

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

April 11, 2022

The executive meeting was called to order at 6:33PM by Randy Drake.

Pledge of Allegiance- Randy Drake

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Angela Snyder presented the meeting minutes from March 14, 2022. Randy Drake motioned to approve. Daniel Davidhizar second. All ayes cast.

Mary Simcox read the water report for February total gallons 129,050, Max Daily 86,900; Min Day 18,000; Avg daily 41629.

Mary Simcox read the planning Community Organization and activities for March, DeKalb County American Rescue Plan Advisory Committee she attended County Commissioners meeting while Commissioner Watson presented committee's ARP funding proposals. Commissioner's Hartman and Sanderson did not support the DCED housing Plan. DeKalb County Economic Development- Anton updated board members on completed company surveys relating to housing needs in the county. Housing Symposium is planned for April 20th. This information will be presented to property

Angela Snyder presented the General Bank vouchers in the amount of \$736,407.40. Randy Drake motioned to approve vouchers in the amount of \$736,407.40. Mary Simcox second the motion. All ayes cast.

Angela Snyder presented Waterworks vouchers in the amount of \$192,420.69 Randy Drake motioned to approve vouchers in the amount of \$192,420.69. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion. All ayes cast.

Angela Snyder presented Town Bank reconciliation Randy Drake motioned to approve as presented. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion. All ayes cast.

Angela Snyder presented the Water works reconciliation Randy Drake motioned to approve as presented. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion. All ayes cast.

Angela Snyder presented the March Appropriation report. Randy Drake motioned to approve. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion. All ayes cast.

Angela Snyder presented the March Fund report. Mary Simcox was concerned the revenue from the water bills not being added to the Storm Drain fund report. Angela Snyder presented the Revenue report that shows revenue being reported to the Storm Water revenue accounts. Mary Simcox brought up there is no fund report for Storm Water in the Water fund report. Angela Snyder presented that it is located in the general fund and she brought up last year that she would like to move it to the Waterworks bank account. Mary Simcox agreed it should be moved and the dollars moved out of the water operating fund and put into the Storm Water.

Randy Drake and Daniel Davidhizar agreed to move the Fund 626 Storm Water from bank from

Bank 0 (general fund) to Bank 2 (Waterworks fund). Randy Drake would like to wait to until the fund changes.

Randy Drake brought up that himself, Angela Snyder and Jamal meet with Allie Daugherty from the Community Liaison – Northeast Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Allie updated the town on the OCRA grant planning utility grant that is set for applications for July, 2022, this grant would pay for the engineering and the discovery of what waterlines need to be replaced and what drains need repaired. Then we could apply for either the SWIFT grant or the OCRA grant to replace the waterlines, and the Community Crossing Grant to repair and replace the Storm Water drains when we fix the roads since they can be added and paid for with it.

Randy Drake motion to have Cedric Hollaugh get permission from the Railroad to be able to replace the waterlines that run under the railroad tracks and to be able to repair Railroad Street, and Mill St.

Kory Ferguson brought up that he would like to rent a Vac trailer to clean out the water drains and to be able to find out what drains work, need replaced, or need removed. To rent one from Waterloo is cost \$550 per day or \$1500 for a week. Randy Drake would like to make a motion to rent the Vac trailer for a week for \$1500. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion. All ayes cast.

Randy Drake presented the information Angela Snyder emailed out from Courtney Butler for a Tree Donation from the Auburn conservation team would like to donate 6 oak trees that are 1 or 2 foot tall to be places at the Wild Cherry Park in commemoration of Kevin Heller. The Town Board is all in agreement they would like to participate in this commemoration of Kevin Heller.

Randy Drake would like to table the Salary Ordinance updates and review it at next months meeting. Mary Simcox presented a memo of her thoughts on the proposed suggested salary increase for Clerk Treasurer. She has asked that the memo be included with the meeting minutes documentation, Angela Snyder received a copy of the memorandum suggesting reevaluation of the salary increase proposal.

Kory Ferguson updated the progress on the water tower building, with the road work being done and additional items that have needed to be addressed. The town board would just like to make sure it is done for the cold months to come in the future after the road work is completed.

Randy Drake read aloud ordinance violations; Randy Drake would like a letter sent to 109 Harrison St. for the dog running loose chasing small animals, 209 Widney St for the dog pooping in the neighbor's yard, and to 207 Forth St for the two dogs running loose in the road and in the neighbor's yard. Randy Drake will drop off the letters to the homeowners.

Cedric Hollabaugh called the Bank and talked to Jennifer, and she sent him the updated deed that shows that the bank deeded the property back to previous owner Property Max. He will update the judge that the circumstances have changed and to reconsider the judgement on the

progress for 312 Washington St. Once a Judgement lien is put on a property it stays on the property and different owners, he plans on filing that tomorrow.

Elwood Simcox would like the town board to provide a timeline and budget for the Currie Building, he would like a timeline of funding used toward the building and the plans for the future spending of town dollars towards the building. Randy Drake stated that the town has only paid for a new roof on the building, after a inspection from a historical inspector, that informed him that we needed to repair the roof before historical grant applications could be applied for towards the building. Elwood Simcox would like the plan in writing for the next meeting. Angela Snyder said she will gather the information and have it prepared for the next board meeting.

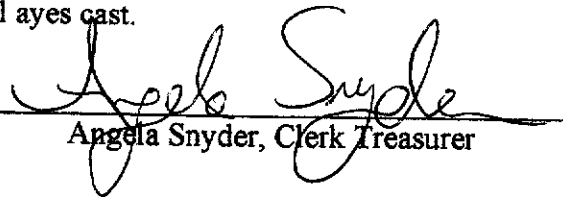
Randy Drake updated that the Curie Building roof is complete and he spoke with Jeff Powell about his roof at the Pit Stop Café. There are repairs needed for the hatch on the roof and Randy Drake would like to add a lock to the hatch one it is replaced.

Spring cleans up is happening for the Cemetery, Angela Snyder will be posting clean up on Facebook, so families are aware and are able to get their decorations picked up before May 1st. The Flagpole at the cemetery pole system is broken and needs to be repaired Angela Snyder will research companies that do industrial flagpole repairs.

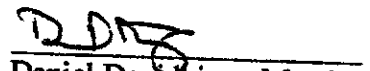
ADJOURN:


Randy Drake made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm. Daniel Davidhizar seconded the motion. All ayes cast.

Respectfully submitted:


Angela Snyder, Clerk Treasurer


Randy Drake, President


Daniel Davidhizar, Member


Mary E. Simcox, Member