

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
August 24, 2021

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: 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; Marc Miller, Village Attorney; Mike Sennert, Village AV; Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record. (\* Attended by Zoom).

**MINUTES:**

- Van Buskirk motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the following minutes:
    - o July 13, 2021, Village Board, Executive Session Minutes;
    - o August 10, 2021, Village Board Meeting minutes; and
    - o August 10, 2021, Village Board Minutes, Executive Session Minutes.
- Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter -Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp-Aye. Motion passed 6 - 0.

**BILLS:** Cummings motioned and Davis seconded to pay the bills 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public participation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Hackney brought the new quote from Twin Supplies, LTD. Hendrickson told the Board that the new quote was a result of the company checking back with her. She requested a quote for the materials only. The discussion regarding

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the quote was the Ameren rebate and the price of the lights. The staff will do some additional research and bring this back to the Board at another meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Discussion took place regarding proposed Resolution #2021-3. Rapp asked if a letter had been drafted to the owners of the North/Clow property regarding the fact that they did not have any problem with the brush burning as it is currently being done. Mr. North and Ms. Clow had expressed at the 8.14.21 Board meeting that they did not have any problems with the present burning process. Hackney responded that a letter had not been drafted. Rapp expressed concern that although Mr. North and Ms. Clow are fine with the present burning process. His concern is what happens if a home is built on the new property. Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to approve Resolution # 2021-3 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.
- 2) Update on West Woodland Drive Drainage Project – Exhibit #8. Fisher explained that the home on 709 West Woodland Drive was built on a storm tile. The home at 201 Castle Lane was also built over the same storm tile. Through the years, the tile has deteriorated and has begun flooding the basement at 709 West Woodland Drive. The property owners have taken extensive and expensive actions to try to alleviate the problem. Clark Dietz has looked at the problem. The proposed corrective action has an estimated cost of \$ 56,200. The plan is to reroute the tile between 707 and 709 West Woodland Drive. The former tile will be filled with concrete from both sides so there will not be any flow to the basement at 709 West Woodland from the Village. Painter motioned and Davis seconded to approve the corrective action proposed by Clark Dietz at an estimated cost of \$ 56,200. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, and Painter -Aye. Motion passed 6-0.
- 3) Greg Birt asked the Board if they had any interest in renting ball fields for NSA Softball tournaments. The Board was very interested. Hackney is working on the rental agreement and will have something ready for the next Board meeting.
- 4) Wagner and Peters gave an update on the St. Joseph Community Festival. There was a great turnout. Fruhling-Voges reported that she had heard lots of good things.

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**MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

- Fruhling-Voges told the Board that preliminary number from the Census numbers have been released. St. Joseph population decreased by 157. She stated that she does not feel that this is correct. That is a large decrease. The annual loss of state income that this would mean for the Village would be approximately \$27,000.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that the Forest Preserve is set to start working on the parking lot behind Casey's for the Rail Trail.

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

- There was discussion regarding the speeding on Route 150 in the school zone. There have been several close calls with children crossing Route 150. Also discussed was that sometimes Public Works Staff needs to fill in for the crossing guards. Discussion took place regarding more signage and what other safety measures we could be done. This will continue to be looked at.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**FINANCE:** Did not meet.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Did not meet.

**SANITARY SEWER:** Did not meet.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Did not meet.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Did not meet.

**STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, & DRAINAGE:** Did not meet.

**STAFF UPDATES:**

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

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Nothing to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Nothing to report.

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

**OTHER:**

At 8:48 Wagner motioned and Van Buskirk 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

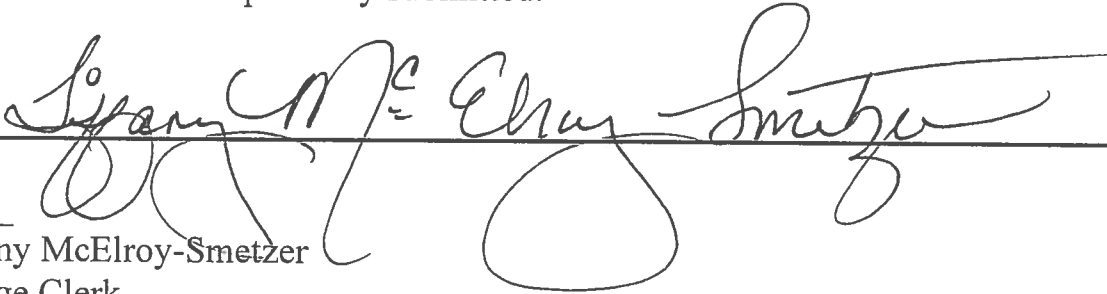
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(c)(11)." Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

In open session, at 9:00, Wagner motioned and Van Buskirk seconded to come out of Executive Session. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

At 9:0, Wagner motioned and Van Buskirk seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the line.

Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer  
Village Clerk