



TOWN OF St. JOHN
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MEETING OF November 24, 2025

Mayor Webb called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Harrison, Howard, and Smick, Public Works Steve Gibson, and the Town Clerk attended.

The November 10, 2025, meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

The payables were presented to the Council for review and discussion. Bezdicek moved, Smick seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of the Council.

CL# 16102-16109 & EFT's	\$ 15,120.64
PR# 16110-16113 & EFT's	\$ 15,549.09

The District 2 Fire contract was discussed. A formal counteroffer will be addressed in the next meeting, as the numbers presented were not official/certified.

The Levy Certification was discussed. Council signed the Oaths of Office, the
Water Sewer levy passed at 72.6141%
Street Levy passed at 67.9167%
EMS Levy passed at 86.3636%

Resolution 490X – Credit Card Use and Policy was discussed and approved by a motion from Harrison and seconded by Smick.

Resolution 491X- 1% Property Tax levy for \$100,725.95 discussed and approved by a motion from Smick and seconded by Howard.

Ordinance 492X -2026 Budget was discussed and will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

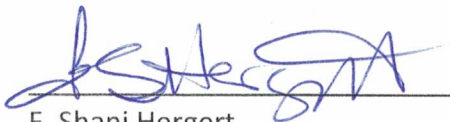
Assessment of the utility rates was done. The Town is losing money on the debris pile, and the cost of maintenance and supplies is increasing for water. The sewer rate will not be enough to pay back the loan for the new plant. The Town was to raise rates on an annual basis to prepare for the new Sewer plant, but has only raised rates once in the last five years. After discussion, it was approved by a motion from Smick and seconded by Bezdicek to increase the base Water Rate to \$58, the base Sewer Rate to 67, and the Debris rate to \$5, effective January 1st, 2026. Notice will be sent out in the next utility billing.

Community Engineering and Consulting contract was reviewed and signed with a motion from Bezdicek and seconded by Harrison.

Public Works Steve Gibson passed his water exam 1. He will prepare for the next one.

A thank you to the St John Fund for the donation to the Park Pavilion Project will be written.

With no further comments requested, Mayor Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:24 PM.



F. Shani Hergert
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb
MAYOR