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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 2, 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 2, 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 May 5, 2025.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting May 5, 2025 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting May 19, 2025.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting May 19, 2025 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT C:

FINANCE:

Finance Committee Meeting: Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Carpenter said, some expenses were questioned: Allegion Access Technologies; Village Hall front door repair; St. Clair County Treasurer; PD computer software; Metro-Ag, Inc.

2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Carpenter said we will have something at the next Finance meeting for the 2 due in July and 1 in August.

3. **INCOME STATEMENT:**

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

5. **FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:** Trustee Carpenter said Village Administrator Matt Trout highlighted a few items. Overall doing well other than the Insurance Stability Fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.

2. Newsletter: Office manager Mary said the Newsletter will go out in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Leaf Program: Trustee Carpenter said we discuss buying a new Leaf Machine truck. We received in writing what the rate would be from Citizens Bank. We would be placing \$65,000 down. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to Financing the 2025 Feightiner X-Treme Vac at Citizens Community Bank for \$212,479.16 at 5% for 3 years, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Trustee Carpenter said we also discussed the Appropriation which is due in June. It will be on the Street's agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT E:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his Monday, June 2, 2025 ESDA Report.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EXHIBIT B:
VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR JUNE 2, 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.
RESOLUTIONS: None.
ORDINANCES: None.
OLD BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS: None.
APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT G:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Dana Miller (Chairperson) reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 5:59 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Miller said, we've had 2 building permits and a large accessory building and fence. Village Engineer/Zoning Administrator Tim Pruett has sent out regarding nuisance properties and we have seen some progress.
2. Development Updates: Trustee Miller said, Village Engineer Tim Pruett talked to Scooter's today and they are ready to break ground. She said Tim has been working with Dairy Queen as they start the inside demolition. They had a positive meeting today with a possible buyer for Wiegmann.
4. FOIA Requests: Trustee Miller said, the FOIA Requests were reviewed by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: None.
GENERAL CONCERNS: None.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) report on Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m..

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. K9 Program: Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer stated the program starts at the end of June. He received communication from them and has passed it along to Officer Borger. The 2 officers will be able to fill in while he is out which will cut down on OT.

2. SRO Contract: Trustee Meehling said Village Administrator Matt Trout sent the contracts to both schools and is waiting on a response.

Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 124 calls since our last committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pay Increase of 2 ½ for Pool Managers and ESDA Coordinator: Trustee Meehling said that the water aerobics instructor has been great and would like to pay her for additional swimmers over 35 per class. Trustee Blaies asked about the concession agreement with the Freeburg Waves and Village Administrator Matt Trout responded that is done toward the end of the season.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend 2 ½ Increase for Pool Managers and ESDA Coordinator and \$1.00 per person over 35 per class for the Aqua Fitness Instructor and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded motion **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, ; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

GENERAL CONCERNS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting CANCELLED - Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, June 16, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – She thanked Matt everyone who help with the golf tournament. It was another year of success.

Trustee Dana Miller – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – *He would also like to thank everyone who participate in making the golf tournament such a great success.*

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Thank to Matt and Mike for all of their work they put in to the golf tournament and everyone else who help.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Thanks to Matt and Mike for a great golf tournament.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – Don't forget we have our Chamber BQ next Monday. Please let him no by Thursday, so they can get a head count.

Chief of Police Mike Schützenhofer – He thanked the board for letting them have the golf tournament. This golf tournament would not be the success that it has been without Matt. He put in many hours on this. He is the key to everything.

Village Administrator Matt Trout –

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 2, 2025 at 7:45 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk