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**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022 @ 7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 22, 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 Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; Present on zoom Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (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, February 7, 2022, for approval.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the Regular Board minutes from Monday, February 7, 2022, with corrections and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

### **EXHIBIT B:**

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Seth Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. ESDA Coordinator Gene was not able to be with us tonight due to a conflict.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet Baechle said the email was sent out about the bad weather, which will start Wednesday around 12:00 noon.

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**EXHIBIT C:**

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has anything for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his Zoning Report. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout reminded us that there is a public hearing coming up.

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

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

**BIDS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**EXHIBIT D:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:**

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss said a few incidents with the entire town outage on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Shane said we were up and generating within 30 minutes. Both the board and Shane commented our guys did a great job.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing to report.
3. Generator Upgrades: Trustee Blaies said BHM&G is starting to see supplies coming in, and we are seeing some bills on their engineering work. Since the supplies will be coming in during peak times, we will most likely push out the upgrade work to an off-peak time period.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to the approval of BHM&G Invoice #2185.SC.301 in the amount of \$33,662.90, 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.***

4. Senate Bill 2408: Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said we will discuss this bill in the Committee AS A Whole meeting in March.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Meadow Pines Subdivision: Trustee Blaies said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised the committee the developers came to us looking to start Phase 2. Head Lineman Shane is trying to find transformers for this. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Head Lineman discussed changing the policy where the developer would have to pay half down when we are purchasing materials for their subdivisions.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee our Ameren gas franchise agreement is up for renewal.

**EXHIBIT F:**

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 16, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New Sewer Plant/ Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised the committee there is a lot going on right now out there. Every building is being worked on.

2. Sewer issues: Nothing to report.

3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we will possibly see a rate increase from SLM this year.

4. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser stated Chris Bergman has taken a job elsewhere. The IEPA project plan is close to being submitted to EPA.

5. Repair/Replace Sewer East Main and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we are going to televise the sewer mains again to determine the exact damage and make sure the damaged area hasn't gotten worse or larger.

6. West Street Residents' Sewer Issue: Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Meadow Pines Application for Phase 2 Sewer Extension Permit: Trustee Kaiser said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said we need the permits in order for the contractor to be able to install the water and sewer lines.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to recommend the Meadow Pines Application for Phase 2 Sewer Extension Permit for approval, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – 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 we previously approved the purchase of the public works truck, and we now need to obtain financing for that vehicle.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to accept Citizen's Bank loan in the amount of \$36,130 for a three-year term at 2.4%, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser said the truck should go to Trevor. That is what we agreed on, so this is the way it is going to be.

Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg commented we have received Burns & McDonnell's notice of their billing rate increase.

Trustee Kaiser said the Fire Department has some outstanding issues and won't pay their yearly hydrant bill. They believe there are fire hydrants that aren't working, and also want something done with the water line on Belleville in front of the school. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said they agreed to pay minus a couple of things. He had a conversation with them making certain issues clear. We are in a better place right now, but he doesn't know if he is.

Trustee Kaiser said Attorney Keck is working with Mayor Speiser and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg on the contract negotiations.

#### **EXHIBIT L:**

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

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. (Chairperson) reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 16, 2020 at 6:10 p.m.

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

#### **POOL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Matchett said the pool cover is badly ripped in several spots and will need to be repaired.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Smithton Athletic Association Donation Request: Trustee Matchett said the committee agreed to donate a 10-day pool pass.
2. St. John the Baptist Donation Request: Trustee Matchett said the committee agreed to donate a 10-day pool pass.

## **STREETS:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. East Apple Street Proposed Repair: Nothing to report.
2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan reported, the crews are working on Hill Mine Road ditch, West High and West Phillips.
3. Customer Issues: Trustee Matchett said we are repairing yards from the snow plowing. Public Works Director John Tolan commented he is pleased with the crews and streets. They hauled off some piles of snow from dead end streets and cul-de-sacs. If anyone receive any complaints, please have them call village hall during operation hours.
4. MFT: Public Works Director John Tolan is meeting with TWM to go over upcoming projects and monies.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. St. Paul's Request for a 5K Run Fundraiser for Mission Trip: Trustee Matchett said Attorney Keck advised shutting down streets which involve passing ordinances and involving the police. Attorney Keck further said he is not okay with letting this event go forward without shutting down the roads. The committee discussed different options and agreed the park is the best place to hold these kinds of events.
2. Joel Boeving's Request to Grant Extension to Use Vacation Hours: The committee was in agreement with Joel's request.

Mayor Speiser said we were closed Monday, February 21 in observance of President's Day. Finance Committee Meeting, Legal/Ordinance Meeting and Personnel/Police Committee Meeting was held earlier this evening before Board Meeting and those minutes are not available.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Committee As A Whole – March 7, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, March 7, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling** – No thank you.

**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – No thank you.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – No thank you.

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** –

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – He would like to thank John and his crew for during a wonderful job on the water break.

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – He would like to thank John and his crew for great job on the water break.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – John and his crew did a great job, and Matt went around to all of the business in town letting them know we are on a water boil.


**Public Works Director John Tolan** –

**Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – No thank you.

**Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer** – No thank you.

**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, January 7, 2022 at 7:43 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk