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

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

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 Monday, April 7, 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 – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

Mayor Speiser stated minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 17, 2025 Unavailable.

EXHIBIT A:

Finance Committee Meeting: Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** None.

2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:**

Trustee Carpenter said, couple of 6-month CD's will be coming due soon.

3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Carpenter we should be at 95%-100%. Laura will run a last final on Monday. Overall, we did well with the general fund. As the full year closes, the swimming pool made a \$517 profit.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Carpenter stated his has the Treasurer's Reports.

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Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to accept the Treasure's Reports for 8/31/24; 9/30/24; 10/31/24; 11/30/24; 12/31/24; 1/31/25 & 2/28/25 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – absent; (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

5. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT: Trustee Carpenter stated that the water continues to rise.

We discussed the grocery taxes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.
2. Newsletter: Office manager Mary said the Newsletter should go out this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leaf Program: Trustee Carpenter said we discuss buying a new self-contained vehicle. The cheapest was \$261,000. We discussed finance options and possible grant money. Village Administrator Matt Trout will get the rate into ordinance form for the board meeting on April 7th.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated on his Monday, April 7, 2025 ESDA Report. Gene updated us on his ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A resident from Meadow Brook Estate came to discuss property of a resident in his neighborhood. He said she never cuts her grass until the village complains and this effects the whole neighborhood. He would like the village to get a step up on this. Mayor Speiser asked Zoning Administrator Tim Pruett to look into this.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

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. Tim announced there will be Combined Planning and Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #25-05 A Resolution Amending the Solid Waste Collection Fees.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #25-05 by title only, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – ay; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – absent; (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT F:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Dana Miller (Chairperson) reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:18p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Miller said, Village Administrator Matt Trout said we have combined board hearing on April 8th. Rezoning of the Vollmer lots in front of Timberwolf and Lone Oaks. Trustee Miller said Jeff Middendorf is looking to put a laundromat at 10 S. Alton and an individual is looking to put in a cell tower at 550 W. Philips St.

2. Development Updates: Trustee Miller said, the Coffee Pot got turned down so Tim has been working with her to find an alternative location. Tim gave us an update on the Murphy Project. Matt gave us an update on Scooters.

3. Despain Property: Trustee Miller said, nothing new.
4. FOIA Requests: Trustee Miller said, the FOIA Requests were reviewed by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) report on Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:27 p.m.. Trustee

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. K9 Program: Trustee Meehling stated Chief Mike Schutzenhofer and Village Administrator Matt Trout met with Officer Hunter Borger and discussed everything with him and he is on board. The question was asked do we have a choice of male or female dog. Chief Schutzenhofer responded we do have a choice. Training starts in June which gives us the flexibility of having the two SROs available.

2. SRO Contract: Village Administrator Matt Trout has been working on the contract. There are a couple of things he would like to clean up within the contract.

Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 88 calls since our last committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Deputy Clerk: Trustee Meehling said that we need to swear in Mary as Deputy Clerk. This should have been done when she was hired. This is if something would happen to Jerry, the Village Board could authorize Mary to fill the role in the Terim until someone is appointed, or if Jerry was unavailable, she could authorize Mary to fill the role temporarily.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling recommend Authorizing Village Clerk Jerry Menard to Swearing in of Mary Dowenn as Deputy Clerk. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – absent; (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

2. Lifeguard Hires: Trustee Meehling said Scott would like to have a minimum of 15 lifeguards. We currently have eight returning. As of now, we have four applications for lifeguards and two for the concession stand.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to hire Wyatt Hopfinger, Lilly Furtak, Luke Lysakowski, and Gage Lang be hired as lifeguards for the 2025 pool season and Emma Savage and Ashlynn Moreland be hired for the concession stand for the 2025 pool season and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – absent; (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

With these last two hires for lifeguard, we will still need to hire 3 more.

GENERAL CONERNS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 16 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 18, 2025

Board Meeting – Monday, April 21, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Speiser asked to have someone to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session for Personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(1)].

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:00 P.M.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2 – (c)(1)] **All voting aye, motion carried.**

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Regular Board meeting April 7th Reconvene at 8:23 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

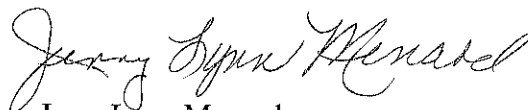
Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.
Trustee Dana Miller – No thank you.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – No thank you.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.
Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.
Public Works Director John Tolan - No thank you.
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 7, 2025 at 8:24 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. **All voting aye, the motion carried.**



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk