

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021

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
	Wagner	Present
	Van Buskirk	Present
	Painter*	Present
	Davis	Present
	Cummings	Present
	Rapp *	Present

Others in attendance: Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer*, Village Clerk; Mike Peters*, Village Public Works Superintendent; Luke Fisher*, Village Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Julie Hendrickson*, Village Office Manager; Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Mike Sennert, Village AV; Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record; Dani Tietz*, SJO Daily; Lisa and Jackie Wortman, Jack Flash owners; Susan Monte, Champaign County Department of Planning & Zoning; John Crutcher, Vice President and Glenn Meyer, President of Pavlov Media. (*Attended by Zoom)

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 8, 2020 Village Board Meetings were presented. Wagner motioned and Van Buskirk seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Routh gave the Treasurer’s Report as of December 31, 2020. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

INVESTMENT REPORT: Routh gave the Investment Report. Longview Bank rates were as follows: 3 month .25%, 6-month rate .35%, 9 month .35%, and 12-month rate .50%. Busey Bank did not submit rates this month. Gifford State Bank rates were as follows: 3 month .15%, 6 months .25%, 9 months .25%, and 12 months .40%. The following actions were taken regarding the Village’s investments:

In the General Corp:

- CD# 24784 a 3 month CD for \$100,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled;
- CD# 24535 a 6 month CD for \$50,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled;
- CD# 24697 a 6 month CD for \$60,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled;

In the Equipment Replacement Fund:

- CD# 24692 a 6 month CD for \$25,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled;

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In the Community Building:

- CD# 24694 a 6 month CD for \$100,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled;

In the Stormwater Fund:

- A new 3 month CD for \$25,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank;

In the Motor Fuel Fund:

- CD# 24795 a 3 month CD for \$25,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled;

In the Motor Fuel Rebuild IL Fund:

- CD# 24854 a 3 month CD for \$30,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled;
- A new 3 month CD for \$7,147 will be purchased from Longview Bank;

In the Sewer Fund:

- CD# 24751 a 3 month CD for \$50,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled;

In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:

- CD# 24796 a 3 month CD for \$25,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled; and
- CD# 24785 a 3 month CD for \$100,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled.

Cummings motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the investments as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter - Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Van Buskirk – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

BILLS: Van Buskirk motioned and Wagner seconded to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Lisa and Jackie Wortman spoke to the Board regarding the possibility of gaming machines at Jack Flash. Lisa Wortman noted that there were many new faces on the Board from the last time that Wortman's made their request for gaming machines at Jack Flash. They are requesting a pour license. Wortman would like the Board to consider the issue again. Wagner will set up a committee meeting before the next meeting to discuss the issue.
- Susan Monte gave background information on the FEMA approved version of the Champaign County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2020 (HMP). The Village of St. Joseph has participated in regular updates of the HMP since 2008. By participating in the update process, and by adopting the updated HMP, the Village continues in good standing to be eligible for federal state mitigations project funding, St. Joseph residents remain eligible for lower flood

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insurance premiums and other potential benefits. Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to pass the resolution for the HMP. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Nay, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 5-1.

- Glenn Meyer stated Pavlov is interested in putting fiber to and throughout St. Joseph. Pavlov's mission is to develop exceptional connections nationwide which will help cities grow and prosper in a challenging health and safety environment. There are many benefits to the Village and the Village residents. Pavlov is proposing that all initial costs would be paid by the Village. The costs are estimated to be \$1.4 to \$2.1 million. Pavlov will put all revenues in an escrow fund for the Village. Once the Village has been paid back, Pavlov will then receive the revenues. Pavlov estimates that the timeline to get the fiber to the Village is 6 – 9 months. Fruhling-Voges noted that this is a very initial look at the project. Trustees agreed that they are interested in learning more about the project. It would take a lot of groundwork for this to be a reality for the Village.

MAYOR'S DESK:

- Fruhling-Voges presented the Board with the 2021 calendar for Village Board Meetings.
- Fruhling-Voges gave an overview of the budget report that was distributed to board members.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that the Village has received another property tax distribution. This distribution brings the Village within \$1,600 of what the Village expected to receive.
- Fruhling-Voges updated the Board on progress that was happening at the wetlands. They are getting ready to prepare the area for more educational opportunities.
- Fruhling-Voges updated the Board on a report from Routh regarding delinquent sewer accounts. Due to collection letters sent by Routh, \$13,000 payments toward delinquent accounts. This is approximately 79 percent of the delinquent bills.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that a representative from Human Kinetics told her that there would be a virtual marathon in the spring. This will be in conjunction with the Illinois Marathon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCE: Cummings gave an update on the process of Village manager project. The committee with input from many sources will put together information that will be used for the job posting. Cummings wants to take the time up front to get everything organized and together in order to make the meeting time the most effective.

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Nothing to report.

SANITARY SEWER: Nothing to report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

- Davis noted that he had two proposals for fertilizing the Village parks. The two are doing the same project but two totally different ways.
 - o Allen Wall discussed his bid. He said that he quoted the project as requested. He noted that this proposal requested was for basic service. He discussed that he would put more attention to the actual fields than he would to common area. He felt that some treatments could be reduced in the common area and that could help balance out the costs for more attention to the actual playing fields. He further discussed how maintenance of some the Village fields could be changed for the better of the proceeds.

Davis stated that he would like the committee to meet individually with both companies who bid. They will bring the information back to the Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: There was discussion again about concerns of narrowness of the street in Crestwood, Crestlake, and Crestview when cars are parked on both sides

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, & DRAINAGE: Fruhling-Voges and Peters explained the 2021 Motor Fuel Resolution. This is an annual process. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to approve the Motor Fuel Resolution as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

CLERK'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Fisher reported that this Friday would be the last day for Christmas tree pickup. The next brush pick-up will be in April.

ATTORNEY'S DESK:

- Lierman discussed the request for the Village to waive the requirements of Title 11 Subdivision Regulations. The property is to the west of the Village on U.S. Route 150 within the mile and half jurisdiction. 101 acres of farmland (Rudisill Trust) was inherited by three brothers. Two of the brothers wish to sell their portions which come to 77 acres. Thus, the family is requesting that the Village waive the requirements of Title 11 Subdivision Regulations. Rapp motioned and Wagner

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seconded to approve Resolution 2021-1 “Resolution Waiving Requirements of Title 11 Subdivision Regulations (Rudisill Trust to Arcadia Farms)”. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

- In a secondary issue, Lierman noted that the neighbor to the east of the property not being sold is trading 18 feet of land to the Rudisill Trust in exchange for the same approximate amount of land on the north side of the neighbor property, because the survey found that the driveway to the homestead on the Rudisill property was partly on the neighbor’s land. This land swap between neighbors of a small amount of land does not require Village approval.

At 9:10, Cummings motioned and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk