

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

June 8, 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*	Present
	Painter	Present
	Davis	Present
	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; Carolyn Jones, Bright Beginnings; Bev Pridemore, Abby McDonald, Amy & Dan McElroy, Matt & Sam Silver, Lyle & Susan Hawkey Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record; Dani Tietz*, SJO Daily. (* Attended by Zoom).

WCIA: Fruhling-Voges acknowledged that there were many people in the crowd that wanted to speak regarding the upcoming WCIA Our Town featuring the Village. The issue centers around a segment that WCIA aired regarding the man who murdered Champaign Police officer Chris Oberheim. Matt Silver, Abby McDonald, Bev Pridemore, and Amy McElroy all spoke passionately about how this would be a disservice to the community members and to the town's reputation/brand. They all noted that there are many law enforcement officers in the community and that they feel the Board should support them. They felt that having WCIA out would be a slap in the face to those who serve to protect us.

McElroy-Smetzer said that as of 7 o'clock she had received 52 emails for cancelling the WCIA segment and 2 in favor of still having the segment. She noted that she is still receiving emails as the meeting is taking place. It should be noted that the Board is accepting emails versus in person participation due to COVID precautions. She also noted that several of the letters were from local business owners.

Fruhling-Voges noted that she was glad that people had expressed the opinions. The Board members all agreed. They all know how they personally wanted to vote but felt they needed to represent the community not their personal feelings. They all expressed their support of law enforcement and especially all those in the community. It was noted that a motion and vote was not required to cancel WCIA. Davis noted that he wanted the Village to send a clear message to the community and law enforcement officers, that St. Joseph stands behind law enforcement officers. The Board members agreed. Davis motioned and Cummings seconded to cancel the WCIA Our Town Series. Roll call vote

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was taken: Wagner -Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Fruhling-Voges – Aye.

Wagner noted that his business is reflecting how much the St. Joseph community stand behind law enforcement. He has sold 306 signs, 100 decals, and 100 shirts. They have raised \$1,500 to date. He presented a check to Bev Pridemore to take to the family. The designation of profits from the blue line sales will continue for a year.

Bev Pridemore who is Chris Oberheim's cousin read a statement from Amber Oberheim relaying that she was sorry that she was not able to attend but she appreciates everything everyone is doing. It also was announcing for the first time that the Oberheim family is starting a nonprofit foundation called Peacemaker Project 703 to honor Officer Oberheim and those who serve.

MINUTES: The minutes from 5.25.21 will be approved at the 6.22.21 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Routh gave the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2021. Van Buskirk motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote was Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 6 - 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%. Gifford Bank rates were as follows: 3 month .10%, 6-month rate .20%, 9 month .20%, and 12-month rate .25%. Busey Bank did not submit rates this month. The following actions were taken regarding the Village's investments:

In the General Corp:

- CD#24828 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank will be rolled;
- A new 3 month \$75,000 CD will be purchased from Longview Bank.

In the Stormwater Fund:

- CD#24869 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be rolled;

In the Motor Fuel Fund:

- A new 3 month CD for \$50,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank;

In the Sewer Fund:

- CD# 24829 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24568 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$100,000 will be rolled;

In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:

- CD# 24830 a 3 month from Longview Bank for \$35,000 will be cashed;
- The \$35,000 proceeds from CD# 24830 will be added to \$10,000 cash and new \$45,000 3 month CD will be purchased from Longview Bank;

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- CD#24647 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$20,000 will be rolled.

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

BILLS: Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to pay the bills 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:

- Lyle Hawkey addressed the Board regarding the possibility of having some pickle ball courts in town. He said that they do not take very much room and it is an extremely popular sport. The Board discussed that they had looked at adding one to the tennis court at Kolb Park.

Hawkey noted that they had been looking at 1 of the 3 basketball courts at the Sports Complex. He requested that he be able to tape the lines for one court so the Board could see the actual size. Davis thought that was a good idea and that his committee would look at it and discuss for action at the next meeting.

- Carolyn Jones spoke to the Board about the possibility of a sidewalk to the daycare. She noted that Bright Beginnings is located at the corner of Peters Drive and Fifth Street. Fruhling-Voges noted that the Board had looked at the sidewalk issue many years ago when Abbeyfield was first building. She said that they would have the Village engineers and Public Works staff look at the area to see what was feasible regarding a sidewalk.

MAYOR'S DESK:

- Fruhling-Voges reported that the Village had received a thank you note from retired Village Attorney Joe Lierman.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that the Ameren price is below Constellation price. The Village residents are eligible to opt out of Constellation Service by calling. They will then receive the lower electrical rate. The number to call to opt out is 1-800-718-1493
- Fruhling-Voges reported that this Friday begins Phase 5 for the COVID restrictions. This is the least restrictive of the COVID Phases. She is excited for the Village to get back to normal and for people to being able to enjoy St. Joseph again. There are a lot of activities coming up in the Village. They are as follows:
 - o The St. Joseph-Ogden Cross Country fundraiser 5K will be held on July 31st.
 - o There will be an antique tractor pull August 7th at the Sports Complex.
 - o There will be an antique auto show August 21st downtown on Lincoln Street.

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- In conjunction with the Community Festival are the following activities:
 - The Wyldewood Cellars Winery is putting on a 5K. This will be held on August 14th as part of the Community Festival. The route will be on the Kickapoo Rail Trail. It will proceed from downtown west to the first crossroad and back. Proceeds will go to Friends Fore Life, which is a fundraising group located by some local community members.
 - There will be a kids tractor pull on August 14th at the Sports Complex.
 - The St. Joseph Stanton Fire Department will hold their pancake breakfast on August 14th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCE:

- Cummings reported that the Committee and Fruhling-Voges are working on the details for the Village Administrator position and hope to have something to report soon.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Painter reported that he had bids for 2 projects for the Village.

- The first project is the conduit boring at Subway. Duce Construction bid \$4,175. Champaign Signal and Lighting bid \$5,000. Painter motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the bid from Duce Construction. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner- Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.
- The second project is conduit boring at the Boy Scout Building and installing a metal foundation and light pole. Champaign Signal and Lighting bid \$5,500 on the project. Painter motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the bid of Champaign Signal and Lighting for the project. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

SANITARY SEWER: Fisher reported that there had been a sewer backup on Stout Street. He also noted that the Committee would need to talk about replacing the impellers on the pumps coming into the sewer plant. They are \$11,500. This is not urgent but needs to be done. This will work with the plans for sewer plant expansion so it is not money for something that will be used a short time.

PARKS & RECREATION: Davis reported that he had been approached by a representative of a softball tournament wanting to move to St. Joseph for an August 2022 date. This is an annual softball tournament. This will not be held on the festival

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weekend. Board members were in favor of having an annual tournament in St. Joseph. Davis will follow-up on this.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:

- Board members expressed community members concerns regarding small children on mini motor scooters. The deputy will continue to follow up on this issue.
- Wagner noted that 78 golf cart permits issued. There are many golf carts on the streets that have not been issued a permit. He also reported that he has had many complaints about the Ordinances not being followed. The deputy will help with State vehicle issues but not permit issues.
- There have also been many complaints regarding speeding. Again, the deputy will continue to follow up on this.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, & DRAINAGE: Rapp reported that there are 5 motions regarding sidewalk, streets, and curb & gutter repair. They are as follows:

- The first motion pertains to Motor Fuel sidewalk repair. There were 3 bids:
 - o A&A Concrete \$8,600
 - o Duce Concrete \$13,108
 - o Rawdin Concrete \$25,804

Rapp motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the bid from A&A Concrete for \$8,600. Roll call vote was taken: Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

- The second motion pertains to General Corp sidewalk repair. There were 3 bids:
 - o A&A Concrete \$11,931
 - o Duce Concrete \$15,568
 - o Rawdin Concrete \$17,356

Rapp motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the bid from A&A Concrete for \$11,931. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

- The third motion pertains to Motor Fuel road repair. There were 3 bids:
 - o A&A Concrete \$17,773
 - o Duce Concrete \$29,052
 - o Rawdin Concrete \$29,273

Rapp motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the bid from A&A Concrete for \$17,733. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

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- The fourth motion pertains to General Corp road repair. There were 3 bids:
 - o A&A Concrete \$23,640.32
 - o Duce Concrete \$32,301.00
 - o Rawdin Concrete \$22,760

Rapp motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the bid from A&A Concrete for \$23,640.32. Discussion took place regarding why Rawdin Concrete did not get the bid. Peters reported that they had not included something on the bid. Once that was included, they would no longer have been the low bidder. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

- The fifth motion pertains to Motor Fuel curb and gutter repair. There were 3 bids:
 - o A&A Concrete \$4,090.24
 - o Duce Concrete \$6,029.00
 - o Rawdin Concrete \$14,686.00

Rapp motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the bid from A&A Concrete for \$4090.24. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

CLERK'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Fisher provided an update on the Eagle Scout project at Kolb Project. Hopefully will be done by next meeting.

ATTORNEY'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OTHER: Hendrickson provided an update on food trucks. There has been one request for a food truck at the Church of Christ. No paperwork has been returned yet.

At 8:39, Wagner motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk