

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
JULY 28, 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
	Davis	Present
	Cummings	Present
	Rapp	Present

Others in attendance: Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer, Village Clerk; Mike Peters\*, Village Public Works Superintendent; Luke Fisher\*, Village Public Works Assistant Superintendent, Julie Hendrickson\*, Village Office Manager, Joe Lierman\*, Village Attorney, Dani Tietz\* SJO Daily, and Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of 6.23.20 and 7.14.20 were presented. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to approve the minutes 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.

**BILLS:** Wagner motioned and Van Buskirk seconded to pay the bills for the Village. Roll call vote was taken: Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.

**MAYOR'S DESK:** Fruhling-Voges introduced the new deputy to the Board. Deputy Joel Ping will be the deputy for the Village until January 2021.

Fruhling-Voges brought the issue of the probable need for additional school crossing guard hours due to the school schedule. It may be two time the hours due to the am/pm split schedule. The Village will look into this. Davis requested that the light on 150 be scheduled for the new times.

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Fruhling-Voges reported on a meeting with the Land Bank on Zoom. The guest speaker was discussing decision trees. In this case it was how the Land Bank would decide to purchase a property.

The tractor pull scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled. The Public Health Department had many requirements that kept changing as time went on. They are looking forward to doing it next year.

**FINANCE:** Cummings gave an update on the Finance Committee Meeting. The village administrator ordinance was looked at. Cummings will be doing some more research regarding administrators and then the committee will meet again. Cummings read the Village's Appropriation Ordinance. Cummings motioned and Davis seconded to approve the Appropriations Ordinance 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.

**SANITARY SEWER:** Wagner reported on the Metro Ag contract. There will be a per gallon charge of 6 cents per gallon applies to the sludge removal. There is a guaranteed minimum of 200,000 gallons of material per visit. This contract is good for two years. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to approve the contract 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.

Fisher reported problems with finding needles in the lift stations. He requested that people please not flush needles. The 3<sup>rd</sup> street lift station has been having problems and needles were found in the lift station.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Fruhling-Voges urged the Trustees and public to see the hard work that the girl scouts have done at Hackler Park and Kolb Park. They have done a great job.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Van Buskirk reported that the Sheriff's contract has a 3% increase for each of the next 3 years. The contract is until 2020. Van Buskirk motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the Sheriff's contract as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 6-0. The committee will look into options for needle safety

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**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Nothing to report.

**STREETS & ALLEYS:** Rapp reported on the bids for the First Street Drainage Project. The committee selected Cross Construction that had the low bid of \$247,834. Rapp motioned and Wagner seconded to proceed with Cross Construction at the bid price of \$ 247,834. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 6-0. Work will start soon.

Linden Street detention pond work has not been done yet due to the area not being dry enough.

**ATTORNEY'S DESK:** BJ Hackler has applied for the vacant position for the Drainage District #6.

Lierman is still working with all the parties to get the agreement in place. The closing of Abbeyfield sale is hoping to be done by the middle of August.

**CLERK'S DESK:** Nothing to report.

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Nothing to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Nothing to report.

At 7:30, Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

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Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer  
Village Clerk