

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2021

Mayor Fruhling-Voges called the meeting to order at 7:02 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
	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; Justin Bruner, Attorney working for the Village; Dani Tietz, SJO Daily; Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record. (* Attended by Zoom).

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 18, 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, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Routh gave the Treasurer’s Report as of June 30, 2021. Cummings motioned and Davis seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

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 rates were as follows: no 3 month bid, 6-month rate .05%, no 9 month bid, 11 month CD Special rate .10%, and 12-month rate .05%. The following actions were taken regarding the Village’s investments:

In the General Corp:

- CD# 24784 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$100,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24535 a 6 month CD from Longview Bank for \$ 50,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24697 a 6 month CD from Longview Bank for \$60,000 will be rolled;
- A new 3 month CD month CD for \$100,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank.

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In the Equipment Replacement Fund:

- CD# 24692 a 6 month CD from Longview Bank for \$25,000 will be rolled;
- A new 6 month CD for \$25,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank;

In the Community Building Fund:

- Longview CD# 24693 a 12 month CD for \$217,395 will be rolled;
- Longview CD# 24694 a 6 month CD for \$100,000 will be rolled;

In the Stormwater Fund:

- CD#24871 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$25,000 will be rolled;

In the Motor Fuel Fund:

- CD# 24795 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$25,000 will be rolled;

In the Motor Fuel Rebuild Illinois Fund:

- CD# 24886 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$80,720 will be rolled;

In the Sewer Fund:

- CD# 24751 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be rolled;

In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:

- CD# 24796 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$25,000 will be rolled,
- CD# 24785 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$100,000 will be rolled.

Cummings motioned and Painter seconded to approve the investments as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 5 - 0.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Eric Buzzard reported that there would not be a tractor pull on August 7th. There was a problem with getting the sled for the pull. He will continue to work on getting the event together in future years. There will still be the pedal tractor pull for kids at the Community Festival. Board members thanked him for all his hard work to get this event to the community.

At 7:25, Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss probable and imminent litigation based on the within finding that nuisances exist at 101 N. Monroe which are a violation of Village Ordinances and which put the public's safety at risk which form a basis for considering litigation with its occupant/owner probable and imminent all pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)." Roll call vote was taken:

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Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

At 8:04, Painter motioned and Rapp seconded to come out of Executive Session. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Rapp motioned and Painter seconded to direct Fruhling-Voges to work with the Village's attorneys regarding potential litigation on the blighted property on Monroe Street. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

MAYOR'S DESK:

- Fruhling-Voges reported that she had attended many meetings in the last couple of weeks. She is looking forward to Hackney coming on board and taking some of them over.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that Troop 40 had a very nice 4th of July Parade.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that there will be a sewer plant expansion update with Andrea from Clark Dietz at the first meeting in August.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that Reg Ankrom will be here at the next meeting to update us on the electrical aggregate situation.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that Hackney's first day in St. Joe will be July 26th. His first official day at work will be July 29th. After he gets settled, Fruhling-Voges would like to set up the goal setting session.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that this Saturday morning at 8:30 will be the Blend Spot's ribbon cutting

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCE: Cummings presented the Appropriations Ordinance Cummings motioned and Painter seconded to approve the Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 5 - 0.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Nothing to report.

SANITARY SEWER: Nothing to report.

PARKS & RECREATION: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Nothing to report.

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STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, & DRAINAGE:

- Fisher updated the Board on the West Woodland Drive drainage project. They have located all utilities, marked all the trees that must be removed and then will get estimated costs. He noted that easements will be needed.
- Fisher reported on the First Street drainage project. After all the rain that we have had recently, there has been no standing water and no complaints.
- Fisher reported on Meadow Circle. The first coat has been put down. They wanted it to cure for 2 weeks. The second coat could be done the 16th. The Village Public Works staff have been taking garbage out for the residents and bringing back the cans. This is to keep the garbage trucks off the street while the repair is in progress.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that she has been driving the town around town. She thinks that the hard work on the drainage is showing. The drainage is working great.

Fisher stated that the employees have been doing great work. They have been doing very proactive – removing debris and using the vac truck.

CLERK'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OTHER:

- Peters requested that the Board waive the fee for the Food Truck permit for the food trucks that will be with the carnival. There was a discussion regarding where the vendor fee money goes. There was also a discussion that the Village Board should be more involved with the festival. Peters gave a history of the Trustees that used to be on the Community Festival Committee and noted that since they have passed away, no one has stepped up to fill the positions. Peters noted that the food vendors have to pass a Champaign County Public Health inspection. Rapp motioned and Painter seconded to waive the Food Truck fees for this year only. This is contingent on the Festival Committee will provide the Village with a list of all the food vendors. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter -Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

At 8:44, Wagner motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk