

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

October 3rd, 2023

The executive meeting was called to order at 6:29pm by Randy Drake.
Pledge of Allegiance- Randy Drake.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mary Simcox presented the community meeting updates:

DeKalb County Economic Development: attended 3 meetings, participated in second Financial Committee meeting finalizing 2024 Budget, Special Executive meeting called to address critical county economic development staffing issues. Regular meeting Finance Committee submitted meeting notes with suggested expense cuts the board established monthly visitation goals for Director Anton King. Update on “small select business” group proposed by Tori Searcy.

DeKalb County Visitors Bureau Amber Caccamo, DCVB Director planning a revamp of DCVB Granting process, 2024 the DCVB will focus on sponsorship of an event and be present at the event.

DeKalb County Mental Collaborative updates were provided by each group on long term plan activities. Group to continue expanding the long-term plans, next meeting set to October.

Angela Snyder presented the Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2023. Randy Drake motioned to approve. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion. All ayes cast.

Cedric Hollabaugh presented the Town Board with his termination and withdrawal of representation for the Town of St Joe, he will send out a referral email for attorneys in the future.

Mary Simcox and Randy Drake went around and talked to each resident today that has property around the wet land preservation project and gave four residence information on Blue Harran and the wet land project.

Angela Snyder attended the INDOT meeting virtually this morning, the plan is to pour curving from School St to Spencer St next week and start the asphaltting the week following.

Mary Simcox and Daniel Davidhizar met with Landon and Jamal from A & Z Engineering they are going to look at the contract terms with Wayne Construction about fill dirt dumping and restoration roadway edges.

Randy Drake motioned to hire A & Z Engineering, to survey block J in the Cemetery for \$3,200. Mary Simcox seconded the motion all ayes cast.

Angela Snyder presented that both of our Evergreen Trees on Town property were removed, she suggested purchasing a outdoor 12 foot outdoor lighting Christmas Tree for \$429.99. Mary Simcox second the motion.

Angela Snyder would like to purchase an ADA changing station for the Leight Hall for \$150 and 3 six-foot tables at \$62 apiece, for the smaller room seating. Randy Drake motioned to approve the purchase. Mary Simcox seconded the motion. All ayes cast.

Kory Ferguson needs to purchase a raiser for two hydrants for \$1900.00. Randy Darke motioned to approve purchasing two raisers for \$1900 out the Hydrant fund. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion all ayes cast.

Angela Snyder presented the 2023 budget:

General: \$167,503
Local Income Tax: \$8,800
LRS: \$12,000
MVH: \$67,765
Cemetery: \$6375
Sanitation: \$35,500
EDIT:\$12,043
LOIT Special Distribution: \$1,311

Randy Drake motioned to approve the 2024 budget as presented in the amount of \$334,392.

Daniel Davidhizar second the motion. All ayes cast.

DeKalb County Auditor's Office overpaid the Town of St Joe Fall taxes 2022 in the amount of \$25,134.31, and in Spring taxes 2023 in the amount of \$24,031.64, totaling \$49,165.95. Angela Snyder had to return this money to the Dekalb County Treasures office.

Angela Snyder presented that she would like to purchase license for Microsoft Teams for the Town Board for January, this would give us the opportunity to hold virtual meetings, and record and post for the public to be in compliance with the new meeting posting requirements cost around \$300. Randy Drake motioned to approve purchasing the licensing. Daniel Davidhizar seconded the motion. All aye cast.

ADJOURN:

Randy Drake made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Mary Simcox seconded the motion. All ayes cast.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Angela Snyder, Clerk Treasurer

Randy Drake, President

Daniel Davidhizar, Member

Mary E. Simcox, Member