

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2020

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. (*Attended by Zoom)

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 24, 2020 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 November 30, 2020. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded: 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 .5%. Gifford State Bank rates were as follows: 3 month .15%, 6 month .25 %, 9 month .25%, and 12 month .40%. Busey Bank did not submit a bid for CDs. The following actions were taken regarding the Village’s investments:

In the General Corp:

- Longview CD# 24828 3 month CD for \$100,000 will be rolled.

In the Stormwater Fund:

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- A new 3 month CD for \$50,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank.

In the Sewer:

- Longview CD# 24829 3 month CD for \$50,000 will be rolled.
- Longview CD# 24568 3 month CD for \$100,000 will be rolled.

In the Sewer Depreciation:

- Longview CD# 24830 3 month CD for \$35,000 will be rolled.
- Longview CD# 24647 3 month CD for \$20,000 will be rolled.

Cummings motioned and Painter 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 Davis 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.

MAYOR’S DESK: Fruhling-Voges reported that there would be a Christmas Light Parade. It will be held on December 19th at 5:30. There is a \$5 donation requested to participate in the parade. Proceeds will be given to the Edwards family to apply towards an art scholarship in memory of their daughter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCE: Nothing to report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Nothing to report.

SANITARY SEWER: Nothing to report.

PARKS & RECREATION: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:

- The Village Board discussed how they would like to proceed regarding safety issues with a RV blocking or limiting visibility on the sidewalks and streets. The Committee will look at the Ordinances and contact other Villages to see what they do regarding similar problems.
- Davis discussed that the parking on the streets in the Crestwood, Crestlake, and Crestview. There are concerns regarding whether safety vehicles can get

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through on the streets in case of emergency. The committee will follow up on this.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, & DRAINAGE: Fisher gave update on the First Street Drainage Project. There was some pooling of water on Sherman. It was determined that it was due to the elevation of the rocks. Cross corrected the problem the next day at no cost to the Village. A property owner at the corner of Sherman and First Street had some sewer backup. Again Cross came the next day. They checked and corrected the problem at no cost to the Village.

CLERK'S DESK: McElroy-Smetzer gave an update on the Caucuses. The Republican Caucus met last night. Their slate for the election is Fruhling-Voges for Mayor and Cummings, Van Buskirk, and Painter for Trustees. The Democratic Caucus did not have anyone in attendance. The Republican Caucus and people running as Independents can file their paperwork with the Village Clerk from December 14th to December 21st.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Fisher noted that due to high winds within the last month, the Village is picking up sticks this week. The Village Public Works staff has been hit by COVID. They are at about half staff. They will complete the brush pickup but it may be slower.

ATTORNEY'S DESK: Nothing to report.

At 7:34, Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk