

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 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	Present
	McCarty	Present
	Wagner	Present
	Davis	Present
	Rapp	Present

Others in attendance: Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer, Village Clerk; Mike Peters, Village Public Works Superintendent; Luke Fisher, Assistant Village Public Works Superintendent; and Julie Hendrickson, Village Office Manager.

MINUTES: The minutes of 1.28.20 and 2.18.20 were presented. McCarty motioned and Wagner seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, McCarty – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Davis – Aye; and Rapp – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

BILLS: Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to pay the bills for the Village. Roll call vote was taken: McCarty – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Davis – Aye, McCarty – Aye, and Painter – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No public participation.

MAYOR’S DESK: Fruhling-Voges updated the Board on the Champaign County Board meeting. The vote on the amendments passed to not give the municipalities back their 1 and ½ mile ETJ where solar farms are concerned. This is a big disappointment to all the municipalities who have worked so hard to make sure that municipalities in the County have a say about the development on the edges of their municipalities. This decision by the County Board could seriously impact the way that the municipalities grow.

Fruhling-Voges reported on the County Cannabis amendments for areas outside of the Village.

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Fruhling-Voges reported that she had past administrator research done in 2009 if anyone would like to see it.

FINANCE: There was brief discussion regarding the 2 audit firms that had submitted bids for the Village audit. Hendrickson stated that she had checked references that were provided by both auditors. Her recommendation was to go with Feller & Kuester CPAs LLP. There references were good and they were significantly cheaper than Martin Hood. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Davis – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Painter – Aye, and McCarty – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

McElroy-Smetzer reported that Budget work will begin soon. April 28th is the goal for getting the budget done. It is always the hope that the Village will have the budget approved before the fiscal year starts. McElroy-Smetzer said that she would like to see it done by the end of April.

SANITARY SEWER: Fruhling-Voges reported on the OSHA projects. There is only 1 project left and it will be completed by April 1st.

PARKS & RECREATION: Wagner reported that he would like to purchase larvaecide for the parks and community festival. Davis motioned and McCarty seconded to purchase larvaecide at a cost of \$ 1,070.50. Roll call vote was taken: Davis – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Painter – Aye, McCarty – Aye, and Wagner – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Wagner reported that he had a quote to purchase 7 bollards for Kolb Park. The cost will be \$1,024. They will be used to keep vehicles from driving on certain areas of the park. Wagner motioned and McCarty seconded to purchase bollards at a cost of \$1,024 for all 7. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Painter – Aye, McCarty – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Nothing to report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: McCarty reported that he had roofing bids which included metal roofs for: The community park concession stand, the garage at the community park, and the maintenance building. After much discussion it was determined to table the issue until the next meeting.

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McCarty reported that the Village had received a quote from Birkey's to purchase an Exmark mower for the cost of \$15,500 after trading in the 2013 John Deere mower. McCarty motioned and Wagner seconded to purchase the mower. Roll call vote was taken: Painter - Aye, McCarty - Aye, Wagner - Aye, Davis - Aye, and Rapp - Aye. Motion passed 5-0.

McCarty reported that he had a quote to purchase a Case tractor loader backhoe from Birkey's for the cost of \$83,050 after trading in the 2008 Case backhoe. Rapp expressed his concerns that this was not what was really needed. He felt the issue needed more discussion and investigation to come up with the right decision for the Village. Fisher and Peters presented the Board with repair costs for the backhoe for the last 5 years. Rapp was concerned that there had been a significant amount of money spent in the last year on the backhoe. He stated that if the backhoe was going to be traded, these repairs/purchases should not have been made. McCarty motioned and Davis seconded to purchase the backhoe. Roll call vote was taken: McCarty - Aye, Wagner - Aye, Davis - Aye, Rapp - Nay, Painter - Aye. Motion passed 4-1.

McCarty recommended that the Village purchase a 4-year warranty for the new backhoe. It would cover years 2 - 5 with no additional costs other than basic maintenance. The cost is \$3,038. Fisher explained everything that was covered with the warranty. Rapp expressed his concern with the purchase. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner - Aye, Davis - Aye, Rapp - Abstain, Painter - Aye, and McCarty - Aye. Motion passed 4-0-1.

STREETS & ALLEYS: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S DESK: Nothing to report.

CLERK'S DESK: Nothing to report.

OFFICE MANAGER: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Fisher asked the Board if the Village wanted to have Spring Clean Up with dumpsters provided by the Village. The Board agreed that they did want to proceed with this. Fisher will get the dumpsters scheduled.

At 8:45, Wagner motioned and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.

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Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk