kitchen, and bathrooms in the basement
- Approximate cost-\$1,581,591

Option 3:

- Adding an event hall space to the north side of the building
- Larger office space, bathrooms and storage space on the first floor
- Creating six offices, a kitchen, and bathrooms in the basement
- Approximate cost-\$2,836,874

The trustee discussed the three options and expressed their concerns for the price of updating and bringing the building up to code. Mayor Fruhling-Voges recommended that the trustees take their time and look at all options for the village hall, including remodeling 407 S. Main St, building on the empty parking lot on 2nd Street, creating offices at the sports complex, or expanding the current Village Hall.

2. Authorization to submit grant application to community AED program* - [Exhibit #4](#)

Cummings motioned and Page seconded to give Authorization to submit the grant application to community AED program as presented. Roll call was taken: Page-Aye, Painter-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, Cummings-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

Old Business (* indicates Action Item):

None

Village Administrator:

- Update included in report
- Administrator Hackney informed the trustees that the American Rescue Plan Act funds have been spent.

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Staff Updates:

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

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

-**Public Works**-Staff Report - Exhibit #5

Mayor's Desk:

-Mayor Fruhling-Voges reported that October 26th will be the Fall costume parade

-The Mayor informed the trustees that the office staff, Nora Maberry, and a person from the Church of Christ are working on the Tree Lighting Ceremony for December

-The Mayor gave a summary of what was covered at the IML Conference last week

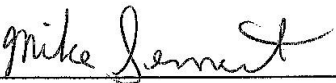
Board of Trustees:

Trustee Page commented that the Christmas decorations on the main street light poles should go back to the traditional decorations of the past, instead of the snowflakes that were hung last year.

Mayor Fruhling-Voges said the Village can switch designs before they are delivered.

At 8:29 p.m., Painter motioned and Wolfersberger seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Mike Sennert

Village Clerk

Approved: October 8, 2024