

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
JUNE 27, 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
	Painter	Present
	Davis	Absent
	Cummings	Present
	Rapp	Absent

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer*, Village Clerk; Mike Peters*, Village Public Works Superintendent, Luke Fisher*, Village Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Mike Sennert, Village AV, Jeremy Yohnka, Pickleball Group; Brand Bengtson and Brandon Moore, Proposed Developers; Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record. (* Attended by Zoom).

MINUTES (Exhibit #1): The minutes of the June 13, 2023 Village Board Meeting (Exhibit #1) were presented. Cummings motioned and Painter seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, Fruhling-Voges – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 4 – 0.

BILLS (Exhibit #4): Bills in the amount of \$ 39,649.33 were presented. Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 4- 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Special Event Permit – St. Joseph Pickleball Tournament* - Exhibit #3:

Jeremy Yohnka gave an overview of the tournament that the pickleball group would like to hold during the Community Festival. They want to hold it at the Tennis Courts at Kolb Park. They would like to set up the courts on Thursday night. They are still discussing the days of the events. It will depend on the number of participants. They would like to use the basketball court as a warmup area. They would like this to be an annual event. They would like it to grow a few times a year. They are speaking with local businesses to be sponsors. There will be no cost to the Village. Painter motioned and Cummings seconded to approve the Special Event Permit as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Cummings – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Fruhling-Voges – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Yohnka then discussed with the Board the popularity of pickleball. He discussed the need for more courts. The local group started in 2021. It has grown to 180 people. He discussed the difficulty in playing at the Community Park with the wind. It makes it

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very difficult to play. He had several suggestions for the Board. He also noted that he had spoken with the girls' tennis coach. He reported that the girls practice and play their home games at the Atkins Center at the U of I. This would mean that any use of the tennis court for pickleball would not be taking anything away from the tennis team. Yohnka said that there can be non-permanent changes to the tennis courts that would allow pickleball to use the courts.

Fruhling-Voges said the Board is looking at a possible sales tax referendum to fund Parks and Recreation. Hackney noted that over 10 years, the Village will run a \$1.6 million operational deficit in the Parks & Receptions area. At this time, the Village does not have an adequate revenue source identified for Parks and Recreation. Fruhling-Voges also added that in the past there was a 501c3 group that fund raised for the Community Park. This would be a good way to get funds raised for improvements for the Parks and Recreation pickleball facilities.

Yohnka also requested that there be some open hours for the tennis courts for pickleball. Hackney expressed concern that the shared courts could cause problems but he would do whatever the Board wanted to do. The idea of having reservations on the website was discussed.

2. WWTP Solar Array Discussion* - Exhibit #4:

Fruhling-Voges said that since the whole Board is not in attendance, a decision will not be made tonight. She also noted that the Board members that were missing at the last meeting are in attendance at this meeting so there is value in discussing the issue again.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY2023/2024 Appropriations Ordinance* Exhibit #5:

Cummings motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the FY2023/2024 Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Cummings - Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Storage Unit Proposal: Bengtson and Moore introduced themselves and gave an overview of their plan to build self-storage at the Boat Yard. They have identified the need for self-storage in the community. They noted that they have a letter of intent to purchase. They are looking for a straw vote of what the Board felt about the project. Wagner and Painter said that they are not in favor of giving a straw vote because two members of the Board being missing tonight.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

- Updates
- Written Report Attached – Exhibit #6

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STAFF UPDATES:

- Village Attorney – None.
- Village Clerk – None.
- Public Works – Written Report Attached – Exhibit #7

MAYOR'S DESK:

- Fruhling-Voges noted that although the use of the yellow card to opt out of the electrical aggregation has expired, residents can still use the phone number to opt out throughout the term of the contract.
- Fruhling-Voges brought up the fire ban for the Village and surrounding area that the St. Joseph Stanton Fire Department has issued.

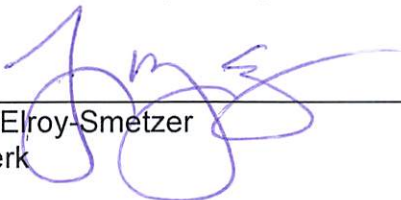
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

- Updates/ Comments from Trustees

OTHER: Nothing.

At 8:20, Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk

Approved: July 11, 2023