

TOWN OF ST. JOE ~ COUNTY OF DEKALB ~ STATE OF INDIANA
~ST. JOE TOWN EMERGENCY QUARUM BOARD MEETING~
March 12, 2026

The public meeting was called to order at 10:41am by Misty Spicer
Pledge of Allegiance

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Angela Snyder presented the Current plans for 3rd Street in Orange, and the previous plans without any color, and the financials planned for the project in the amount of \$165,929.60 with \$35,000 budget in hydrant funds which would only be used for the cost of the hydrant work itself. The only known change to the plans is the removal of the trees since AEP just informed the Town of the need for removal. The Engineering firm is reaching out to see if AEP would bury the lines to try to save the tree; we are waiting to get that information. She has spoken with the property owners at 315 Third St, about AEP wanting three trees removed to move the electricity poles, she told the homeowners, and she would like to suggest to the Town Board to purchase a tree to replace the one taken, but could not promise they would approve it. The Grant we applied for was given additional funds, and requested we do the bidding process and have it submitted to them before May 1st, 2026.

Zebulon Griggs stated the reason for this emergency meeting was that when the Town Board was notified of moving forward with this project was 2 days ago, which was one day after the Town Clerk was notified. The next day Zebulon Griggs was at the Town Hall when A & Z Engineering came to the office to notify the Tree removal for AEP. He wants to be perfectly clear that he would like to move forward with the need to resurface 3rd street and the road can be wider. The question he had was around how wide it needs to be. There was no previous talk about how many trees would need to be removed, or that the tree the homeowner wanted to keep at 315 Third St would need to be removed.

Misty Spicer is aware of the area being discussed between Jefferson St, and Ralph Sechler Drive, on Third St.

Angela Snyder responded that the Engineering was done around keeping the tree, but that the utility AEP needs it removed to move the powerlines in that area, and that she did have conversation with the home owner and convey this information, and the engineering company is asking AEP about possible burying the lines.

Zebulon Griggs stated it was not his understanding there was going to be additional parking lane when the project was discussed last time, he measured State Road 1 and compared it to the current engineering plans and the plans are within 4 foot of the size that State Road 1 currently is. His concern is that the current plans are too wide for a feeder side street, and it could cause people to drive faster on that section of road. The question he has is do we need 12 foot wide lanes, room for 4 cars with space between. He researched different road dimensions for various types of roads including curbs and side walks and he can not find anyplace that road dimensions are for a residential feeder st, were there is any type of recommendation for 12 foot wide lanes.

Zebulon Griggs reviewed planner's web which is where a lot of city planners get their information, and they graphic states spacing for the lanes 8.75-foot spacing. Misty Spicer doesn't see any issues with having the road wider so that people can park there, even though its not the standard on the other roads in town. The Church in Town is expanding, and the Pickle Festival will need to move to the roads in town, so additional parking would be helpful during the festival for people to attend and have space to park.

Zebulon Griggs is concerned that widening the road will cause it to be unsafe for children to play or cross in the road, and the wider the road the faster the cars will drive it, statistically will cause the all pedestrians in the road to be in danger.

Misty Spicer asked if the 3rd street project will be wider then the other section of 3rd street that is already completed. Zebulon Griggs said it wont be wider then that but there is a value of return on having parking in that section with the Church and multiple businesses being in that are.

Zebulon Griggs asked what the minimum award of the grant needed to achieve all of the goals, which would be financial responsible.

Angela Snyder looked up the CCMG grant information, and read what the grant information on their website says The Community Housing Grant program requires local match based on a certain population, 75 state, 25 local for smaller communities. City town's population 50% state, 50% local for communities. Smaller communities are the 75/25 match, but we qualify for this round book or maybe 20. So there's a minimum spend of \$1,000,000.

Angela Snyder stated that when the plans were done with the engineering firm the Town Board at the time specifically asked for parking on one side for the overflow for cemetery funeral events so they are not parking in the grass.

Zebulon Griggs concern is that there is maintenance that we are signing up the Town Board in the future with the maintance of 4 lanes of surface road, and where could that future funding come from

Misty Spicer doesn't see anything wrong with the parking on that roadway, people could use it for visiting the wetland projects, and if she needs to use that road to get to the school with the bus, wider roads are easier to turn on.

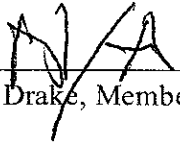
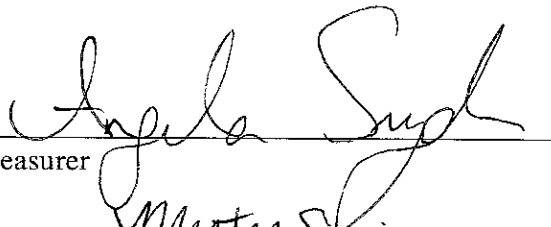
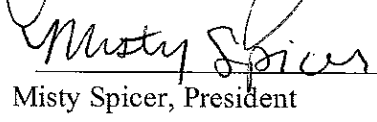
Zebulong Griggs motioned "I would like to make is that we request from A&Z, which is our engineering firm that they review the existing design diagrams that they review them and identify the cost difference and feasibility of narrower roadway, driving lanes specifically to be narrower. That maintaining our existing timelines is essential when asking this question to them or posing this question to them. " Misty Spicer second that motion. All ayes cast.

Angela Snyder will email the motion to A & Z.

ADJOURN:

Misty Spicer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:42am. Zebulon Griggs seconded the motion. All ayes cast.

Respectfully submitted:
Angela Snyder, Clerk Treasurer


Randy Drake, Member
Misty Spicer, President
Zebulon Griggs, Member

