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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025 @ 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, April 21, 2025 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 Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; (by zoom) Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – 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 March 17, 2025.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting March 17, 2025 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 on his Monday, April 21, 2025 ESDA Report. Gene updated us on his ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR APRIL 7, 2025.

Mayor Speiser called on Village Engineer Tim Pruett. Mayor Speiser said does anyone have any questions for Tim.

EXHIBIT D:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the Combined Planning and Zoning Board Report. They recommend to Rezone Lots 101,102,103,104, and 105 located in the Lone Oak Trails Subdivision from B-2 to SR-1. This will fall under Ordinances on the agenda.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #25-06 A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter Into and Execute a Service Agreement with Clean Uniform Company.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #25-06 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT F:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1799 An Ordinance Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of Rezoning Certain Properties Commonly Known as Lots 101, 102, 103, 104, and 105 Located in the Lone Oaks Trail Subdivision.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance #1799 by title only, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT G:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 6, 2025 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 said we had a pretty busy month with a lot of storms coming through but we fared pretty well over all. On 3/14, we had a transformer pole go down due to high winds that took out the south circuit. On 3/19, we had an issue at Turkey Hill which affected three customers. On 3/31, we had to kill the feed because of the fire at Dairy Queen. On 4/14, we had a city-wide outage which was Ameren issue. We generated for a little over an hour.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan said Professional Metal Works is applying but per IMEA, the money is for retrofitting not new construction.

Head Lineman Shane Krauss said he has been working on a budgetary quote for the Murphy Development.

NEW BUSINESS: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said we just wrapped up the annual emission report and annual compliance certification. Our air permit is out for public notice. He talked about the breaker, the one that controls the main transformer at the south sub, and said he will get numbers so it can get approved to have it ready to go in the fall when their load is low.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 5:49 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan said there was an issue on N. Vine after the last big rain. They ran the line and asked the homeowner to call a plumber as the issue was their lateral at the main. Discussed the amount of water the West Plant took in.
2. FSH Minutes: Nothing new.

3. Water System Upgrades. : Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Matt Trout we received the EPA Line Permit to replace all the lines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Director John Tolan said a truck hit the hydrant at Weigmann, It is ordered and they plan to move it further in the grass when they replace it. He said Mr. Threlked had the cameras go through Saturn Terrace and videoed the hole thing. They were able to located some manholes and raise them and found some other troubled spots.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT I :

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

Trustee Carpenter reported on reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. In the absent of Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.(Chairperson).

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

POOL: Public Works Director John Tolan said they got the new pump and the cable to repair the umbrella. In the next couple of weeks, they will get things going.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Freeburg District 70 PTO Carnival Donation Request: Trustee Matchett said the committee agreed to donate a 10-visit pool pass.

2. Lifeguard/Concession Hires: Trustee Matchett said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to hire Benjamin Heppermann as a lifeguard and Jack Barlow for the concession stand, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan said the culvert by St. Joes was clogged and pretty rotted out. They have a locate called in and then will replace it.

2. Customer Issues: Village Administrator Matt Trout said they did start working in the drainage easement on Silverthorne Dr.

3. MFT: Public Works Director John Tolan was approved and Tim has the bid documents ready to go out for bid which is set for May 15th.

4. Request Village of Freeburg to Vacate Janus rive and Titan Drive: Village Administrator Matt Trout said we didn't know exactly where the pipes were that were stubbed out into the fields so Mr. Threlkeld paid someone to come out and camera the entire subdivision.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project Request #25-01: Trustee Matchett said this is the park grant for the mover.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept Project Request #25-01, St. Clair County Grant Purchase of Zero Turn Mower from Scott's Power in the amount of \$15,188.00, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

2. Resolution #25-06 Clean Uniform Service Agreement: Trustee Matchett said this was taken care of under Resolutions earlier on the agenda.

Trustee Matchett said we have the spring cleanup next week, April 24th, 25th, 26th.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, May 5, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.

Trustee Dana Miller – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Thanked Gene and the Public Works crew


Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Thanked Gene and the Public Works crew
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.
Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.
Public Works Director John Tolan - Bring your junk to the dumpsters.
Village Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – 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, April 21, 2025 at 7:53 p.m. and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk