

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
September 14, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Cummings 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	Absent
	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, Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Mike Sennert, Village AV; Dani Tietz* SJO Daily; and Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record. (* Attended by Zoom).

MINUTES: The minutes of the August 24, 2021, Village Board Meeting and August 24, 2021, Executive Board Meeting were presented. Rapp motioned and Wagner 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Routh gave the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2021. Rapp motioned and Painter seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report 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.

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 did not provide any rates this month.

The investment recommendations are as follows:

In the General Corp:

- CD# 24828 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$100,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24893 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$ 75,000 will be rolled;

In the ARAP Grant Money #1

- A new 3 month CD will be purchased from Longview Bank for \$262,372.32;

In the Stormwater Fund:

- CD#24869 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$50,062.35 will be cashed;

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- A new 3 month CD will be purchased from Longview Bank for \$50,000;

In the Motor Fuel Fund:

- CD# 24894 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be cashed;
- A new 3 month CD will be purchased from Longview Bank for \$25,000.

In the Sewer Fund:

- CD# 24829 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$50,000 will be rolled;
- CD# 24568 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$100,000 will be rolled;

In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:

- CD# 24895 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$45,000 will be rolled; and
- CD# 24647 a 3 month CD from Longview Bank for \$20,000 will be rolled.

Cummings motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the investments recommendations 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: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 6 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

MAYOR'S DESK: Mayor Fruhling-Voges was absent so there was no Mayor's Desk.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Hackney updated the Board on the progress that staff had made in determining the rental fees for the ball fields to the NSA. He reported that staff had contacted and researched many towns regarding their fees. There was a wide range in fees. Hackney has requested that Greg Birt provide the staff with information regarding fees for other fields where the NSA plays. Staff will report at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Hackney reported to the Board that Busey Bank plans to close the St. Joseph branch by November 15, 2021. After discussion with staff and the mayor, it was determined that the Village needs to stay with a bank that is in the Village so staff is requesting permission to transition all accounts to the Longview Bank. This transition will take time. The staff expects to have the transition done by January 2022. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to approve the motion for the Village to close all their Busey Bank accounts and move all accounts to Longview

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Bank in the St. Joseph Branch. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

- 2) Hackney presented the Board with a draft of Honorary Street Recognition Policy. He had researched many policies and put together one that would be a good starting point for discussion for the Board. There was discussion by Board members about what they liked and did not like about the policy and things they would like to see added. Hackney will work with the Board to get a policy that fits the Boards needs.
- 3) Hackney updated the Board about one of the nuisance violations that the Village has been following up on. He is requesting authorization to proceed with the cleanup with the expectation of reimbursement. Wagner motioned and Van Buskirk seconded to approve the authorization requested. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.
- 4) Fisher gave an update on the use of the pickle ball court project. They are set up and people are using them.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

FINANCE: Did not meet

SANITARY SEWER: Did not meet.

PARKS & RECREATION: Did not meet

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Did not meet.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Did not meet.

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

STAFF UPDATES:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY: Nothing to report.

VILLAGE CLERK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Nothing to report.

OTHER: Nothing

At 7:47, 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.

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At 7:52, 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 7:52, Wagner motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk