

Village of St. Joseph

Village Board Meeting

May 28, 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 Present
 Painter Present
 Wolfersberger Present
 Cummings Present-Via Zoom
 Rapp Present

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Mike Peters, Public Works Director (via Zoom); Mike Sennert, Interim Village Clerk/Village IT; Marc Miller, Village Attorney; Rusty Shafer, St. Joseph Stanton Fire Protection District; John McDaniel, Champaign County Balloon Festival Chair; Cheryl Peters, Gordon Gilly, Mike Voges, Village Residents; and Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record.

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

1. Regular Village Board Meeting minutes - May 14th, 2024* - Exhibit #1
2. Executive Session Village Board Meeting Minutes - May 14th, 2024* - Exhibit #2
3. Approval of bills in the amount of \$27,847.61* - Exhibit #3
4. Special Event Permit (2024-006) - Summer in the Street, hosted by the Church of Christ* - Exhibit #4

Rapp motioned and Page seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call was taken: Page-Aye, Vallee-Aye, Painter-Abstain, Wolfersberger-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 4-1-0

Public Participation:

-None

New Business (* Indicates Action Item):

1. John McDaniel from the Champaign County Balloon Festival, gave a presentation to the board about the upcoming Balloon Festival on Friday, September 27th and Saturday, September 28th at Dodd's Park in Champaign. The festival will have balloon competitions and different activities for the entire family to participate in during the event.

McDaniel talked to the board about the Village possibly being a sponsor for the Balloon Festival for a \$1500 contribution. If the Village Board decided to be a sponsor, the festival balloons would come out to St. Joseph on Saturday September 28th for a sunrise launch of approximately 12 balloons and travel a mile or so out of town. After that he would like to arrange with the fire department to host a breakfast that the balloon pilots would attend with the public. The Village would also receive free advertising on a banner at the

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festival, on the Balloon Festival's website, and on their social media sites.

Mayor Fruhling-Voges discussed her previous experiences working with different balloon events and how excited those in attendance were.

Trustee Rapp asked McDaniel if there would be tethered balloon rides at the St. Joseph launch and McDaniel reported there would be tethered rides in Champaign at Dodd's Park but not in St. Joseph. Rapp also inquired if there would be any FAA restrictions on the St. Joseph balloon launch. McDaniel responded no, since this would only be a fun flight there are no restrictions.

Page questioned if the Village didn't become a sponsor would the balloons still come out and launch on September 28th and McDaniel responded no they are only doing the balloon launches for sponsors. Page also inquired on where the balloons would launch from and how long the flight would be. McDaniel provided that they would launch from the sport complex and the flight would be 45-60 minutes depending on the weather.

2. Consideration, and possible acceptance of mowing bids for 2024 Season* - Exhibit #5

Village Administrator Hackney gave an overview of the bids that were received from the six companies. (Miller Lawn Service, Fresh Cut Lawn Care, D. Ramm Services, Rein Landscaping, Dustin Fishers Lawn Care and Snow Removal, and Dave's Precision Mowing) He explained that each bid was for a one time mow and that the village could hire any company for a one time mow and not commit for an entire season. Hackney also expressed that the Village would have to maintain their own mowers to take care of abatement properties and other public areas not included in the bids. (sewer plant, Rail Trail, along Rt. 150, etc..)

Mike Peters, Public Works Director told the board the John Deere mower is being repaired and in the meantime they are using the recently purchased belly mower to mow all of the open areas. He also let the board know they currently use the temporary worker to do all of the mowing and he is able to get it all done weekly.

The Trustees discussed the pros and cons of hiring a company to mow the bigger areas of the Village property versus continuing with Village employees and equipment. Trustee Painter voiced that he would like to hire a company to do the mowing for a short period of time and then track how much additional work it allows the Village employees to accomplish. Trustee Vallee questioned if the Village employees were having problems getting the jobs listed in their report done and if it would help to have a company mow for them. Peters responded that they are keeping up with their work while having the one employee assigned to mowing. Vallee also expressed that she would like to look at the numbers more and give it another month so they can see if more equipment breaks or if the jobs list doesn't get done, then re-evaluate. She also asked if the employee could track the hours he spends mowing each area .

Hackney responded that he would get more information on the bids and verify that the companies are using prevailing wage. He will also provide information on approximately how many hours the village employee spends mowing each area before the next meeting.

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3. Consideration, and possible acceptance, of Design Services proposals for 407 South Main* - Exhibit #6

Village Administrator Hackney gave an overview of the bids received from IGW Architecture, MJO PLLC, and Reifsteck Architects. He made note that all of their bids were similar in scope of work suggested and pricing. It was noted that the Village had worked with Reifsteck previously on the design of the sports complex. Reifsteck also works with the Village's engineering company and would allow the village to pay the engineer directly, saving the village some money.

Trustee Page mentioned that IGW Architecture did the remodeling of the old nursing home in Urbana into the new ILEAS office facility. She commented how well they did converting an old building into new spaces for ILEAS needs.

Trustee Vallee noted that MJO PLLC's quote excluded floor plans which will make their bid more expensive than presented.

Vallee motioned and Painter seconded to approve the Design Services proposal from Reifsteck Architects for \$42,150 as presented. Roll call was taken: Page-Nay, Vallee-Aye, Painter-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 4-1

4. Approval of 2024 Business Grant funding Recommendations from P&Z Commission* - Exhibit #7

Village Administrator Hackney presented the recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission and recommended they should be accepted as presented and to direct staff to negotiate development agreements with each business.

Rapp motioned and Vallee seconded to approve the Business Grant funding Recommendations from P&Z and to direct staff to negotiate development agreements with each business. Roll call was taken: Page-Aye, Vallee-Aye, Painter-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

5. Bonnell Subdivision Waiver Request within EJB* - Exhibit #8

Village Administrator Hackney discussed the waiver requested to split a lot into two in the Heather Hills subdivision. He asked the board for a straw poll at this point as no formal vote was necessary, just direction so he can work with the Village attorney on the waiver.

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Old Business (* indicates Action Item):

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Approving an Annexation Agreement for Lot 3 Mitchell CCI.* - Exhibit #9

Mayor Fruhling-Voges explained that this item is approving an Ordinance Approving an Annexation Agreement for Lot 3 Mitchell subdivision that had been discussed previously.

Page motioned and Wolfersberger seconded to approve the Ordinance approving an annexation agreement for lot 3 Mitchell CCI as presented. Roll call was taken: Page-Aye, Vallee-Aye, Painter-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

2. Consideration of an Ordinance Annexing Lot 3 Mitchell CCI to the Village of St. Joseph.* - Exhibit #10

Mayor Fruhling-Voges explained that this item is approving the ordinance to annex Lot 3 in the Mitchell subdivision.

Vallee motioned and Page seconded to approve the Ordinance Annexing Lot 3 Mitchell CCI to the Village of St. Joseph. Roll call was taken: Page-Aye, Vallee-Aye, Painter-Aye, Wolfersberger-Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 5-0

Village Administrator:

- Updates
- Report attached. Exhibit #11

Staff Updates:

- Village Attorney**-Nothing to report.
- Interim Village Clerk**-Nothing to report.
- Public Works**-Report attached. - Exhibit #11

Mayor's Desk:

-Mayor Fruhling-Voges reported the Governor's removal of the 1% sales tax won't take effect until January 2026. So this won't affect this coming year's budget, but we will need to look at the impact it will have on the following year's budget.

-The Mayor gave a shout out to the village gardeners and village employees for their work on the light pole flower baskets. She also wanted to recognize the high school students that helped with the planting.

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-The Mayor mentioned that she and Ashley York, Village Administrative Assistant were interviewed by WCIA CI-Living to talk about the June 8th Summer Fest and Vendor Market taking place downtown.

-Mayor Fruhling-Voges also wanted to point out to the public that there have been some solar companies not registering at the village office. She recommends that you ask if they have registered with the village and if they haven't, call the non-emergency number for the sheriff's department.

-The Mayor also thanked Village Administrator Hackney for going to the Champaign County board meeting again last week. She announced that the Village will receive \$100,000 in additional funds for the storm water project from the Champaign County Board.

Board of Trustees:

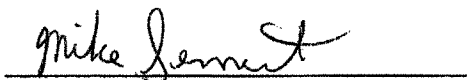
- Trustee Page thanked Mike Sennert, Interim Village Clerk for getting the meeting minutes done and sent out quickly after the last meeting. She also asked if the link to the CI-Living interview for the Summer Fest could be put on the Village's Facebook page.

-Trustee Rapp requested funding for the parks and recreations budget by transferring the income from the video gambling and marijuana sales tax to this fund. He stated that even though the amount won't be that much, there is at least a source dedicated to the parks and recreation fund.

The Trustees directed Village Administrator Hackney work on making this change.

At 8:26 p.m., Page motioned and Vallee seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Mike Sennert
Interim Village Clerk

Approved: June 11, 2024