

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

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	Absent
	Vallee	Present
	Painter	Present
	Davis	Absent
	Cummings	Present
	Rapp	Present

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer, Village Clerk; Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Mike Sennert, Village AV, Owen Yohnka, Life Scout and Eagle Scout Prospect, Brandon Moore, Proposed Developer; Rusty Shafer and Mallory Fiedler, Village Residents; Dani Tietz* Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record. (* Attended by Zoom).

Fruhling-Voges referenced the tragedy in Royal this past week. She noted that our communities are so connected that the tragedy impacts all of us. She requested a moment of silence.

Fruhling-Voges noted that if you are watching the meeting on You Tube, the agenda packets are available so you can follow along.

Fruhling-Voges noted that it has been in the works for a long time but tonight is the debut of our new agenda. We will be using a consent agenda tonight and in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Regular Board Minutes (Exhibit #1):** The minutes of the August 22, 2023 Village Board Meeting will be approved at the next meeting.
2. **Executive Board Minutes (Exhibit #1):** The minutes of the Executive Session Minutes from August 22, 2023 will be approved at the next meeting.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT (Exhibit #2):** Treasurer's Report as of August 2023.
4. **INVESTMENT REPORT (Exhibit #3):** Investments for September 2023.
5. **BILLS (Exhibit #4):** Bills in the amount of \$\$244,341.38.

Cummings motioned and Painter seconded to approve the consent agenda less Items # 1 and #2, the August 22, 2023 Village Board Minutes and August 22, 2023 Village Board Executive Session Minutes. Roll call vote was taken: Vallee – Aye, Painter – Aye, Cummings - Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Owen Yohnka requested permission from the Board to build a fire permit at the Sports Complex for Scouts to be able to use to retire flags. This will be his Eagle Scout project. It will be near the Veteran's Memorial. He noted that he and the Eagle Scout that just finished the retired flag collection box planned their projects together. The Board was in favor of the project.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Storage Unit Presentation Exhibit #5:** Brandon Moore came to the Board to discuss a potential storage building project on US 150 across from Meier Field, west of the Salt Fork. It will be on 5.2 acres if approved. He will need the Board to approve a Special Use permit. After his presentation, the Board said that they were more in favor of this location than the prior proposal. Rapp questioned safety measures regarding exiting and entering 150. Moore said that will be taken care of in the engineering phase. He wanted the Board's opinion before a lot of money was spent on drawings, engineering, etc.
2. **APPROVAL of TIF Consultant – Jacob and Klein * Exhibit #7:** Painter motioned and Cummings seconded to approve Jacob and Klein as the TIF Consultants. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Cummings - Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Vallee – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Christmas Light Contract Approval Exhibit #7*:** Fruhling-Voges discussed the Village residents' disappointment last year when the regular Christmas lights decorations were not used. This contract is for the lights that have been used for the last 20+ years. The only difference is that they will be concentrated on Lincoln and Main Street but not on 150. Cummings motioned and Vallee seconded to approve the Christmas light contract up to \$3,000. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings - Aye, Rapp – Aye, Vallee – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 4 - 0.
2. **Special Event Permit Application* Exhibit #8:** The Women's Club has presented a Special Event Permit for their Christmas Parade. Fruhling-Voges noted that it is such a nice part of the Christmas season. Painter motioned and Cummings seconded to approve the Special Event Permit for the # Annual Women's Club Christmas Parade on December 9th at 6 pm. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Vallee – Aye, Painter – Aye, Cummings - Aye. Motion passed 4 – 0.
3. **Truck Acquisition as a Result of Insurance Loss Claim* Exhibit #9:** Painter motioned and Rapp seconded to approve the purchase of the truck. Roll call vote was taken: Vallee – Aye, Painter – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp - Aye. Motion passed 4 – 0.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

- Nothing

STAFF UPDATES:

- **Village Attorney** – None.
- **Village Clerk** – None.
- **Public Works** – None.

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MAYOR'S DESK:

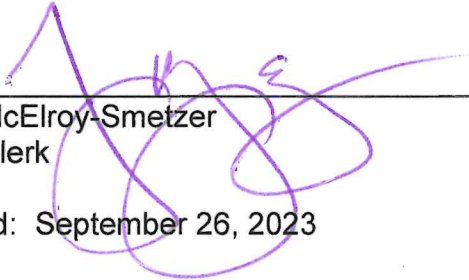
- Fruhling-Voges noted that Rapp, Painter, and Hackney would be attending the IML Conference this weekend in Chicago.
- Fruhling-Voges said that she would like to thank Precision Power Pro Washing for washing the tennis court. Dave McCormick donated his time and materials. Fruhling-Voges noted that she was sure that the Village residents will be very thankful for this.
- Fruhling-Voges reported that she had received resignation letters from two trustees today. Dan Davis and Jim Wager both resigned. She read their resignation letters and said that she regretfully accepted them. Dan Davis served as a Trustee from May 1, 2019 – September 12, 2023. Jim Wagner served as a Trustee from January 2018 – September 12, 2023.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Painter brought up the purchase/lease issue of the solar panels at the sewer plant. He has done more research on the issue and feels that the Village has chosen the wrong path. There was a heated discussion regarding the issue. Fruhling-Voges noted that the issue had already been voted on but if the Board felt strongly enough about the issue, it could be reopened and voted on again.

OTHER: Nothing.

At 8:08, Painter motioned and Vallee seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk

Approved: September 26, 2023