

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2022

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	Absent
	Van Buskirk	Present
	Painter	Present
	Davis	Present
	Cummings	Present
	Rapp	Present

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer*, Village Clerk; Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Mike Peters*, Village Public Works Superintendent, Luke Fisher*, Village Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Mike Sennert, Village AV; Buddy Wilson, Retired Army First Sergeant; Buddy Wilson's family; Jayne DeLuce, Champaign County Visitor's Bureau (CCVB); Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record. (* Attended by Zoom).

PROCLAMATION: Fruhling-Voges read a proclamation for Buddy Wilson Recognition and Appreciation Day. It listed Wilson's many accomplishments during his 20 years in the Army and the Village's appreciation for his service.

MINUTES (Exhibit #1): The minutes of the October 25, 2022 Village Board Meeting (Exhibit #1) were presented. Van Buskirk motioned and Painter seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp - Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Exhibit #2): Cummings directed the Board to the Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2022. Rapp motioned and Cummings seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Van Buskirk – Aye. Motion passed 5 - 0.

INVESTMENT REPORT (Exhibit #3): Cummings referred the Board to the Investment Worksheet. Rates were received from Longview Bank and were as follows: 3 month .75%; 6 month .80%; 9 month no bid; and 12 month 1.00%. Rates were received from Philo Exchange Bank and were as follows: 3 month .2%; 6 month .5%; 9 month no bid; and 12 month .75%. Rates were received from Gifford State Bank and were as follows: 3 month .40%, 6 month .5 %, 9 month .5 % and 12 month .6%. Rates were received from Busey Bank and were as follows: 3 month 2.25%, 6 month 2.5%, 9 month 3.25%, and 12 month 3.5%.

Hackney explained that he had two investment options for the Board. Earlier this year, the Board had requested that Hackney find out what options were available when using banks in Champaign-Urbana. Busey Bank submitted bids for investments this month. Their bids were 3 times the highest bid for the 3 month CD and 3 ½ times the highest bid for the 12 month CDs. Although the Village likes to keep the Village money in the Village, they feel that it would be fiscally irresponsible not to go with the higher Busey rates. Hackney also noted that all CD

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paperwork could be done online so Routh would not be traveling back and forth to Champaign Urbana for CD with Busey which had been a concern at a prior meeting.

Hackney and Routh had prepared Investment options A without Busey bids and Option B with Busey rates.

The investment recommendations are as follows:

In the General Corp:

- CD #25675 a 6 month CD at Longview Bank for \$190,000 will be cashed;
- A new 6 month CD for \$190,000 will be purchased from Busey Bank;

In the Equipment Replacement Fund:

- CD #24614 a 6 month CD at Longview Bank for \$25,000 will be cashed;
- A new 6 month CD for \$25,000 will be purchased from Busey Bank;

In the Community Building Fund:

- CD #7322 a 6 month CD at Philo Exchange Bank for \$100,000 will be cashed;
- CD #24609 a 12 month CD at Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be cashed;
- CD #7323 a 12 month CD at Philo Exchange Bank for \$217,395 will be cashed
- A new 6 month CD for \$377,395 will be purchased from Busey Bank;

In the Stormwater Fund:

- CD #700000003 a 3 month CD at Longview Bank for \$25,000 will be cashed;
- A new 3 month CD for \$25,000 will be purchased from Busey Bank;

In the Motor Fuel Fund:

- CD# 700000004 a 3 month CD at Longview Bank for \$45,000 will be cashed;
- A new 3 month CD for \$45,000 will be purchased from Busey Bank;

In the Motor Fuel Rebuild Illinois Grant Funds:

- CD# 24818 a 3 month CD at Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be cashed;
- A new 3 month CD for \$50,000 will be purchased from Busey Bank;
- A new 3 month CD for \$43,573.48 will be purchased from Busey Bank;

In the Sewer Fund:

- CD# 24889 a 3 month CD at Longview Bank for \$30,000 will be cashed.
- A new 3 month CD for \$30,000 will be purchased from Busey Bank;

In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:

- CD# 700000005 a 3 month CD at Longview Bank for \$35,000 will be cashed.
- A new 3 month CD for \$35,000 will be purchased from Busey Bank;

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Painter motioned and Davis seconded to approve the investment recommendations Option B. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, and Painter - Aye. Motion passed 5 - 0.

BILLS (Exhibit #5): Bills were discussed. Van Buskirk motioned and Cummings seconded to pay the bills in the amount of \$84,920.63 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jayne DeLuce gave a report of a very promising outlook for upcoming events coming to Champaign County. She said that IHSA Basketball is coming back to the State Farm Center. IHSA Wrestling will continue at the State Farm Center.

There was a large annual golf tournament at the Urbana Country Club which may move over to the University of Illinois course in the future. There were many conferences held during the week. Restaurant week will be held again the last week of January. Rantoul Sports Complex held a big youth football tournament and hopes to make it an annual event.

The CCVB has compiled a list of 100 things in Champaign County. They think this will draw more visitors. Champaign County's African American Heritage Train has been named one of the best in the country.

The CCVB has also implemented the Chambana Welcome Crew. They have a group that will have social events that people new to town can attend and meet new people.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Subdivision Request – Shipley* (Exhibit #5):**

Hackney reported that the paperwork is not yet all complete so the Village will hold off on this item. It is expected to be ready at the next meeting.

2. **Vacation Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement Approval for SJOHS* (Exhibit # 6):**

Hackney reported that this is not ready to be acted on at this time. The High School has some issues to work out with Ameren. Ameren has service running down the alleys that are to be vacated and they would like the school to pay to move the services before the alley is vacated. This is in limbo at this point. He said that hopefully it will be ready for next meeting.

3. **Insurance Renewal* - *(Exhibit #7)**

Hackney stated that after all the paperwork was received from both insurance companies, IML comes in cheaper. There is not a big enough difference in services and coverage for Hackney to feel comfortable recommending a change. Hackney feels that part of the blame in not keeping the Village's property properly valued is the Village's

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fault. He will be working with them this year to make sure that everything is working the way that it should.

Fruhling-Voges also stated that at this time that she didn't feel that we should change from IML at this time. She stated perhaps that the Village had not been taking full advantage of everything IML had to offer.

Painter and Rapp stated that they would like to use Loman Ray since the policies are relatively close in cost. They feel that it would be better to keep the funds in the Village rather than sending them out of the Village. Cummings pointed out that the Board just pointed out that the Board just voted to move a lot of money out of town to Busey Bank. Hackney noted that Loman Ray is several thousand dollars more expensive than IML Risk Management.

Hackney said that he and the Board should discuss this after one year of IML insurance to see how things went. Painter motioned and Cummings seconded to approve retaining IML insurance for the next year. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.

4. **Strategic Plan Bid Approval* - (Exhibit #8)**

Hackney explained that he had received 3 bids for companies to help the Village develop their strategic plan. Two are large companies and 1 is the Arndt Municipal Service.

Cummings stated that she feels that Arndt knows the group and can provide a workable plan. She also states that he knows how to work with Board. (Arndt led a coaching session for the Board in February 2022).

Painter motioned and Cummings seconded to approve Arndt Municipal Service to assist the Village with their Strategic Plan. Roll call vote was taken: Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Hackney asked Board to get a list of Community Stakeholders.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Jayne DeLuce- Visit Champaign County:**

See Public Comment

2. **Business Grant Approval* (Exhibit #9):**

Hackney noted that the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) meeting on the Business Grant was very successful. The PZC was very involved. They really took this very seriously and looked at the options and came up with what they felt was the best options

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for the first year. If the Board approves the PZC process, the Board won't see the applications until first meeting in April. PZC will rate applications in February and then forward to Board. The Board will review the applications and scores and then finalize the grantees and amounts.

Painter motioned and Van Buskirk motioned to approve the Business Grant process for 2023 as recommended by the Village Planning & Zoning Commission. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Van Buskirk - Aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.

3. An Ordinance Requiring the Satisfaction of Outstanding Obligations to the Village Prior to Providing Additional Services* (Exhibit #10):

Hackney noted that he felt that this would be a good business practice ordinance for the Village. The Village should not continue to provide services to people who owe the Village outstanding obligations. This ordinance would give the Village that authority. Painter motioned and Cummings seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, and Davis - Aye. Motion passed 5 – 0.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

- 1 Hackney reported that the Bartlow heirs would like to combine the two pieces of the Bartlow property on the south side of the Village. Hackney reported that Miller had spoken to him that the Village should put annexation as part of the approval of combination of the two lots. Hackney will speak with the property owners to see what they are interested in annexation.
- 2 Hackney discussed the savings for each online bill versus mailing the sewer bill each month. The Board agreed to an incentive to encourage people to sign up for online billing.

STAFF UPDATES:

- **Village Attorney** – Nothing to report.
- **Village Clerk** – Nothing to report.
- **Public Works** – Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S DESK: Fruhling-Voges reported on the mayor's Halloween parade and program. It was a lot of fun. There were 40 participants. There was also 2 trunk or treats that weekend. The Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile was at the IGA Saturday afternoon. The National Honor Society had a dog costume contest. It was a fun weekend in the Village.

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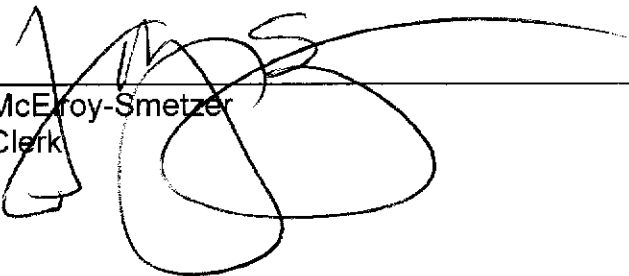
BOARD OF TRUSTEES: There was a discussion regarding inappropriate public comments at the last meeting. At the last meeting, a member of the public verbally attacked a board member. It was a private issue and a member of the public came to the Board meeting to chastise the Board member publicly for what he perceived as a problem.

He thought that it should have been shut down immediately. The Board member stated that he was disappointed that no one on the Board stopped the tirade until the mayor was spoken over. His concern is for the future and would like to make sure a plan is in place to prevent this from ever happening again.

OTHER: Nothing

At 8:54 Cummings motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk