

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 9, 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	Absent
	Painter	Present
	Davis	Absent
	Cummings	Absent
	Rapp	Present

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer, Village Clerk; Mike Peters*, Village Public Works Superintendent, Luke Fisher*, Village Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Mike Sennert, Village AV; Kristin Schaefer, SJO Junior; Todd & Jamie Hitt; Jessie & Tyler Parsons; Dani Tietz* SJO Daily; and Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record; (* Attended by Zoom).

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 26, 2021 Village Board Meeting and October 26, 2021 Village Board Meeting Executive Session were presented. Rapp motioned and Painter seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 3 - 0.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Routh gave the Treasurer’s Report as of October 31, 2021. Painter motioned and Rapp seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 3 - 0.

INVESTMENT REPORT: Routh gave the Investment Report. Longview Bank rates were as follows: 3 month .15% 6-month rate .20%, 9 month .20%, and 12-month rate .25%. Gifford Bank rates were as follows: 3 month .10%, 6-month rate .20%, 9 month .20%, and 12-month rate .25%. Busey Bank did not provide any rates this month.

The investment recommendations are as follows:

In the General Corp:

- CD# 24714 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$125,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24877 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$250,000 will be cashed;
- CD# 24789 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$75,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24761 a 6 month CD from Longview Bank for \$75,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 25591 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$100,000 will be rolled

In Equipment Replacement:

- CD# 24614 a 6 month CD from Longview for \$25,000 will be rolled;

In the Stormwater Fund:

- CD# 24879 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$30,000 will be cashed;
- CD# 25592 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$25,000 will be rolled;

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In the Motor Fuel Fund:

- CD# 24880 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$25,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24888 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$20,000 will be rolled;

In the Motor Fuel Rebuild IL Grant:

- CD# 24818 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be rolled;

In the Sewer Fund:

- CD# 24889 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$30,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24819 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$100,000 will be cashed;

In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:

- CD# 24881 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$15,000 will be cashed;
- CD# 25593 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$10,000 will be rolled;
- And a new 3 month CD for \$25,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank.

Rapp motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the investments recommendations as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 3 - 0.

BILLS: Painter motioned and Rapp seconded to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 3 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kristin Schaefer who is a SJO Junior gave a presentation about Food Insecurity in the community. She said as many as 10 % of the students at the schools suffer from Food Insecurity. This is representative of the communities of St. Joseph and Ogden as well. She is trying to find solutions to ease the problems. She has donation jars at the Ribcage, Scratch, El Toro, Rochs. She has an arrangement with these restaurants where students can give the staff a code word and they can get a free meal. This way they do not have to be embarrassed when they need a meal. It is all done very quietly. They can get this code word from the Food Pantry or the School Resource Officer. She is requesting assistance with publicizing the program. Fruhling-Voges told Schaefer how impressed she was with her insight into the program and all her work to address the problem. The Village will help to get the word out however they can.
- Todd Hitt addressed the Board regarding the Board regarding the failure of the lift station on East Grand Avenue as well as the failure of the warning system at that lift station. His daughter and son-in-law's home received substantial damage both physically and financially from the sewage backflow due to the failure of the lift station and the fact that the Village warning system did not alert them to the problem in a timely manner. Hackney will work with the Parsons and Hitts to get the facts of the situation. He will also

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work with the Village staff and insurance provider. He will bring the results back to the Board.

ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK:

MAYOR'S DESK:

- Fruhling-Voges reported that she had her costume parade for Halloween. There were about 30 children. With parents, there were 56 people in attendance. It was a lot of fun.
- Fruhling-Voges and Hackney went to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the bridge over the Vermillion River section of the trail. Fruhling-Voges also noted that the Forest Preserve is also wrapping up their projects along the Kickapoo Rail Trail in the Village.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that the Veterans Day service would be held on November 11th at the High School.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Splash Pad** – Hackney noted that there would be an update at the next meeting.
- 2) **Pedestrian Crossing at Route 150 and 5th Street Options:** Fisher and Hackney gave update on electrical versus solar signs. Fruhling wants to get the walkway lit as soon as possible. She does not want to delay the project indefinitely.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Purchase of the 2015 Chevy Silverado for \$24,999.** This would be a replacement vehicle for the 2005 GMC Sierra. Painter motioned and Wagner seconded to purchase the 2015 Chevy Silverado as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Rapp – Nay, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 3-1.
- 2) **Sale of the 2005 GMC Sierra.** Hackney suggested that it be sold by online auction and it will be placed around town in visible locations. Rapp motioned and Painter seconded to sell the 2005 GMC Sierra by online auction. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Painter - Aye, and Fruhling-Voges – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.
- 3) **Light Bar for 2015 Chevy Silverado.** Fisher has a quote for a light bar for the new vehicle for \$1,643.00 Exhibit 8. Rapp motioned and Painter seconded to purchase the light bar. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter - Aye, and Rapp -Aye. Motion passed 3-0.
- 4) **Enter into Agreement for Services for Governing Body/Staff Coaching Services.** Hackney requested that the Board purchase and inter into an agreement with Arndt Municipal Service for Coaching Services See Exhibit 9. Painter motioned and Rapp seconded to enter into the agreement with Arndt Municipal Services. Roll call vote was taken. Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Painter - Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner -Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

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COMMITTEE UPDATES:

FINANCE: Did not meet

SANITARY SEWER: Did not meet.

PARKS & RECREATION: Did not meet

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Did not meet.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Did not meet.

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

STAFF UPDATES:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Nothing to report.

VILLAGE CLERK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Nothing to report.

OTHER:

At 8:12, Rapp motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk