

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 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	Absent
	Van Buskirk*	Present
	Painter	Present
	Davis	Present
	Cummings	Present
	Davis	Present
	Rapp	Present

Others in attendance: Mike Peters*, Village Public Works Superintendent; Luke Fisher*, Village Assistant Public Works Superintendent; Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer*, Village Clerk; Julie Hendrickson*, Office Manager; Joe Lierman, Village Attorney; Mike Sennert, Village IT; and Nora Maberry*, St. Joseph Record. *Attended the meeting by Zoom.

MINUTES: The minutes of February 9, 2021 Village Board Meeting and the minutes of the February 18, 2021 Zoning & Planning Commission Meeting were presented. Van Buskirk motioned and Cummings 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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

MAYOR’S DESK:

- Fruhling-Voges noted that the Annual Goals meeting would not be held until a Village Manager was hired.
- Fruhling-Voges noted that there would be a budget meeting in April and asked Trustees to gather their budget numbers.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that the Village has not used any of the hours allotted to the Village by the annual membership in the Regional Planning Commission (RPC).

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- Fruhling-Voges has requested that RPC work on the Village Food Truck Policy with the Village Board. The Board agreed that this is a good idea and use of our RPC hours.
- WCIA will be highlighting St. Joseph in August. Fruhling-Voges will work with the Board on this.
- Fruhling-Voges wanted to complement the Village Public Works Department on the snow removal. She had a lot of compliments from Village residents.

FINANCE: Nothing to report

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Nothing to report.

SANITARY SEWER: Nothing to report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

- Davis reported that there needed to be more discussion and clarification at a committee level before a bid for park/grounds/playing fields enhancement and maintenance is accepted.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:

- There was a lengthy discussion regarding Ordinance violations such as parking RV in front yard, cars parking over sidewalks, etc.

STREETS & ALLEYS:

- Rapp reported that the cost of 2 highly visible solar powered stop signs for the North/South corners of the Lincoln Street/Main Street intersection is \$2,989.34. Rapp motioned and Davis seconded to approve the purchase. Roll call was taken: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.
- Rapp and Fruhling-Voges led a discussion of Grand and 3rd Street project for the ReBuild Illinois Program which had to be submitted February 16th. The Committee meeting February 15th. The Committee recommendation was to submit the proposal. This is an in progress item, more details to follow as more information is available.
- Fisher gave an update on the Meadow Circle gutter project. Cost estimates are will be obtained for the next Budget year.
- Fisher will give an update on standing water in a back yard on Rosewood. To correct the problem there will need to be boring or trenching. There are fences over the easement.

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- This is the situation many places in town. There are storage buildings and fences are built on a utility easement. In many instances, the drainage swales have been filled in. These situations will require further discussion at a committee level.
- Fisher reported that there is some more work to be done on the 1st Street project between Douglas and Sherman. He will continue to follow up on the issues.

ATTORNEY'S DESK: Lierman updated the Board on the progress with the Ameren Franchise Agreement. Lierman let Ameren know that the Village wanted to receive the same amount of money \$16,020, have the agreement for 10 years, and have some contract language changes. Ameren has agreed to the \$16,020 for 10 years. Lierman will follow up with Ameren on the language changes.

CLERK'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Fisher wanted the Board to know that the 3 employees from out of town went above and beyond to work on snow removal. They all made arrangements to stay in town so they would be available. One stayed at the Annex, one stayed at the fire station, and one stayed with family. Fisher stated that he was very appreciative of these actions. The Board was also very appreciative.

At 8:22, Van Buskirk motioned and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk