

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 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	Absent
	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, Marc Miller, Village Attorney; Mike Sennert, Village AV; Holly Alexander & Mallory Fiedler, St. Joseph Women's Club; Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record. (\* Attended by Zoom).

**MINUTES:**

- Cummings motioned and Davis seconded to approve the following minutes:
  - o September 14, 2021, Village Board Meeting minutes; and
  - o September 14, 2021, Village Board Minutes, Executive Session Minutes.

Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Painter - Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp - Aye. Motion passed 5- 0.

**BILLS:** Wagner motioned and Cummings seconded to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public participation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Hackney gave an update on the proposal for renting the ball diamonds to the NSA for softball tournaments. The Village staff had done extensive work with no clear answer to the fees. Hackney requested that Birt give him a

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price for next year's tournament for a one year only basis. Birt suggested a fee of \$100 per field per day. If lights are needed then an additional \$25 per field per that needs lights. Hackney recommended that the Board approve this suggestion. Rapp motioned and Painter seconded to approve the price of \$100 per field per day and an additional \$25 per field per day if lights are used. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner -Aye, Painter -Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

- 2) Hackney brought the Board the draft of the Honorary Street Recognition Policy for a second review. Hackney had areas that he wanted the Board to clarify in the policy. The Board discussed those areas and gave Hackney direction as how he should proceed. Hackney will have the policy ready for approval at the next meeting.
- 3) Fisher gave an update on West Woodland Drive Drainage Project. – Exhibit #8. The previous plan was not able to be done due to not being able to get the easement necessary to complete the work. The plan is to reroute the tile 0-]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. The new plan will be much cheaper than the previous plan. It should still eliminate the problem by the property owners due to the tile under the property being abandoned. The tile will be pumped full with concrete so no water will flow through the tile. Davis motioned and Rapp seconded to proceed with the new plan for the Woodland Drainage Project for 709 Woodland Drive. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.
- 4) Painter brought quotes for lights for comparison to the quotes from Twin Supplies, LTD. Painter will bring some more details to the staff and then the Board can decide how to proceed.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Hackney referred the Board to Ordinance Number 2021-06 “AN APPROVING A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND OF ST. JOSEPH, ILLINOIS AND COMCAST OF ILLINOIS/INDIANA/OHIO, LLC”. Wagner motioned and Painter seconded to approve the ordinance as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Painter -Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings – Aye.

**MAYOR’S UPDATE:**

Fruhling-Voges reported on the grand openings and other upcoming events below. More detail to follow on the events.

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

Trustees reported on the upcoming events below. More details to follow on the events.

**Important Upcoming Dates for the Village:**

- **GRAND OPENINGS**

- Bright Beginnings will be held Monday, October 4 at 6:30.
- Chittick Eye Clinic will be held Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 11-2 with a ribbon cutting at 12.

Mayor Fruhling-Voges encourages everyone to come support the new businesses in the Village.

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Santa Run Dec 18<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Parade on December 4<sup>th</sup> will start at 5:30.
- Church of Christ Christmas Program December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Rowdy Randall will have an honor parade welcoming him home from Kabul Afghanistan on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 am
  - Davis said this event is publicized on Facebook for Randall’s sister and updated details will be posted there. Board members encouraged Village residents to come out and welcome Randall home.

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**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:**

- Hackney reminded the Boards regarding the Vision setting meeting tomorrow night.
- Hackney referenced his Administrator's report and asked the Board to let him know if they had any questions or if they would like to see any changes.

**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:**

- Fisher discussed the progress on Route 150 traffic study for a permanent crosswalk at Route 150 and Fifth Street.

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

**OTHER:**

At 8:06, Wagner motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

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Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer  
Village Clerk