

VILLAGE OF ST. JOSEPH  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Mayor Hackler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

Roll call was taken.	Hackler	Present
	Rigdon	Present
	Ghera	Present
	McCarty	Present
	Fruhling-Voges	Present
	Rapp	Present
	Silver	Present

Others in attendance: Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer, Village Clerk; Mike Peters, Village Maintenance Superintendent; Daniel Thompson, Petitioner; and Nora Maberry-Daniels, The Leader.

**GOAL SETTING SESSION:** The Board had all submitted a list of goals for consideration for long term goals and budget factors.

At 7 p.m., the goal setting session portion of the meeting recessed and the regular business of the Village began.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of January 23, 2015 and February 9, 2016 Village Board Meetings as well as the February 18, 2016 Zoning Board Meeting were approved as presented.

**BILLS:** Rigdon motioned and McCarty seconded to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Rigdon – Aye, Ghera – Aye, McCarty – Aye, Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Rapp – Aye, and Silver – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**ZONING:** McElroy-Smetzer read the minutes from the February 18, 2016 Zoning Board meeting. Lierman reported the highlights of the meeting.

Thompson also repeated that he feels that the property is a unique property. He also noted that he would be maintaining the property. He did bring other instances where businesses have put their signs on Village property.

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Board members expressed concern regarding the signs on Village property. Rapp and Fruhling-Voges were still concerned about setting a precedent for approving this sign. They noted that they had not approved the previous ones and therefore approving this sign's location would set a precedent. Gherna stated that he agreed that we were setting a precedent but he felt that the Village was setting a positive precedent. He stated that the Village had set requirements for the sign, including insurance

Rigdon stated that the Village should obtain an annual copy of Thompson's insurance listing the Village as an insured party.

Hackler noted that he felt that we should address the sign variance request in front of us, then follow-up on the other issues.

Silver motioned and Gherna seconded to approve Ordinance 2016-1 which allows Thompson to place a 2 sided 36 square foot (18 square feet on each side) sign on the Village's property.

Rapp motioned and Rigdon seconded to table the vote on this issue until the next meeting.

Discussion took place regarding what difference the two weeks would make.

Rapp motioned and Rigdon seconded to withdraw their motion to table the vote.

Roll call vote was then taken on the original motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1: Gherna – Aye, McCarty – Nay, Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Rapp – Nay, Silver – Aye, and Rigdon – Nay. Since the vote was tied, Hackler cast the deciding vote. Hackler voted Aye. Motion passed 4-3.

**FINANCE:** Fruhling-Voges reported that Cameron Moore leaving as head of the Regional Planning Committee.

**SANITARY SEWER:** Rigdon motioned and McCarty seconded to purchase a reporting system for the lift stations for approximately \$10,000. Roll call vote was taken: McCarty – Aye, Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Silver – Aye, Rigdon – Aye, and Gherna – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

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**PARKS & RECREATION:** Silver reported that the committee had a good meeting with the spring and summer sports teams.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY:** Nothing to report.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Nothing to report.

**STREETS & ALLEYS:** Committee meeting last night on goal setting.

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

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Nothing to report.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY:** Lierman presented Resolution 2016-1 "Resolution Waiving Requirements of Title 11, Subdivision Regulations (Todd Pence). Pence has requested for a waiver of the subdivision requirement. He wants to split 2.984 acres from his lot of approximately 11 acres. He will be building a smaller house on the new lot. He will be selling his home and the remaining acreage. Rapp motioned and Rigdon seconded to approve the Resolution as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Fruhling-Voges – Aye, Rapp – Aye, Silver – Aye, Rigdon – Aye, Gherna – Aye, and McCarty – Aye. Motion passed 6-0.

At 8:05, the goal setting portion of the meeting picked back up.

At 8:50, Gherna motioned and McCarty seconded to adjourn the meeting.

These minutes are respectfully submitted.



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Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer  
Village Clerk