

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
May 11, 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	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).

SWEARING IN THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

McElroy-Smetzer swore in the new Board members: Mayor – Tami Fruhling-Voges, Trustees Jeff Van Buskirk (in absentia), Terri Cummings, and Max Painter.

APPOINTMENTS: Appointments are for four years, the term of the Mayor.

- Fruhling-Voges appointed Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer as the Village Clerk. Painter motioned and Cummings seconded the appointment. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.
- Fruhling-Voges appointed Debbie Routh as the Village Treasurer. Cummings motioned and Painter seconded the appointment. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.
- Fruhling-Voges appointed Marc Miller the Village Attorney. Rapp motioned and Wagner seconded the appointment. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings -Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.
- Fruhling-Voges appointed Clark Dietz as the Village Engineers. Painter motioned and Cummings seconded the appointment.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 27, 2021 Village Board Meetings were presented. Painter motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Routh gave the Treasurer's Report as of April 3, 2021. Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as

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presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

INVESTMENT REPORT: Routh gave the Investment Report. Longview Bank rates were as follows: 3 month .20%, 6-month rate .25%, 9 month .25%, and 12-month rate .30%. Busey Bank and Gifford State Bank did not submit rates this month. The following actions were taken regarding the Village's investments:

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 rolled;
- 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# 24817 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be rolled;

In the Equipment Replacement Fund;

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

In the Stormwater Fund:

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

In the Motor Fuel Fund:

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

In the Motor Fuel Rebuild Illinois Fund:

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

In the Sewer Fund:

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

In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:

- CD# 24881 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$15,000 will be rolled.

Cummings motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the investments as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

At Rapp's request, Fruhling-Voges brought forth the request from the Village Gardeners' request for the annual budget for \$2,500. Fruhling-Voges complimented the Village Gardeners on their hard work. She stated that she receives many compliments regarding the flowers. Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to approve the

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\$2,500 donation requested. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Nay, Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 3 – 1.

Rapp stated that he is in favor of the flowers but can not vote for them due to what he sees as an inefficient and costly manner that they are watered. Fruhling-Voges asked Rapp to meet with the employees to see if they could come up with a different way to water the flowers that would be more cost efficient. This should be done in the next year so when the time comes to vote for the Village Gardeners request next year, the new system could be put into place.

BILLS: Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Maberry complimented Village Public Works staff on how well the Spring Clean Up Day went. It was well organized and moved quickly.

MAYOR'S DESK:

- Fruhling-Voges reminded everyone that the Champaign County RPC sponsored Electronic Recycling event would be held at Parkland on May 22, 2021.
- Fruhling-Voges requested that everyone complete the Sexual Harassment Training and turn in the certificate to Hendrickson.
- Fruhling-Voges reminded the Board that the next Zoning & Planning Commission meeting will be held on May 20, 2021. Fruhling-Voges would like to the Trustees to attend. This is the meeting where she hopes to wrap up all the text changes to the Zoning Code.
- Fruhling-Voges brought up the scheduled sewer rate increase. She has suggested pushing it until October. Then in May of 2022 there could be a smaller increase and that would get the increases back on schedule. The Board agreed that this was a good idea.
- Fruhling-Voges brought the Food Truck Ordinance to the Board. There was discussion regarding food trucks at the Jr. High field at the St. Joseph Grade school in the last week. She wanted to know if this would fall under the Ordinance or is it on private property. The consensus was that once the ordinance is passed, they would need to get a permit. Painter motioned and Cummings seconded to approve the Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.
- The Born Learning Trail will be installed at Kolb Park on Thursday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

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FINANCE:

- Cummings reported that the 2nd interviews for Village Manager will be held on May 17th and 18th.
- Cummings reported on the budget process and progress.
- Cummings referenced the Salary Adjustment Adjustment Table. Cummings motioned and Painter seconded to approve the Salary Adjustment Scale as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Nothing to report.

SANITARY SEWER: Nothing to report.

PARKS & RECREATION:

- There was discussion regarding spending more funds on the fields at St. Joseph Community Park. There had been a community member requesting that the fields be professionally levelled and infield mix be added. Fruhling-Voges noted that this had not been through committee yet. She recommended that the committee look at the request.
- Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to purchase ADA picnic tables for Kolb, Hackler, and the Community Park at a cost of \$2,010. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Nothing to report.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, & DRAINAGE:

- Peters presented the Board with a bid of \$3,200 to raise the sidewalks in various locations in the Village. There were questions regarding warranty and time it was expected to last. McElroy-Smetzer and Sennert referenced a job that Jack-A-Slab did for the Grade School around 15 years ago and that it is still in good shape. Cummings motioned and Rapp seconded to accept Jack-A-Slab's bid of \$3,200. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

CLERK'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S DESK: Nothing to report.

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At 8:22, Wagner motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk