

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
November 23, 2021

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	Absent
	Cummings	Present
	Rapp	Present

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Julie Hendrickson\*, Village Office Manager; Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer, Village Clerk; Mike Peters\*, Village Public Works Superintendent; Luke Fisher\*, Village Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Marc Miller, Village Attorney; Mike Sennert, Village AV; Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record; Sue Koch\*, Odyssey; Jessie & Tyler Parsons; and Todd & Jamie Hitt, Village Residents. (\* Attended by Zoom).

**MINUTES:** The minutes for the November 9, 2021 meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

**BILLS:** Van Buskirk motioned and Wagner seconded to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) SPLASH PAD PRESENTATION:** Sue Koch from Water Odyssey has been working with Julie Hendrickson regarding splash pad design. She gave an overview of design options, equipment options, building in segments – different sections in different years, the amount of water the Village could expect the splash pad to use. Koch also said that one nice feature of splash pads is that they are ADA compliant and inclusive for children with special needs, thus everyone can enjoy them.

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**2) SPLASH PAD DONATIONS:** Hackney noted that there will be a resolution at the next Board meeting that will allow the funds to be put into a Village account. Miller is looking into specifics that Board members have requested.

**3) IML RMA INSURANCE CLAIM DENIAL.** Discussion picked up again regarding the damage at 1502 E. Grand Street due to the failure of the Village's sewer lift station.

Tyler Parsons discussed that larger towns have assisted homeowners financially to install a Backwater Preventor. Champaign, Rantoul, and Monticello have a Backwater Preventor Program which reimburses 75% of the cost of the equipment and installation to the homeowner. The costs can range from \$7,000 to \$15,000. Parsons would like the Village to help with the cost of the Backwater Preventor.

Hitt acknowledged that IML Risk Management will not say that the Village is negligent and liable for the loss to the Parsons' property. Hitt would like the Village to acknowledge this negligence and to make the situation right monetarily.

Painter motioned and Van Buskirk seconded the motion to authorize the Village Administrator to sign the release agreement with IML RMA. See Exhibit #3. Roll call vote was taken: Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**4) ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:** Fisher presented options regarding enhanced pedestrian crossing signs at 5<sup>th</sup> and Warren Streets. This is a continuation of prior discussions. See Exhibit #4. Fisher's recommendation to the Board is to proceed with Option #1 which is to purchase two solar powered signs and two ballards. There will also be parallel boring costs. The total cost of the project will be \$8,801.59. Painter motioned and Cummings seconded to approve Option #1 and the costs of \$8,801.59 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Van Buskirk – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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- 1) **TAX LEVY:** Hackney presented the Board with the FY2022 Tax Levy. See Exhibit #5. No public hearing was required because the current revenue year tax levied itemized for FY2022 did not exceed 105% of the amount extended for the prior revenue year real estate taxes. Painter motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the Tax Levy as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner -Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, and Painter -Aye. Motion passed 5-0.
  
- 2) **DEBT ORDINANCE:** Hackney presented the Board with Ordinance Number # 2021-9 “An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Saint Joseph, Champaign County Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program” See Exhibit #6. Hackney gave an overview of the ordinance. Wagner motioned and Van Buskirk seconded to approve the Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter -Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.
  
- 3) **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT:** Hackney presented the Board with Clark Dietz’s agreement for the construction of the wastewater treatment plant. See Exhibit # 7. Hackney highlighted the agreement for the Board. Painter motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the agreement as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter -Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.
  
- 4) **RESOLUTION # 2021-4:** Hackney presented the Board with Resolution #E 2021-4 “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN AUTHORIZED AGENT TO THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND” See Exhibit #8. Hackney explained that since Hendrickson is retiring, Debbie Routh will need to be authorized as the Village IMRF Agent. Wagner motioned and Van Buskirk seconded to approve the Resolution as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter -Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner - Aye. Motion passed 5-0.
  
- 5) **2022 HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL:** Fruhling-Voges reported that the bids for the Health Insurance for the Village employees had come in at a very reasonable rate. See Exhibit #9 There will not be a change in the coverage. This was good news for the Village budget wise and for the ability

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to offer a great insurance policy for the employees. Wagner motioned and Van Buskirk seconded to approve the new Health Insurance Rates as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter -Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Van Buskirk – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

- **UPDATES:**
  - o The Board Training has been scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m.
  - o The 2006 GMC Sierra has been listed for sale.
  - o The Village will receive an additional \$271.05 in AAR funds due to reallocation of funds not claimed by other communities.
- **MONTHLY REPORT:** Hackney noted that his monthly report was in the Board packet. He would be happy to talk to Board members about anything on the report or anything else.

**STAFF UPDATES:**

- **Staff Attorney:** Nothing to Report
- **Village Clerk:** Nothing to Report
- **Public Works Department:**
  - o Fisher noted that their monthly report is in the Board packet.
  - o He also noted that IDOT was not willing to lower the speed limit from Main Street to Glover Bridge.
  - o Peters noted that the Community Festival Committee had been notified by the fireworks company that there would not be any fireworks next year at the festival due to the cost and availability issues.

**MAYOR:**

- Fruhling-Voges reported that Sam Furrer of the Village Gardeners had called and said that the Christmas baskets downtown were all finished. Fruhling-Voges said that she had received many compliments on them and thanked the Village Gardeners for all their hard work.
- Fruhling-Voges reported on some upcoming events in St. Joe:
  - o December 4<sup>th</sup> is the St. Joseph Women's Club Christmas Parade
  - o December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Church of Christ's Second Winter Wassail
  - o December 11<sup>th</sup> will be the St. Joseph Stanton Fire Wives Pancakes with Santa.
  - o December 18<sup>th</sup> is the St. Joe Santa Claus 5K

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- Fruhling-Voges noted that the second meeting in December would be cancelled but an official vote would be taken at the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**FINANCE:** Did not meet.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Did not meet.

**SANITARY SEWER:** Did not meet.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Did not meet.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Did not meet.

**STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, & DRAINAGE:** Did not meet.

**OTHER:**

At 8:58, Van Buskirk motioned and Wagner seconded to enter into Executive Session for the limited purchase of discussing the purchase of real estate pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5). Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, and Painter - Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

At 10:01, Van Buskirk motioned and Wagner seconded to come out of Executive Session. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

At 10:02, Wagner motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

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Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer  
Village Clerk