

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 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	Present
	Van Buskirk	Absent
	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; Nora Maberry, St. Joseph Record, Salvo Rodriguez, United Way; Marc Miller; and AJ Laubscher, Liquor License Petitioner. *Attended the meeting by Zoom.

MINUTES: The minutes of March 9, 2021 Village Board Meeting and the minutes of the March 18, 2021 Zoning & Planning Commission Meeting were presented. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE: Lierman presented the Board with the Ordinance updating Title 3 Section 3-3-6 Liquor Control Number of Licenses. Cummings motioned and Davis seconded to approve the Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Salvo Rodriguez gave an overview of the United Way Born Learning Trail planned for Kolb Park. Keller Williams will be sponsoring the

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project. The Trustees were enthusiastic about Kolb Park being selected to be one of the sites for the United Way Born Learning Trail.

- Lierman announced that he would be retiring before the May 2021 seating of the Board. Lierman stated that he highly recommends Marc Miller as the new Village Attorney. Lierman stated that Miller represents many small communities in Champaign and Vermilion Counties. Lierman stated that he felt that Miller is one of the most experienced and knowledgeable attorneys in the area for small municipalities.

Miller gave a background about himself. He charges \$185 per hour. He feels that his job is to do the best job possible for the Village. He stated that for 3 areas that the Village would want to hire a specialty attorney. They are employment, environmental, and litigation. This is the situation that we have now. Miller would work with the specialty attorneys.

MAYOR'S DESK:

- Fruhling-Voges gave the Trustees information from the Champaign County RPC regarding food trucks. She also gave them a copy of the Village's current rule. Fruhling-Voges would like to have something finalized regarding food trucks by the end of April. Lierman has stated that prohibiting food trucks would be difficult. Fruhling-Voges asked Trustees to determine what they want to see. She wants Trustees to consider if they think food trucks would hurt the brick and mortar restaurants. Fruhling-Voges stated that the Board needs to decide if they want permit fees, time and day restrictions, and other items to be specified in the policy.

Trustees gave their opinions on what they wanted to see in food trucks if allowed. The fees were discussed as to whether it is a per time fee or an annual fee. There was a lot of discussion about both sides of the issues. Fruhling-Voges stated that the Board would continue to look at the issue with hopes of meeting the suggested end of April deadline.

- Fruhling-Voges gave an update on the WCIA Our Town in August.

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- Fruhling-Voges gave an update on the email security breach. Her mayoral email account was hacked. She said that Mike Sennert came to the rescue and got everything cleaned up for the Village. Sennert will be working with the Village as their IT support. This is something that the Village has discussed for some time. The Board expressed their approval of this.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that the Laurel Street RV situation has been resolved. She also stated that having and enforcing parking regulation throughout the Village would be exceedingly difficult.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that she has received a request for outside dining for the summer. Fruhling-Voges said that this is something the Board could consider. She and Wagner had brought back some ideas from Springfield. Things to consider would be the barriers being more substantial and attractive. Another consideration would be whether the street would be one-way or two-way. Rapp suggested that businesses be able to operate as they did last year while the Village determines how they would like this to see this in the future. The Board will continue to work on this.
- Fruhling-Voges reported on the audit situation at the County. Champaign County Auditor has not submitted an audit for 2019 and forward. The Federal and State have given them notice that grant funds would not be sent to the County due to this deficiency if the situation is not corrected. This will severely financially cripple the County and their pass through funds and programs.
- Fruhling-Voges told the Trustees that the number of bills that the IML is overwhelming. They receive over 7,000 bills annually. They determine what ones will impact the municipalities the most and work on those first. There is a Bill Tracking section of the IML website that shows the bills.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that Streets & Alleys would be looking at projects for the Rebuild Illinois Motor Fuel Tax Fund.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that the Village has a signed agreement with the High School for the soccer field at the Park.

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FINANCE: Cummings gave an update on the Village Administrator process. The Village has extended the search with ILCMA and the IML. The search is extended through the middle of April. Since the search has been extended another 5 applications have been received.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Nothing to report.

SANITARY SEWER: Nothing to report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

- Davis reported on the Committee meeting that was held for discussion and clarification regarding the bids for Spark/grounds/playing fields enhancement and maintenance.
 - o Davis motioned and Cummings seconded to approve Spring Green's bid for park/grounds/playing fields enhancement and maintenance at the Sports Complex for a total of \$11,208.66. This includes all the playing fields and common areas. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye and Davis – Abstain. Motion passed 4-0- 1.
 - o Davis motioned and Cummings seconded to approve Outdoor Solutions' bid for park/grounds/playing fields enhancement and maintenance at the Hackler Park for a total of \$2,032.70. This includes the soccer fields and common areas. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye Davis – Abstain, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 4-0- 1.
 - o Davis motioned and Cummings seconded to approve Spring Green's bid for park/grounds/playing fields enhancement and maintenance at the Kolb Park for a total of \$828.60. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Abstain, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye, Motion passed 4-0- 1.
- Discussion took place regarding lights being on when facilities are not being used. The Committee will follow up on this.

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Nothing to report.

STREETS & ALLEYS:

Rapp reported that there will need to be a committee meeting regarding Meadow Circle and areas where homeowners have altered the drainage. Fisher added that there needed to be money for these issues in the next fiscal year budget.

ATTORNEY'S DESK: Lierman reported that the Ameren had agreed to everything the Village had requested. Lierman presented the Board with an Ordinance Extending the Authorization to Ameren Illinois Company to Construct, Operate and Maintain an Electrical Utility System in the Village of St. Joseph. Wagner motioned and Painter seconded to approve the Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye Motion passed 5-0.

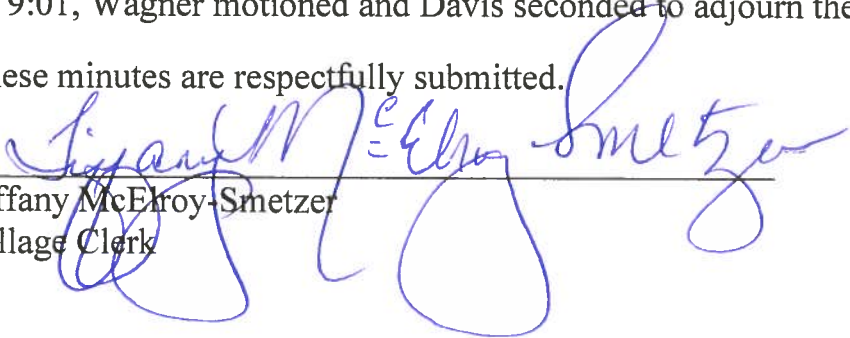
CLERK'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Fisher stated that he wanted to recognize the Village Office staff. They did a great job taking all the calls about storm damage and flooding and forwarding them to Public Works.

At 9:01, Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk