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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 @ 7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, November 18, 2019, in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 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 21, 2019, for approval.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 21, 2019 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

### EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 4, 2019, for approval.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 4, 2019 with corrections and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE B:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

### EXHIBIT C:

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Seth Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer give his report.

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1. Conducted Outdoor Tornado Siren test-activate from ESDA office.
2. Conducted a Villagewide Communications (radio) test.
3. Conducted St. /Clair Co. ARRL Ares/AuxCom net from Office.
4. Continue work for Hazard Mitigation Grants through IEMA-FEMA project.
5. Compiled ARRL ARES report for both ARRL ARES Dec and St. Clair County ARES/RACES EMA AuxCom files.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EXHIBIT D:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions on the Zoning Report. Hearing none we will move on.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS:** None.

**BIDS:**

**EXHIBIT E:**

1. Mayor Speiser stated we have the Citizens State Bank Sewer Loan Bid. This will come under Exhibit H.

**EXHIBIT F:**

2. Mayor Speiser stated we have the Demolish of 310 Washington Street property.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the John Feder Bid to Demolish 310 West Washington Street property at a cost of \$8,500 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

### **EXHIBIT G:**

#### **Electric Committee Meeting:**

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies called the meeting of Electric Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

#### **The following item or items were talked about or discussed:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee there was a power outage on North Monroe Street where a tree limb took out one customer's service.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane said the Tribune received their grant payment of \$1,664.
3. Power Plant Roof: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane said the roof project is moving along, should be done on schedule.

Trustee Blaies said the switchgear maintenance is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> and will encompass several days.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. IMEA Generation Scheduling: Trustee Blaies said the IMEA's yearly letter advising us of their generation needs.

Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee we have purchased 28 new Christmas decorations and will be working on getting them up soon. They will concentrate on the downtown area from Bill's Auto to Motomart. They will have to work around the road construction.

Trustee Blaies stated Public Works Director John Tolan attended the IMEA's strategic planning meeting last week. They are talking about revising the net metering policy and increasing the size of the load.

Trustee Blaies said we had another solar customer completion.

### **EXHIBIT H:**

#### **Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer)**

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser called the meeting of the Water/Sewer Committee to order at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

**The following item or items were talked about or discussed:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New Sewer Plant: Trustee Kaiser stated Village Attorney suggested a motion to reject the original bid from Midland Bank before we accept a new bid.

Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan will tour a plant in Kansas next week to view more equipment. After that, the design process should pick up. Public Works Director John Tolan said we are still planning to bid this 2020.

2. Old Freeburg Road Water Lines: Trustee Kaiser said the geotechnical report has been completed. Once we obtain the permit from the railroad, it is good for one year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Kaiser stated Public Works Director John Tolan said they will be collecting the samples for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, Ameren Gas employees hit our water service on Wolf road causing a boil order to be issued. Trustee Kaiser said Office Manager Julie Polson is working on that claim which amounted to around \$1,700.00.

Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee the school would like to install security cameras on our poles. Head Lineman Shane Krauss has worked out the approximate costs. Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg will work on an intergovernmental agreement and include that in an upcoming board packet.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Trustee Kaiser said a resident Steve Raetz was present to discuss sewer backups that he had in his basement. Public Works Director John Tolan requested that Steve have someone camera his side. Public Works Director John Tolan will work on this in the next couple weeks.

Mayor Speiser said we need to have a motion on the rejected bid.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to reject acceptance of the Midland States Bank Bid for the sewer line and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned the Village Board accept Citizen's State Bank Bid of 2.09% for the Sewer Loan of \$1,000,000 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT I:**

**Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)**

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:11p.m.

**The following items were talked about or discussed:**

**POOL: OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Matchett said we had donation request from the following;

1. St. John the Baptist Donation Request for Under the Big Top Auction Event.
2. Freeburg FFA Alumni Donation Request for Pork Chop Dinner and Auction Event.
3. Smithton Athletic Association Donation Request for Trivia and Silent Auction Event.
4. Freeburg Community High School Boys Basketball Silent Auction Event.

Trustee Matchett said the committee donated a 10-day pool pass to each event.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Drainage Problem Areas (Hill Mine Road)/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said our guys are continuing to work on West Washington from Richland to Monroe. Our winter projects will include drainage issue areas and culverts.

2. MFT: Trustee Matchett said Jeff from TWM informed Public Works Director John Tolan the East-West Gateway has announced their transportation grant program which is a 75/25% split. We have several areas that can use that. We have new MFT money from the gas tax that could be used.

3. Meadowbrook: Trustee Matchett said with regard to Meadowbrook, the project is completed. There will be a deduction of \$12,160 for various issues on the project. That has been submitted to Gleeson. The total amount due will be \$244,687.

4. Bid for 310 West Washington Demolition: Trustee Matchett said the Bid for West Washington Demolition was approved earlier on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Security Officer Agreement: Trustee Matchett said we discussed raising the pay rate to \$17 per hour to cover our costs which include gas, FIFA, and maintenance on the police car. Trustee Matchett said Village Attorney Keck will send the revised agreement to the school's attorney. He also has a few contract terms to discuss with the attorney. Once they come to an agreement, it will be placed on the board agenda for approval.

Mayor Speiser stated we held the following committee meeting earlier tonight before our regular board meeting which were; Legal/ Ordinance, Finance and Personnel/Police committee meetings.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting – Monday, December 2, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

**VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:**

**Trustee Denise Albers** – Wish everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

**Trustee Elizabeth Meehling** – Same.

**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – Same.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – Same.

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – Same.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – Same thing and he would like to congratulate the High School Cross Country Team.

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – Same.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – Same.

**Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer** – Bring all of your Thanksgiving left overs to Tony's house.

**Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – It looks like the Police golf Tournament will be June 20<sup>th</sup>. It is Father Day weekend.

**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer**- He doesn't have a forecast for that yet. Also have a Happy Thanksgiving.

**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, November 18, 2019 at 7:46 p.m. and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk