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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022 @ 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, October 17, 2022, in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room. Presentation of the meeting was also conducted by Zoom video conferencing. Village Hall was open to the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Those present and the Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 3, 2022 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 3, 2022, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his October 17, 2022 ESDA Report and more. Gene thanked the board for the new Motorola Equipment.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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EXHIBIT F:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 17, 2022: Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has anything for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout. Matt said he drafted a letter to go out to the home on Old Freeburg Road that burned yesterday.

EXHIBIT D:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have the Combined Planning and Zoning Board Recommendation on Zoning Amendment. Mayor Speiser said the Combined Planning and Zoning Board recommend the rezoning from SR-1 to Ag of 72.16 acres on the corner of Barber Lane and Cemetery Road. There were 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS &

ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

ORDINANCES: Ordinance #1752 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement for the Donald Krieg, Cheri Ann Payne, Tammy Lynn Foster and Eva Marie Callico, Located in the County of St. Clair, Illinois (820 Cemetery Road)

Trustee Michael (Mike)Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1752 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT F:

ORDINANCES: Ordinance #1753 An Ordinance an Annexing Certain Territory Commonly Known as the Kreg, Payne, Tammy Lynn Foster and Eva Marie Callico, Property to and in the Village of Freeburg County of St. Clair, Illinois

Trustee Michael (Mike)Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1753 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT G:

ORDINANCES: Ordinance #1754 An Ordinance an Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of Rezoning Certain Property Commonly Known as the Kreg, Payne, Foster and Callico Property to and in the Village of Freeburg County of St. Clair, Illinois

Trustee Michael (Mike)Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1754 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT I:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap (chairperson) reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 5:52 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap summarized Zoning Administrator Matt Trout report: there were 10 occupancy permits, 10 building permits have been issued which include 4 electrics, 1 parking lot, 3 fence, 1 new home in Edison Estates. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout followed up on the Cardinal Court trailer. Matt reported on 5 South Alton, today they worked on the roof. We did send a letter requesting for them to come up with a plan. Matt will check on the property on State Route 15 on some non-operable vehicles.

2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estates Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said there is nothing new to report on Edison Estates. Public Works Director John Tolan ran the sewer line in Meadow Pines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Heap said we discussed Cemetery Road and Barber Lane, which we took care of earlier on the agenda. We had a discussion on the property on Wolf Road.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT J:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:17 p.m.

**POLICE:
OLD BUSIENSS:**

Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer advised the committee the new hires are in place and working out well. We have put the patrol car that we were getting rid of in service, so each officer now has their own vehicle. Chief Schutzenhofer reported the accident on West Apple Street turned fatal, and that will now be handle by the State's Attorney's office to see if they will seek charges. With regards to Sheets dogs, this issue has been resolved and a fence has been installed. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg brought up a new legislation that will be affected next year. Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer has been attending meetings regarding that. We don't have to comply until 2025. The SROs are working out very well at both schools.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

**PERSONNEL:
OLD BUSINESS:** None.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Meehling said Mayor Speiser attended the East-West Gateway and there will be some road projects going out for bid in St. Clair and Madison Counties, and some others things that took place in that meeting.

GENERAL CONERNS: None
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

EXHIBIT K/L:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported outages on August 9/12 where their service was ripped off from a storm; SAVE's 3 phrase service that serves the 911 radio tower had a blown fuse on 9/23; we had two customers out on N. State on 10/9 that was animal related; Reifschneiders had animal issues and Head Lineman Shane Krauss took care of that; and the whole north circuit was taken out for about 15-30 minutes.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee IMEA held an energy efficiency meeting this week. We have \$2,773 left over from last year and \$11,094 from this year that needs to be used or we lose it. We hope to use it on some of the business in town.
3. Generator Upgrades: Trustee Blaies said BHM&G is in the process of doing the work right now and they are about half way done. John said they are very close in finishing the old plant.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to pay BHM&G Invoice #2185-101 in the amount of \$16,831.4, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Freeburg High School Solar Project: Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said the high school would like to install solar on their new addition. The committee had a discussion on that. Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee there is a resident on Rock Hill Road that would like to install a ground-mounted system. We had a discussion on that.

Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee they shut down the west plant for about 2 hours to prepare for the new transformer.

EXHIBIT M/N

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 12 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said under the new sewer plant he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to the approval of Haier Plumbing & Contracting Pay Request #13 in the amount of \$495,618.72, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

Trustee Kaiser said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said they are running pipe and conduit connecting all buildings and tanks; working on the anaerobic basins and starting to block the filter building. Trustee Kaiser said he, John, and Eric, Trevor and Buddy are going to SCADA system training tomorrow. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg provided a spreadsheet which shows amounts billed to date with a remaining \$75,542.00 left to bill us.

Trustee Kaiser stated Public Works Director John Tolan reported another issue at the old sewer plant. A wall rusted through, and divestor sludge was leaking through into the creek. We had Metro Ag pump the sludge out of the divestor, and Wolf Fabrication will be here next week to weld a patch onto the tank.

2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported the Fire Department ambulance shed had a backup. There is no basement, and we are fine. It looks to be something in the lateral.

3. FSH Minutes: Nothing to report.

4. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan made two attempts to try and meet with Scott on this, and has not received any response.

5. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser stated this project is done. This was quite the project ran into a few issues. We lowered the manhole in the alley; we replaced 170 feet of sewer line; we did hit a 2-inch unmarked gas main. John Feder was very easy to work with. Insituform is scheduled for the 25th and 26th to line that.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported that the hydrant flushing has been completed, the disinfectant has been switched back to chloramine residual, installed the Dollar General water service on Foxtail, and also Mr. Lugge on Old Fayetteville Road; we have 4 upcoming in Edison Estates; 3 in Meadow Pines and 3 at the old Lighthouse building. We had water breaks on West Apple and Woodland Path and a hydrant hit on South Edison/High Street; the new hatch on the SAVE Site pump station has been installed, we will get that area regraded and hopefully IDOT will let us install a guardrail. Lead and copper sampling is completed and we are waiting for the results; and we are working on replacing a water meter lid for Ace Hardware.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT O/P :

Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation) Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.(Chairperson) reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the pool cover is substantially ripped. Heintz provide a quote of \$18,862 for new cover. Mr. Heintz has a contact with someone that can repair them. John also talked to Mike's Pool and Spa, and Bob is checking 2 others places. John's hope is to be able to repair it. The pool winterization has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan said the culvert work on Potter and Elizabeth Streets has been completed. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg is concerned about the drainage on Wolf Road. A resident there has equipment ready to dig out an area to make a pond on land that is zoned SR-1. Tony said our zoning code requires a permit for the work that is going to be done. Our responsibility is to make sure the natural flow of water is not changed. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout confirmed the resident received our letter on the 30th. We have not heard from the homeowner or engineers. We are prepared to be there to make sure they follow the proper procedure, and the work is done properly. Attorney Keck said we will file an injunction if we need to.

2. Customer Issues: None.

3. MFT:

4. Wolf Road Project: Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee this is a work in progress, and Oates is going to start looking at available grants. They believe the first step is to try and get Wolf Road classified as a collector street. Oates reported a 5% increase in traffic over the past 4 years. There was some alarming data on the counters for speed.

NEW BUSINESSW:

1. ESDA Motorola Equipment Quote: Trustee Matchett said we have the Motorola Equipment, and this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Roman Matchett, Jr. motioned to the approval of the ESDA Motorola Equipment Quote of \$6,895.48 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

2. Status of Sheets' Dog Issue: Trustee Matchett said on the Sheets' dog issue. Chief Schutzenhofer confirmed the fence is up. Attorney Keck said the county doesn't want to take the dogs so installing the fence was a good solution. He further stated Mr. Sheets has provided him with all the proof he requests including pictures and cost of the fence and vaccination records. Mr. Sheets has 7 ordinance violations which could result in 7 different trails at a significant cost. The board needs to decide whether to go to trial or have Attorney Keck negotiate a deal. Trustee Meehling stated she does not see the value of spending more taxpayer money. The committee agreed to have Attorney Keck negotiate the best deal and be finished with this matter

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, November 7, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – Absent
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Welcome to Freeburg.
Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – No thank you.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Welcome to Freeburg.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Welcome to the Village.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Welcome to the Village.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Welcome to Freeburg.
Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg –
Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.
Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – Matt said he thinks the estimate for the Chili-Cook-Off is around \$21,500.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer –
Treasurer Bryan Vogel –
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Thank you for holding that event.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Seth Speiser called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:54 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk