

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 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	Present
	Van Buskirk	Present
	Painter	Present
	Davis	Present
	Cummings	Present
	Rapp	Present

Others in attendance: Joe Hackney, Village Administrator; Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer*, Village Clerk; Debbie Routh, Village Treasurer; Mike Peters*, Village Public Works Superintendent, Luke Fisher*, Village Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Mike Sennert, Village AV, Jim Edinburgh, Clark Dietz; Wes Taylor, Proposed Developer; Nora Maberry, The St. Joseph Record. (* Attended by Zoom).

MINUTES (Exhibit #1): The minutes of the January 24, 2023 Village Board Meeting (Exhibit #1) and January 24, 2023 Executive Board Meeting (Executive #2) were presented. Cummings motioned and Van Buskirk 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 (Exhibit #2): Cummings directed the Board to the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2023. Rapp motioned and Cummings seconded to accept the report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Cummings - Aye. Motion passed 6 – 0.

INVESTMENT REPORT (Exhibit #3): Cummings referred the Board to the Investment Worksheet. Rates were received from Longview Bank and were as follows: 3 month 2.50%; 6 month 2.75%; 9 month no bid; and 12 month 2.90%. Rates were received from Philo Exchange Bank and were as follows: 3 month .45%; 6 month .85%; 9 month no bid; and 12 month 1.10%. Rates were received from Gifford State Bank and were as follows: 3 month .40%, 6 month .50 %, 9 month .50 % and 12 month .60%. Rates were received from Busey Bank and were as follows: 3 month 2.75%, 6 month 3.20%, 9 month 3.35%, and 12 month 3.60%.

The investment recommendations are as follows:

In the General Corp:

- CD #25650 a 6 month CD at Longview Bank for \$190,000 will be renewed;

In the Stormwater Fund:

- CD #293059 a 3 month CD at Busey Bank for \$25,000 will be renewed;

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In the Motor Fuel Fund:

- CD# 293105 a 3 month CD at Busey Bank for \$45,000 will be renewed;

In the Motor Fuel Rebuild Illinois Grant Funds:

- CD# 293148 a 3 month CD at Busey Bank for \$50,000 will be renewed;
- CD #296164 a 3 month CD at Busey Bank for \$43,573.48 will be renewed;

In the Sewer Fund:

- CD# 293199 a 3 month CD at Busey Bank for \$30,000 will be renewed;

In the Sewer Depreciation Fund:

- CD# 293229 a 3 month CD at Busey Bank for \$35,000 will be renewed.

Rapp motioned and Davis seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and investment recommendations. Roll call vote was taken: Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Van Buskirk - Aye. Motion passed 6 - 0.

BILLS (Exhibit #4): Bills were discussed. Cummings motioned and Van Buskirk seconded to pay the bills in the amount of \$84,706.10 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: Wes Taylor spoke regarding his plan to develop self-storage in the lot by Monicals on North Third Street. These would be very nice buildings and add quite a bit to the Village's property tax base. He came to the Village before purchasing the property or drawing up the plan because he would need a special use plan to build the units in this location. He stated that Monical's also needs to approve what is built in this lot. He noted that he would also have a nice fence around the location.

Cummings and Painter both spoke regarding that they would like to see retail in that location rather than storage facilities. Painter acknowledged that it is a tough decision because if they turn this development down, the property could sit empty another ten years but stated that there are only so many locations for retail in the Village. There was more discussion. Taylor asked if the whole Board was not interested in storage facilities at this time. They agreed that at this time they wanted to hold the option open for retail but thanked Taylor for his interest in the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Northern Sewer Utility Expansion – presented by Clark Dietz #6:

There was a brief presentation regarding the feasibility of the development possibilities that would allow residential and commercial growth north of the Interstate 74 and the sanitary sewer for this same area. The feasibility study area contained approximately 1330 acres of developable land. It was determined that the best option is to use the one sanitary plant that the Village currently has rather than to add an additional sewer treatment plant north of the interstate.

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2. FY23/24 Budget Conversation #1 – Public Works Department Storage needs:

Hackney gave some follow-up information regarding options discussed at prior meetings and questions asked by Trustees at those meetings. Hackney requested that Board members continue to think about the storage issues and come to him with questions and ideas regarding options other than those presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Approve Sports Complex Field Maintenance Bid* Exhibit #7:** There were two bids received for park maintenance at Hackler, Kolb, and the Sports Complex. Spring Green's bids totaled \$14,326.55. Professional Outdoor Solutions' bids totaled \$31,493.50. Spring Green was the lowest bid for all but Hackler Park/Soccer Fields. Davis motioned and Cummings seconded to award the contracts for all but the Hackler Park/Soccer Fields to Spring Green. Hackler Park/Soccer Fields will be awarded to Professional Outdoor Solutions. Roll call vote was taken: Cummings – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, and Davis – Aye. Motion passed 6 - 0.
2. **Approve Amendment to Park Use Agreement* Exhibit #8:** Hackney briefed the Board on the Amendment to the Park Use Agreement. There was brief discussion. Painter motioned Davis seconded to approve the amendment. Roll call vote was taken: Rapp – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, and Cummings - Aye. Motion passed 6 - 0
3. **FY23/24 Budget Conversation #3 – Vehicle Equipment Replacement * Exhibit #9:** Hackney noted that the Village has a lot of aging equipment. It is important to stay on top of replacing the equipment or putting away funds to replace the equipment when it needs to be done. He is recommending that \$75,000 be put into the budget for equipment replacement on annual basis.

Staff has a quote to purchase a grapple bucket for the Skid Steer in the amount of \$6,350 and would like to see the 100C tractor. Staff explained the need for a grapple bucket and why it was it was possible to dispose of the 100c tractor. Painter motioned and Davis seconded to approve the purchase of a grapple bucket for the Skid Steer in the amount of \$6,350 and to authorize the sale and full release of the 100c tractor with an auction reserve of \$40,000 in place. Roll call vote was taken: Wagner – Aye, Van Buskirk – Aye, Painter – Aye, Davis – Aye, Cummings – Aye, and Rapp - Aye. Motion passed 6 - 0

4. Flock (LPR) Camera* Exhibit #10:

Champaign County Sheriff's Office has been corresponding with Hackney regarding the location of the second license plate reader in the community. They were checking with the Board to verify that they had no problems with the location. Previously, the location was to be on Route 150, the new location is between the Middle School and the Grade School. The Board was in agreement with this location.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

- Hackney gave updates on things going on in the Village.

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STAFF UPDATES:

- **Village Attorney** – Nothing to report.
- **Village Clerk** – Nothing to report.
- **Public Works** – Peters reported that the High School will be holding their annual mock accident at the Sports Complex on April 5th. This is the program where an accident is staged to show the impact of drunk driving especially at an event like Prom. There will be a fatality, an arrest, a severe injury, etc. The purpose is to discourage students from drinking and driving.

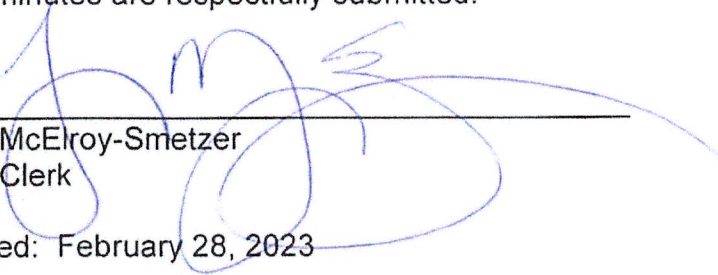
MAYOR'S DESK: Fruhling-Voges reported that WCIA wants to come to the Village this spring/summer to do a WCIA Hometown segment. There would be a celebration downtown similar to last time the Village was featured on WCIA.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Nothing.

OTHER: Nothing

At 9:03 Cummings motioned and Painter seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer
Village Clerk

Approved: February 28, 2023