

**St. Joe Town Council Executive Session Minutes**  
**November 3 2021 @ 6:00PM**  
**St. Joe Town Hall**  
**204 Washington Street, St. Joe, IN 46785**  
**IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)**

Randy Drake called the meeting to order. He would like to hire an applicant that applied to work for the town. Daniel Davidhizar spoke with Jeff Powell, and he feels comfortable after talking to him that he would be a good employee. Randy Drake made a motion to hire applicant. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion. All ayes cast.

**TOWN OF ST. JOE ~ COUNTY OF DEKALB ~ STATE OF INDIANA**  
**~ST. JOE TOWN BOARD MEETING~**  
**November 3, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 PM by President, Randy Drake.

The minutes from October 19,2021 were presented for review. Randy Drake motioned to approve meeting minutes as presented. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion all ayes cast.

Mary Simcox presented the DeKalb County American Rescue Plan Advisory Committee – Topic discussed was ARP funding to support county wide Broadband initiative. Funding amount was discussed, and suggested amount agreed upon. Commissioner asked that November meeting be held as St Joe.

Mary Simcox presented the Planning Committee update for October. The DeKalb County Visitor's Beau meeting to review a proposed 2022 budget. Budget was approved after discussion and board member input. Amber, Director presented a travel schedule for 2022. Visitor numbers and Inn Stays continue to increase. Reviewed number of Board Member terms ending in December.

Mary Simcox presented the DeKalb County Economic Development – 2022 Budget was reviewed and discussed and approved. Anton King presented with explanation the new schedule of Fees for Services. Anton office site is moving along. Anton planning for move the second week of November. There are still 72 open prospects. Reminder of 5 county region economic meeting November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Kory Ferguson updated the town on the water tower cleaning on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, they provided a video, and there was 3 “additional sentiment we had cleaned out of the tower. He also had the company replace the light bulb on the top of the tower while they were up there.

Mary Simcox attended the growing demand of broadband, meeting about broadband Auburn Essential Services, she suggests we set back ARP funds for the broadband structure. AES will be serving nearly 55% of the population in DeKalb County, positioning AES to provide broadband services, operational expertise and potentially build-out capacity to serve most of DeKalb County.

Angela Snyder updated the Community Crossing Grant was awarded the Town of St Joe won \$82,614.93 for the road repairs on Jefferson St from Spencer St, to Fourth Street, and School St from CR 60 to Jefferson St. Angela Snyder asked the Town Board if there was anyone, we could ask to get CR 60 repaired and widened. Mary Simcox will ask Commissioner Watson and see if there was something that can be done for CR 60.

Angela Snyder presented the Waterworks vouchers in the amount of \$7516.53. Randy Drake motioned to approve Waterworks vouchers. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion. All ayes cast.

Angela Snyder presented the General Fund Town in the amount of \$19,219.17. Randy Drake motioned to approve Town vouchers. Daniel Davidhizar second the motion. All ayes cast.

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is on November 29<sup>th</sup> Santa and Mrs. Clause will be there, the board would like the Clerk Treasurer to verify the hourly rates for this. Bill and Janet Roark will also be putting up the Christmas Lights

Angela Snyder brought up leaf pick up needs to be scheduled. Kory Ferguson brought up in the past leaf cleanup was Wednesdays.

Cedric Hollabaugh has all documents signed for the court date on 312 Washington St. After the Judge rules Cedric will update the town and move to demolition.

Kory Ferguson brought up he thinks we should investigate purchasing an auger for the town.

Randy Drake would like prices to purchase one for the next board meeting.

Stan and Sharon Stalcup wrote a letter to the town asking for the approval of vacating the alley on the west side of their property. It is not owned buy the town and is listed as unknown owner. Cedric Hollabaugh gave him a list of lawyers to reach out to pursue legal ownership of the property.

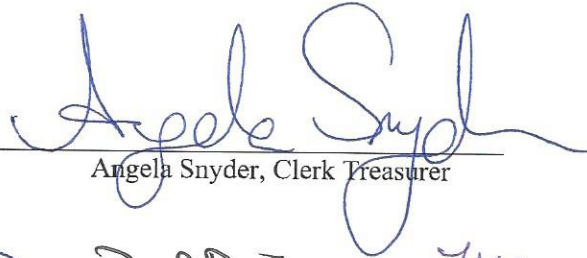
Caleb Bankster would like to purchase property on CR 60. He was requesting for the town to let him know if he could hook up town water and sewer and what the cost would be. The Town Board requested he touch base closer to when he planned to move so prices could be acquired for an estimate of cost.

Angela Snyder was invited to participate in the DeKalb LEADS// Exploring Civic Leadership and wanted to make sure the board was ok will her attending, since the event is during office hours.

**ADJOURN:**

Randy Drake made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Mary Simcox seconded the motion. All ayes cast.

Respectfully submitted:



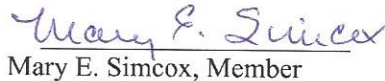
Angela Snyder, Clerk Treasurer



Randy Drake, President



Daniel Davidhizar, Member



Mary E. Simcox, Member