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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 @ 7:30 P.M.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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 Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – 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, December 19, 2022 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 19, 2022 with corrections, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Special Board Meeting Wednesday, December 28, 2022 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Special Board Meeting Wednesday, December 28, 2022 with corrections, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT C:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, January 3, 2023 for approval.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, January 3, 2023 with corrections, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

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FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT D:

ESDA REPORT Mayor Speiser said ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer will not be here this evening due to a conflict. If you have any questions on Gene's ESDA Report, please call Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Tiffani Toennies said she is present tonight to see if there is any news on Wolf Road. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout replied there is no court date yet.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT E:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 17, 2023: Mayor Speiser said does anyone have any questions on Zoning Administrator Matt Trout's report.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1759 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair, Illinois (Traffic Schedules)
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1759 by title only 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg explain about the faulted check that was wrote out of the Village of Freeburg checking account for the amount of \$280,000.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT F:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

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1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported no outages but did have a pole hit on West Apple St. The pole broke and has been braced for now. It will be repaired soon. MISO declared an emergency on December 23rd, and we had to generate for lack of power.

2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee Ace Hardware has submitted an application for an energy efficiency grant in the amount of \$5,479.80. They will be replacing T8 fixtures with LED bulbs. That did come out of our IMEA grant money. Trustee Blaies said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to the recommend approval of Ace Hardware Efficiency Grant Application in the amount of \$5,479.80 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

3. Generator Upgrades: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss commented we still have some programming issues to work out. Once we are done and confident the quirks are out, he would like to simulate a black start. This will be the only true way to know everything is working correctly. The committee agreed to the black start procedure. Head Lineman Shane stated BHM&G Engineers and Service Corp, have parted ways. Chuck will be in charge of service under VI Power Systems. Our contract will be turned over to them. We will still use BHM&G for our compliance and EPA reporting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan- Haier Plumbing & Heating Change Order #3 at No Cost; Haier Plumbing and Heating Pay Request #16 in the amount of \$478,099.62: Trustee Kaiser said under the new sewer plant he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to the approval of Change Order #3 at No Cost, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to the approval of Haier Plumbing & Contracting Pay Request #16 in the amount of \$478,099.62, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Kaiser stated Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised work is slow right now. We are waiting on some important equipment, including the aeration equipment, garage doors and valves. The admin building is closed off to have the HVAC system installed. Public Work Director John Tolan commented he has Adam and Burns & McDonnell working on why we don't have the aeration equipment. Matt confirmed our loan extension has been approved.

2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported several backups that are the responsibility of the homeowners.

3. FSH Minutes: Public Works Director John Tolan addressed the recent water conversation request issued by SLM. An operator on the evening shift was concerned about the chemical levels not acting fast enough. John said they did not call anyone else to conserve water. He stated this type of situation should be handled with a public notice from SLM not individual communities.

4. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser stated Public Works Director John Tolan would like to have the TWM presentation on the night of January 25th.

5. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple- Volkert Invoice #8142175 in the amount of \$2,129.21: Trustee Kaiser said on the repair and replacement on Main Street and West Apple. He would like to make a motion.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Volkert Invoice #812175 in the amount of \$2,129.21, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee EPA was here for an inspection on the east water tower. We will get dinged, but we are addressing that with the water study. EPA is now requiring us to conduct a lead and copper inventory. The EPA representative advised there are grants to help with that project. Public Works Director John Tolan brought up the resident that had water testing positive for lead. We are waiting on results of the testing. Trustee Kaiser said we have had several water breaks and frozen pipes over the Christmas weekend, we repaired a hydrant on River King Drive. He complimented Bob and Shane for their assistance over the Christmas holiday. They were called out every 2-3 hours each day. They did a great job for us and we appreciate it.

Public Works Director John Tolan made a comment on the lead and copper issue.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT L :

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, January 11, 2023 at 6:10 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL: OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pool Safety Cover Estimate: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan confirmed the cover has been ordered.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FCHS Music Booster Donation Request: Trustee Matchett stated the committee agreed to donate a 10-day pass to the event.

2. Freeburg Library Trivia Night Donation Request: Trustee Matchett stated the committee agreed to donate a 10-day pass to the event.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan advised they found a sink hole where they recently replaced a portion of the culvert on West St. Clair by the railroad and added additional pipe. They will be working on a few more culverts that have been requested by homeowners.

2. Customer Issues: None.

3. Wolf Road Project – Oates Associates Invoice #36320 in the amount of \$1,000.00: Trustee Matchett, Jr. said we have Oates Associates Invoice.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to the approval of Oates Associates Invoice #36320 in the amount of \$1,000.00, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout confirmed with Andy Mueller our request is still under review. Mayor Speiser commented East/West Gateway meets the last Thursday of the month, and we should hear something after that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MFT- Oates Associates Proposal: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan provided Oates' proposal for the 2023-2024 MFT program. He would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to the approval of Oates Associates 2023 MFT Maintenance Program, and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

He would like TWM to close out 2022-2023 and start fresh with Oates. He confirmed all of the monies will be cleared up. As far as MFT projects, he would like to address the roads in Savanna Oaks Subdivision, the pool parking lot, the side entrance to Village Hall, and concrete work in Sugar Creek. He said we have concentrated on oil and chipping for some time. He would like to scale that back and use the extra money towards these projects.

2. MFT- Oates Associates Proposal: Trustee Matchett said Resolution in Support of Tax Increment Financing. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee IML has asked municipalities to send in resolutions of support for TIF financing. Attorney Keck said they have been doing this quite a lot lately as part of their legislative session. Since there was no background information as to why IML is asking for this, the committee did not want to move forward with the resolution.

3. St. Joseph Request to Barricade Alton Street on April 30, 2023: Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised the committee they would like to close Alton Street for their Food Truck and Vendor Spring Festival on April 30th. The committee agreed with the request.

Public Works Director John Tolan stated they will be working on crack sealing, culvert replacements and replacing the stop signs at SAVE.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 25, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, February 6, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – She said are police department has been really busy lately. She would like to thank everyone who has been involved for all of their work.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Same.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – absent

Mayor Seth Speiser –

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Same thing. He also asked if TWM was still going to be here for a presentation on January 25th.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Same thing.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same thing.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – He would like to thank our officers who was on duty other night and the Belleville Police Department for their help. Which made the arrest a success.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – absent.

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

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:50 p.m., and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk