

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
April 11, 2023

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: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer\*, Village Clerk; Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Mike Peter, Public Works Superintendent; Luke Fisher\*, Village Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Mike Sennert, Village AV, Jeremy Yohnka, Troop# 40 Boy Scout Leader, Eric Buzzard, Steve Donberger, and Kenny Schrock, St. Joseph Fall Festival Board; Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record. (\* Attended by Zoom).

**MINUTES (Exhibit #2):** The minutes of March 28, 2023 will be approved at the next meeting. The Executive Session minutes of the March 28, 2023 Village Board Meeting 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 (Exhibit #3):** Cummings directed the Board to the Treasurer’s Report as of March 31, 2023. Van Buskirk motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner - Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**INVESTMENT REPORT (Exhibit #4):** Cummings referred the Board to the Investment Worksheet. Rates were received from Longview Bank and were as follows: 3 month 4.00%; 6 month 4.00%; 9 month no bid; and 12 month 4.00%. Rates were received from Philo Exchange Bank and were as follows: 3 month .60%; 6 month 1.00%; 9 month no bid; and 12 month 1.60%. No rates were received from Gifford State Bank or Busey Bank.

The investment recommendations are as follows:

**In the General Corp:**

- CD #25668 a 6 month CD at Longview Bank for \$190,000 will be renewed;

**ARPA Funding Grant Money #1 and Grant Money #2:**

- CD #7000000 a 6 month CD at Longview Bank for \$262,775.64 will be renewed;

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**the Stormwater Fund:**

- CD #342629 a 3 month CD at Busey Bank for \$35,000 will be cashed;
- A new 3 month CD for \$35,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank;

**In the Motor Fuel Fund:**

- CD# 342645 a 3 month CD at Busey Bank for \$35,000 will be cashed;
- A new 3 month CD for \$35,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank;

**In the Motor Fuel Rebuild Illinois Grant Funds:**

- CD# 342688 a 3 month CD at Busey Bank for \$80,720 will be cashed;
- A new 3 month CD for \$80,720 will be purchased from Longview Bank;

**In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:**

- CD# 342718 a 3 month CD at Busey Bank for \$125,000 will be cashed.
- A new 3 month CD for \$125,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank;

Cummings motioned and Rapp seconded to approve the Investment recommendations. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Van Buskirk - Aye. Motion passed 6 - 0.

**BILLS (Exhibit #5):** Bills were discussed. Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to pay the bills in the amount of \$45,966.13 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jeremy Yohnka spoke to the Board regarding the Boy Scouts' request to have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade again this year. Something new this year is that they would like to have the veterans ride in corvettes. Hackney requested that Yohnka forward the information to him and he would get the information to the Board members. Fruhling-Voges said that it is something that the community enjoys very much.

Yohnka asked when the pickleball courts would be set up. He said that there is a lot of interest in the game. He asked about converting the tennis courts to pickleball courts. Hackney noted at this time that he did not think that taking away from one sport for another was a good idea. Yohnka noted that there are some issues with the pickleball court with the winds at the sports complex. Painter stated that he is also a big fan of pickleball and would like it to be expanded. He also noted that the Village had spent significant funds to set up the courts at the Sports Complex.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **FY23/24 Budget Conversation: Sinkhole Repair – Exhibit #6:** Bids were received from Duce Construction and Cross Construction to repair sinkholes at Grand & Chestnut as well as Northgate & Meadowsweet. Duce Construction's bids totaled \$17,725. Cross Construction's bids totaled \$23,260. Painter motioned and Cummings seconded to approve Duce Construction's bid of \$17,725.00. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.
2. **FY23/24 Budget Conversation: VERF 2023 Transactions #7:** Hackney referred the Board to Exhibit #7. He stated that he, Peters, and Fisher had spent a lot of time putting together the equipment replacement list for the next budget year. The list was discussed briefly. Hackney and Fisher stated that in order for items to be received in a timely manner some items would need to be ordered as soon as possible. The items will not be received until the next budget year. Painter motioned and Cummings seconded to approve 2023 Replacement Schedule. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings - Aye. Motion passed 6-0.
3. **Fall Festival Discussion:** There was a lengthy discussion regarding what each entity is responsible for in the Community Festival. The American Legion is responsible for the carnival rides and the fish fry. The Community Council oversees the vendors and food vendors. The Village pays for the fireworks and manpower prepping the location for the festival as well as final cleanup of the area after the festival. Painter expressed frustration that there were so many entities. He stated that he thought that since it was the St. Joseph Community Festival most people thought that the Village ran the festival when in fact this is not the case. There was discussion of putting the whole Festival under the Village except for the parts run by the Legion. It was decided that the Legion would continue to do the carnival as they provide insurance. Wagner suggested that perhaps an event permit would clear some issues up. Hackney noted that the Village Board needed to be very clear on what they wanted the Village's role to be. Do they want the Village to be in charge of everything with the exception of the Legion's items, do they want the Village to hold the Community Council funds, or something else? There needs to be a clear and decisive decision. Fruhling-Voges recommended that the Board think about the issue and bring it back at the next meeting.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

**STAFF UPDATES:**

- **Village Attorney** – Nothing to report.
- **Village Clerk** – McElroy-Smetzer reported that Economic Interest Statements were due May 1<sup>st</sup>. She had not gotten the information to the Board in a timely manner so she will be sending an email out shortly. Cummings requested that there be a hard copy at the next meeting. McElroy-Smetzer will provide this.

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- **Public Works** – Fisher reported that Public works had been involved in an exercise training with the Champaign County Emergency Management Agency and IPWMAN (Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network). Fisher is an officer of the IPWMAN organization. They worked on and are continuing to work on plans for a tornado disaster and the Community Festival.

**MAYOR'S DESK:**

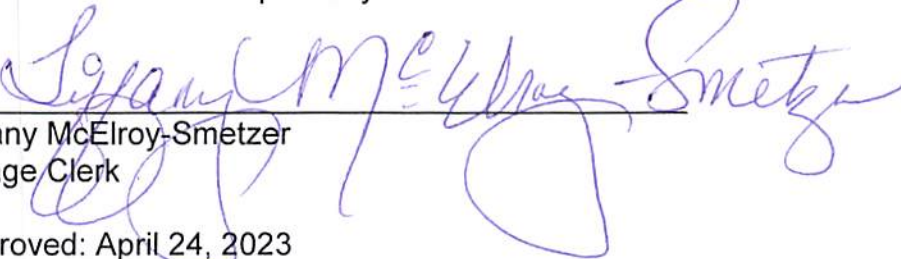
- Fruhling-Voges reminded the Board of the upcoming CIMOA meeting that will be held next Thursday in Tolono.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that Mary Butzow had reached out to her. She has raised \$6500 which was enough to digitize the 60s and 70s on the St. Joseph Record. She would like the Board to consider whether they would like to donate. She thinks this could be beneficial in situations such as tonight when the Board was discussing the festival and how the Community Council came about and in charge of the Festival.
- Fruhling-Voges noted that June 9th will be the Taste of St. Joseph.
- Fruhling-Voges congratulated the Trustees that had won reelection in this past week's race.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Nothing.

**OTHER:** Nothing

At 8:28 Cummings motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

  
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Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer  
Village Clerk

Approved: April 24, 2023