

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2020

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* arrived in person at 7:22
	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; Joe Lierman*, Village Attorney; Mike Sennert, Village AV; Nora Maberry*, The St. Joseph Record; and Clark Brooks*, The Sentinel; (*Attended by Zoom)

MINUTES: The minutes of June 23, 2020 Village Board Meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Routh gave the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2020. Van Buskirk motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report 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.

INVESTMENT REPORT: Routh gave the Investment Report. Longview Bank rates were as follows: 3 month .40%, 6-month rate .50%, 9 month .50%, and 12-month rate .60%. Gifford State Bank rates were as follows: 3 month .25%, 6 months .40%, 9 months .40%, and 12 months .60%. Busey submitted a letter stating that they would not be bidding on public funds for the month of July.

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The following actions were taken regarding the Village's investments:

In the General Corp:

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

In the Equipment Replacement:

- CD# 24692 a 6 month CD for \$ 25,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled.

In the Community Building:

- CD# 24693 a 12 month CD for \$ 217,698 held at Longview Bank will be rolled.
- CD # 24694 a 6 month CD for \$ 100,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled.

In the Stormwater Fund:

- CD# 24603 a 3 month CD for \$ 30,000 held at Longview Bank was cashed on 7/6/20.
- CD# 24794 a 3 month CD for \$ 25,000 held at Longview Bank will be cashed.
- CD# 24585 a 3 month CD for \$100,000 held at Longview Bank will be cashed.

In the Motor Fuel Fund:

- CD# 24795 a 3 month CD for \$ 25,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled.

In the Sewer Fund:

- CD# 24751 a 3 month CD for \$ 50,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled.

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In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:

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

Cummings motioned and Davis seconded to approve the investments 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.

BILLS: Van Buskirk motioned and Cummings seconded to pay the bills 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment via email or in person.

MAYOR'S DESK:

Fruhling-Voges updated the Board on her meeting with the Champaign County Forest Preserve regarding the Kickapoo Rail Trail. The parking lot behind Casey's will not get to until next April. This will be allowed by the grant due to an extension based on delays from COVID closures. They will be working on the area by the Post Office this year making it more appealing and adding bike racks.

Fruhling-Voges reported that the Girl Scouts have started their project at Hackler Park. They have worked on the gazebo and done a beautiful job. They will be working on landscaping around the Hackler Park sign. They will also be doing some geocaching later this summer.

Fruhling-Voges reported on the revenue comparisons. At this time, the Village is doing OK but Fruhling-Voges will continue to monitor the situation.

Fruhling-Voges reported on the latest Illinois Municipal League (IML) emails regarding COVID. She encouraged Board members to go to the IML website.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCE: Cummings reported that the committee had met and agreed to go ahead with the process of getting a village administrator. There are many steps to get the Village ready to begin the process. The Committee will be looking at the current ordinance to see if it needs to be updated. They will also be looking at other steps needed.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Nothing to report.

SANITARY SEWER: Wagner reported that Hayden Cargo had gotten his CDL. Fisher will be training him on all the equipment. Wagner and Fisher discussed cross training all employees on all the equipment.

PARKS & RECREATION: Davis reported that the situation regarding the sports park playing fields agreements has been addressed by the office and all is fine.

Davis stated that he would be looking at bicycle parking throughout the Village. He would like to get some temporary lights for the bicycle path on event weekends such as the Fall festival for safety purposes.

Davis also noted a circumstance that there was a bicycle on the fire hydrant on a continual basis. Davis would like the issue addressed with the property owner.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Painter brought the issue of difficulty in emergency equipment getting down the streets in Crestwood and Crestlake when there are cars parked on both sides of the street and especially when cars are parked near the corner. The committee will look for any options that may work to ease the situation.

Van Buskirk reported that his committee would like to see the Village pass a temporary moratorium on food trucks for one year. This is in support of our local businesses that have been hard hit by COVID closures and restrictions. The issue would be revisited by the committee and Board by April 13, 2021. It is the intent of the Board to have the policy on food trucks in place by the

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April 13th meeting. There will be a committee meeting to discuss and determine the specifics of the proposed moratorium and to be voted on at the next meeting. Lierman will then draft an ordinance or resolution with guidance from the committee.

Van Buskirk discussed that the committee would also like to see the feasibility of a farmer's market on one weekend of the month next summer. This will be followed up on at future committee meetings.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, & DRAINAGE:

Rapp reported on the progress at the detention pond behind Linden Street. Bids were obtained for cleaning the water way behind the houses on Linden, shooting the grade and hauling the removed debris (Village will provide the trucks for the hauling) with a completion date of no later than end of August. Three bids were received: Kocher \$ 4,800; Fenter \$3,800, and Bite Inc \$6,450. Rapp motioned and Davis seconded to approve Kocher's bid of \$4,800 for the work.

Clark Dietz is not involved in the Linden Street Detention pond project at this time.

Fisher reported that the bid opening for the 1st Street project will be July 22nd. Fisher has finalized all the necessary easements.

Fisher reported that the drain tile at the sewer plant has been repaired. The cost was \$50,000. Drainage District #6 will pay \$20,000 of the bill. The Village will pay the remainder.

CLERK'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S DESK: Lierman noted that he had expected the Village to be in the position to vote on the Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Easement Amending the Utility Easement recorded in Champaign County on June 15, 2004 as Document # 2004R18269. The Village will not be voting tonight. Lierman reported that the St. Joseph Grade

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School Board voted last night to approve the resolution dependent upon the drainage district taking responsibility of the maintenance of the tile as was specified in the original agreement. They are concerned that more water could cause more issue that they are already responsible for. This responsibility is the result of not getting the drainage district to take responsibility for the tile running through the Fisher property.

Fruhling-Voges and Lierman will be following up on this issue with the Grade School Administration.

At 8:34, Cummings motioned and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk