

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2020

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
	Rigdon	Absent
	Painter	Absent
	McCarty	Absent
	Wagner	Present
	Davis	Present
	Rapp	Present

Others in attendance: Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer, Village Clerk; Peters, Village Public Works Superintendent; Luke Fisher, Village Assistant Public Works Superintendent; Debbie Routh Village Treasurer, Eric Buzzard, Community member; Jeff VanBuskirk, Village resident; Kristina Webber, Chittick Eye Clinic; and Tracie Trotter Wylewood Cellars.

MINUTES: The minutes of January 28th Village Board Meeting and the January 30 Zoning Board Meeting were presented. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote was taken, Wagner – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passes 3-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Routh gave the Treasurer’s Report as of January 31, 2020. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner - Aye. Motion passed 3 - 0.

INVESTMENT REPORT: McElroy-Smetzer gave the Investment Report. Longview Bank rates were as follows: 3 month 1.5%, 6-month rate, 1.60%, 9 month 1.65%, and 12-month rate 1.70%. Gifford State Bank rates were as follows: 3 month .4%, 6 months .6%, 9 months .8%, and 12 months 1.00%. Busey rates were as follows: 3 month .25%, 6 months .40%, 9 months no bid, and 12 months .4%.

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The following actions were taken regarding the Village's investments:

In the General Corp Fund:

- CD# 24713 a 3 month CD for \$ 125,000 held at Longview Bank will be cashed.
 - \$50,000 will be used for the purchase of the truck.
 - A new \$75,000 3 month CD will be purchased.
- CD# 24714 a 3 month CD for \$125,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled for another 3 months;
- CD# 24724 a 6 month CD for \$130,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled for another 6 months.

In the Stormwater Fund:

- CD# 24615 a 3 month CD for \$ 145,000 held at Longview Bank will be cashed for expected expenses; and

In the Sewer Fund:

- CD# 24763 a 3 month CD for \$ 50,000 held at Longview Bank will be rolled for another 3 months;

Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to approve the investments as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Rapp - Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Davis - Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Rapp motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the bill to. Roll call vote was taken: Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Buzzard wanted to discuss a tractor pull at the Community Festival. Unfortunately having the tractor pull on Saturday would be a conflict with setting up the fireworks. Fruhling-Voges said that she would not like to see the fireworks moved to Friday. She thinks it is a nice finish for the festival. The Board and festival committee will have to look into the issue. The Board was excited to see another event at the Community Festival. It was determined that it would not work this year but begin at next year's festival.

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Webber introduced herself as a representative from Chittick Eye Clinic (WEC). She said WEC was glad to be part of the community. They will have their grand opening early April. Trotter will be serving her wine at the event. Fruhling-Voges will work with them both to make sure they have any needed permits. Fruhling-Voges said that the community was excited to welcome WEC. The Board also expressed their excitement at having an eye clinic in the Village and a new business. Fruhling-Voges said that she liked the new storefront. It was definitely a pleasant addition to Lincoln Street.

MAYOR'S DESK:

Fruhling-Voges reminded the Board and Staff that next Tuesday at 5:30 is the annual goal setting session. Everyone should plan on attending. Fruhling-Voges reminded the Board to turn in their goals and financial information into the office as soon as possible.

Fruhling-Voges gave an update on the Champaign County meeting regarding solar farms.

Fruhling-Voges gave an update on the sewer plant Expansion draft. Clark Dietz is making good progress on the draft.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

FINANCE: Fruhling-Voges reported that the Village had two bids for a new auditing firm. Discussion took place. The Trustees would like Hendrickson to check references for both auditing firms. Rapp motioned and Davis seconded to table the vote on the new auditing firm until the next meeting. Roll call vote was taken: Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Davis – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

SANITARY SEWER: Fruhling-Voges noted that progress was continuing on the phosphorus portion of the sewer plant. It appears that the plant will be up and running by the EPA's deadline.

PARKS & RECREATION: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Nothing to report.

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Fruhling-Voges reported that the work at Hackler Park restroom was not completed. McCarty is working with the contractor* to make sure he has all the materials that he needs to complete the job. (* The contractor is donating his labor for the project. The Village is providing all the materials.)

Fruhling-Voges noted that the Village had purchased a 2018 Ford F-550 dump truck since the last meeting. Staff found the vehicle in Antioch. It had very low miles and a good price. Each Trustee was contacted to be sure they had no issues with purchasing the vehicle if staff felt it was a good vehicle. Staff would take the payment with them and pick up the vehicle the same day they test drove the vehicle instead of making another trip to Antioch to pick it up. Trustees had no problems with this action. Staff determined that the vehicle was a good fit for the needs of the Village and the price was reasonable so the truck was purchased.

Fruhling-Voges noted that there needed to be a voted to affirm the purchase. Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to affirm the purchase of the 2018 Ford F-550 dump truck for the cost of \$90,000 and a \$30 fee. Roll call vote was taken: Fruhling-Voges - Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 4-0.

STREETS & ALLEYS: Fisher gave an update on the drainage situation on the southwest part of the Village. Fisher will continue to work with Clark Dietz on the drainage problems.

CLERK’S DESK: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY’S DESK: Nothing to report.

At 7:40, Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk