

**TOWN OF ST. JOE ~ COUNTY OF DEKALB ~ STATE OF INDIANA
~ST. JOE TOWN BOARD MEETING~**

July 18, 2023

The executive meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Randy Drake.
Pledge of Allegiance- Randy Drake.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mary Simcox presented the Water Report for the month of June. Total Gallons 1,420,500, Max day 75,200, Min Day 11,300, Average daily 47,350

Angela Snyder presented the Meeting Minutes for July 5th, 2023. Randy Drake motioned to approve. Mary Simcox second the motion. All ayes cast.

Randy Drake presented he is planning on having a 90 day with the new employee to explain each employees' strengths and room for improvement.

David Stauffer would like to build a all-season porch on the back of his mother in laws new purchased property at 313 Hart St. The addition would be 19' x 15' room at the back of the current house. They are in closing with the property behind them waiting on the title company, Angela Snyder presented that the board could approve the build with proof of purchase and Angela will wait until we have proof of purchase to send the approval to the DeKalb Building Permit Offices. Randy Drake motioned to approve plans as presented with the proof of purchase given to Angela Snyder. Mary Simcox second the motion. All ayes cast.

Tim Schwiegel and his wife presented that they wanted to inquire if they are grandfathered into the chicken ordinance, they have had 8 chickens for the last couple months, they do not intend to add any additional birds, and they have never had any complaints or issues. Daniel Davidhizar said he would need to talk to Cedric Hollabaugh and ask how to handle grandfather situations. Randy Drake would like to rereview the ordinance that is currently in place before answering.

Angela Snyder and Mary Simcox attended the OCRA local meeting July 13, Thursday. Mary Simcox and Angela Snyder felt there was a lot of really good grants that the town could look into. Angela Snyder will print off and share the notes she took at the next meeting.

Kory Ferguson updated the Town Board that the stump remover from Waterloo Heavy Equipment broke down, so it was not able to be rented, he is going to reach out to Taylor rental and get a day its available to rent.

Randy Drake updated that the new waterline has been installed on Washington St, over to Curie St. It looks great and Curie St has been asphalted.

Angela Snyder presented that the bank didn't have the Towns account completely ready for the new payroll service so August 1st she is meeting with Keystone again and then all the direct deposit should be ready to go.

Angela Snyder presented her preliminary budget suggestions to the Town Board. Mary Simcox was able to review the budget and presented her questions and updates on the budget and asked the Town Board to think about questions and planning as she presented during the budget in the future.

Blue Herron Ministry is meeting the Town Board to do a walk through on the Community Quality of Place Grant on July 20th at 4pm to walk the area and discuss what would be best to place in our swamp land and create a plan.

Angela Snyder presented that she received two new applicants that have applied for review. Randy Drake would like to reach out and set up a time to talk to the applicants.

Kory Ferguson had the gas filled at the garage and there seemed to be water in the fuel tank. The Town Truck doesn't seem to run well with the current gas, he is going to ask the gas company to come and test the gas in our tank. The gas company has suggested that we would be better replacing the tank since the new tanks have a better shape that keeps the condensation from getting into the fuel. They can be rented or purchased for around \$1,500 Randy Drake would like Kory to get a quote before the Town Board makes and choices.

ADJOURN:

Randy Drake made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm. Mary Simcox seconded the motion. All ayes cast.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Angela Snyder, Clerk Treasurer

Randy Drake, President

Daniel Davidhizar, Member

Mary E. Simcox, Member