

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

August 10, 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	Present
	Painter	Present
	Davis	Present
	Cummings	Present
	Rapp	Present

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, Julie Hendrickson*, Village Office Manager; Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Mike Sennert, Village AV; Justin Profanik, Village Sewer Plant Operator; Andrea Bretl and Jim Edinburn, Clark Dietz, Village Engineers; Dani Tietz* SJO Daily; Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record; Darrell Lee, Karen Wise, Village Residents; and John Ehler and John North. (* Attended by Zoom).

MINUTES: The minutes of the July 13, 2021, and July 27, 2021, Village Board Meetings were presented. Van Buskirk motioned Painter 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Routh gave the Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2021. Wagner motioned and Cummings 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 .15% 6-month rate .20%, 9 month .20%, and 12-month rate .25%. 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%, 9 month rate .05%, 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# 24714 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$125,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24877 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$ 250,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24789 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$75,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24724 a 6 month CD from Longview Bank for \$130,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24817 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be cashed;
- A new 3 month CD month CD for \$100,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank;

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- In the Stormwater Fund:
- CD#24879 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$30,000 will be rolled;
- A new 3 month CD for \$ 25,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank;

In the Motor Fuel Fund:

- CD# 24880 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$25,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24888 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$20,000 will be rolled;

In the Motor Fuel Rebuild Illinois Fund:

- CD# 24818 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be rolled;

In the Sewer Fund:

- CD# 24889 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$30,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24819 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$100,000 will be rolled;

In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:

- CD# 24881 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$15,000 will be rolled,
- A new 3 month CD for \$10,000 will be purchased from Longview Bank.

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: Van Buskirk motioned and Painter seconded to pay the bills 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.

Extraterritorial Matters:

- Fruhling-Voges gave a review of the North/Clow property, their requested subdivision and subsequent purchase of a property to the west of their property, and the previous voice vote indicating that Board members had no issues with waiving the Village’s subdivision process for the property. The property is located to the west of the Village south of 150. The legal description is available at the Village. The North/Clow property has been purchased and surveyed. North was asked how the burning situation was at the current time. North replied that since the new burn machine had been purchased and the new burn practices had been implemented neither he nor Ms. Clow had any complaints regarding the Village burning. Fruhling-Voges noted that all the Village needed tonight was an official vote to waive the Village subdivision requirements. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to waive the Village subdivision requirements for this property. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 6-0. A resolution will need to be passed at the next meeting.

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- John Ehler presented the Board with a similar situation. The property he is requesting the waiver for is north of Interstate 74. The Board discussed the situation and location of the property. They agreed that they had no issue with waiving the subdivision requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Neighbors of a property on north 8th Street expressed concerns regarding the upkeep and safety of the property. It is filled with garbage and materials that smell, are unsightly, blocking the sidewalk, the Village parking. The entire yard is filled. Neighbors noted that the owner has also been throwing materials into the Village's detention pond that is to the rear of this property. Pictures had been distributed to Board members in advance of the meeting.

MAYOR'S DESK:

- Fruhling-Voges only wanted to report that she was pleased that Hackney was on Board. She also stated that she felt that he would be vital in addressing and following up on concerns in the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were two new memos regarding the drainage at Wyldewood Cellars Winery. The one from Wyldewood Cellars Winery explains how they stormwater runoff will be handled. The memo from Clark Dietz was for the winery's development to clarify as to how the drainage from the Southside of the property would be directed to the underground retention on the Northside of property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Plant Upgrade Update and ARPA Information

Bretl gave an overview of the Village's sewer plant. We are currently operating at an average of 91 percent of our capacity

Clark Dietz has spent a lot of time on design looking at and designing the flow rate. With the new expansion, the Village would be able to build an additional 1200 homes.

The Schedule for the Treatment Plan is as follows:

August 2021: Work on 90% Design

September 2021: Submit 90% Design to IEPA for Construction Permit

October 2021: Request SRT Bypass Funding Letter of Commitment

November 2021: Advertise for Bids

January 2022: Obtain final signoffs from SRF for Contractor's bid, obtain IEPA construction permits

February 2022: Obtain modified NPDES Permit

March 2022: Notice to Proceed

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The Schedule for the Collection System Relief Sewer:

October 2021: Begin Design

March 2022: Submit 90% to IEPA for Construction Permit

June 2022: Advertise for Bidding

September 2022: Notice to Proceed

ARPA Overview:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) appropriates \$19.53 billion. St. Joseph's allocation is \$524,744.65. This is St. Joseph's allocation. It is the hope that St. Joseph will be able to use these funds for the sewer plant expansion.

Further specifics of the update of the Sewer Plant Expansion and ARPA Discussion can be found in a handout at the Village office.

Bretl referenced and IEPA letter that agreed that the Village did not have to do a lot of environmental work for the plant.

Bretl, Edinburn, and Profanik discussed the need for a sampler. The new permit will most likely come with a requirement to sample two times a week 24 hour days. This will be for influent (coming in) and effluent (going out). Sampling is required at this time, just not that specific requirement. The automatic sampler can set up by time or by volume for both influent and effluent. Davis motioned and Wagner seconded to purchase two samplers with pump heaters from Gasvoda at a price of \$8,215.00 each. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN & REQUEST ARP Funds:

Hackney reported that he was requesting authorization for himself and the mayor to be able to sign required documents and submit request to receive American Rescue Plan (ARP) money. Rapp motioned and Van Buskirk seconded to approve authorizing Hackney and Fruhling-Voges to sign and request ARP funds. Roll call vote was taken: Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis -Aye, Cummings Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCE: Cummings gave a report on Routh's sewer collections. She is doing a fantastic job.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Nothing to report.

SANITARY SEWER: Nothing to report.

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PARKS & RECREATION: Hendrickson had forwarded to the Board, information that was given to her for LED lights at two diamonds at the Community Park. The quote was for \$65,237. This included AMEREN incentives of \$30,213 in quote. Hendrickson stated that she was told that it had to be approved by approved by AMEREN before the purchase. There was some discussion whether Ameren is doing these incentives. The reason for changing the lights is that the replacement parts for the lights currently being used are not being manufactured and are getting harder and harder to find. Hackney and Hendrickson will work on this further.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Nothing to report.

STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, & DRAINAGE: Nothing to report.

CLERK'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OTHER: Nothing

At 9:13, Van Buskirk motioned and Painter seconded to go into executive session to discuss probable and imminent litigation based on the within finding that nuisances exist 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) and possible land purchase 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5)." Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – aye, Wagner -Aye, and Van Buskirk – Aye. Motion Passed 6-0.

At 9:50, Cumming motioned and Wagner seconded to come out of executive session. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk - Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

At 9:51, Wagner motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk