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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 16, 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, June 16, 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 Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – 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 June 2, 2025.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting June 2, 2025 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

### **EXHIBIT B:**

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his Monday, June 16, 2025 ESDA Report.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

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**EXHIBIT C:  
VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR JUNE 16, 2025.**

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.  
**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS:** None.  
**BIDS:** None.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #25-07 A Resolution for the Freeburg Park District to Sponsor a Homecoming Parade in the Village of Freeburg

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #25-07 by title only, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – 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.**

**ORDINANCES:** None.  
**OLD BUSINESS:** None.  
**NEW BUSINESS:** None.  
**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**EXHIBIT E:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

1. Customer Issues: None.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Village Administrator Matt Trout said the Park District is looking to redo all their lights on the baseball fields. Would the Board have any interest, if the Park District went through IMEA Program, to give some of the money to them for their lighting project. The board decided to wait until Public Works John Tolan is present.
3. Lineman Position(s): Village Administrator Matt Trout said the lineman positions was posted in the Freeburg Tribune for two weeks and close on Friday at 4:00 p.m. He also posted it on Indeed. We currently have 49 applicants, out of those, there is solid 15-18 applicants.

Village Administrator Matt Trout went over updates from Public Works John Tolan. They are working to get a new transformer for Dairy Queen. They completed a new service for the dam at Meadow Brook. They are working to get new security lights at the storage area on West Phillips street. Installed new service at 302 North Alton for new build. Public Works John Tolan and the three linemen completed the IMEA Fuel Report and monthly Generation Reports. Trustee Blaies said, this Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, is the yearly Urge testing.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Village Administrator Matt Trout said the copiers and printers are scheduled to be installed this Thursday. John is getting together with his crew and training them on how to do the reports.

**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, June 11, 2025 at 5:49 p.m.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Sewer Issues: None.
2. FSH Minutes: Village Administrator Matt Trout said they are looking at software to allow customers to pay their bills via debit/credit card. Also, they are pricing new master meters for communities that will be reading gallons per minute on the FSH telemetry
3. Water System Upgrades. : Trustee Kaiser said Village Engineer Tim Pruett said they had a meeting with TWM earlier this week. The intended funding list came out and we didn't make the list. We did not score well. In the meeting, they discussed other ways of funding and ways to improve our score for the next year.

Village Administrator Matt Trout gave an update from Public Works John Tolan. There was a water break last week on Urbanna Drive across from Freeburg Care Center. We had an IEPA inspection on the water system in late April. On May 30<sup>th</sup> we had waste water inspection by IEPA. While they were here, they performed their final inspection of the new plant. John is preparing the Consumer Confidence Report for publication in the Freeburg Tribune,

**NEW BUSINESS:** Village Administrator Matt Trout said Sargent Stan Ruhman had a resident reach out to him regarding another resident that had tampered with the water meter and believed he was going to issue a theft of service ticket. We have had issues in the past with this resident tampering with the electric meter.

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Village Administrator Matt Trout said, we did make the list but was too far down.

**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, June 11, 2025 at 6:01 p.m.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**POOL:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Matchett said, Village Administrator Matt Trout said the Pepsi machine went down and they will be out tomorrow to repair it. We had a minor save today during swim test and also an incident, overall, the swimmer was fine. They installed a new hose for the slide. They also checked and replaced some of grates.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Crew Leader Bob Jenkins said they have few work orders they are working on.

2. Customer Issues: None.

3. MFT: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we sent the formal paper work to IDOT and it came back approved. The contractors have been notified. Crew Leader Bob Jenkins said oil & chipping is schedule for August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

4. Leaf Machine : Trustee Matchett said he is waiting on Armor Equipment. He has citizens lined up. Trying to get it delivered next week. Matt did talk to them after the meeting. Matt said he is trying to work it out for Friday.

5. Request from the Gothic Masonic Lodge #852 for handicap parking sign: Trustee Matchett said he talked to the one in charge. They had their own reservations about the sign and blocking parking for others. They were in agreement on the temporary signs they can put out.

Matt said Tim was notified today that we got everything submitted for the park grand funding.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Appropriation Ordinance: Trustee Matchett said, Village Administrator Matt Trout said we will have a special meeting before the committee meetings on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> with a hearing as well to approve the appropriation ordinance.
2. Resolution #25-7 Freeburg Park District to Sponsor a Homecoming Parade in the Village of Freeburg : Trustee Matchett said this Resolution was taken care of earlier on the agenda under Resolutions.
3. Saturn Terrace: Trustee Matchett said residents were at the last board meeting. Village Administrator Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan and Village Engineer met a Saturn Terrace to formulate a plan. The streets crew have been sweeping out gutters and roads so we can see what we are dealing with. Next step with that, will be shooting elevations of different spots where there are problem areas.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Appropriation Hearing Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
- Special Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.
- Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – 5:50 p.m.
- Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
- Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – 6:15 p.m.
- CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY Meeting – Friday, July 4, 2025
- Board Meeting – Monday, July 7, 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** – No thank you.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – No thank you.

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – No thank you.

**Mayor Seth Speiser** –

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – absent

**Village Engineer Tim Pruett** – No thank you.

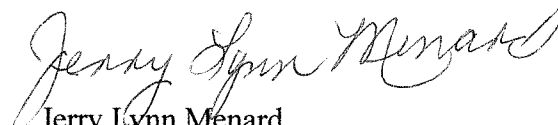
**Village Administrator Matt Trout** – He said he is waiting on two more checks

**Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer** – He said Officer Borger has left to go for training for the K9 dog.

**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer** –

**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, June 16, 2025 at 7:51 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk