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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023 @ 7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, July 17, 2023, 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 Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – 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 Monday, July 5, 2023 for approval.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 5, 2023, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned 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 was not present. Mayor Speiser said if you have any questions on Gene's ESDA Report call him.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet Baechle said she has two questions; 1. About the hiring of Tony Funderburg to be a Consultant to the Village of Freeburg. Mayor Speiser said this was discussed in Police/Personnel Committee meeting. 2. Questioned that we are going to recommend Matt be Retroactive to 5/1/23 which he really didn't do the job for a that month. Mayor Speiser said he was to be paid for training.

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**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EXHIBIT C:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR JULY 17, 2023:**

1. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have anything for the Zoning Administrator Matt Trout.

**EXHIBIT D:**

2. Mayor Speiser stated we will table Exhibit D Black Knights Drum & Bugle Corps Proclamation until next meeting.

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

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

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**EXHIBIT E:**

**ORDINANCE:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1767. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the Revised Code of Ordinance (Traffic Schedules – Lincoln Court).

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to adopt Ordinance #1767 by title only and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**EXHIBIT F/G:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 5:33 p.m.

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

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss had no issues to report.

2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee he has not received any new applications.

3. Cemetery Road Line Extension: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee supplies are rolling in for this extension,

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Storm Update: Head Lineman Shane Krauss summarized the June 30<sup>th</sup> storm where we lost our Ameren feed at 7:19 p.m. Our generators were fired up within 25 minutes. Shane received an emergency fuel load from FS in Red Bud, 6 loads between 4 – 6,000 gallons. Interim Village Administrator said we received a call from Representative Schmidt's office with contact information at the state level to include us in the disaster. He also participated on a call last week with IEMA, and they are trying to get \$440,000 to St. Clair County. We will submit our estimate to them.

2. Project Request #23-08: Stock Pole Order: Trustee Blaies said we have a request form Head Lineman Shane Krauss. He said with the storm we need to replenish our stock. At this time, he would like to make a motion on the lowest bid.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to recommend of Project Request #23-08, on Stock Pole Purchase from Thomas and Co. for low bid of \$12,664.00 and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

#### **EXHIBIT H/I**

**Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer)** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 5:50 p.m.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser stated Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee there is a lot going on right now. They sent the flow to the new plant last Thursday, and we will be discharging to the creek for the first time. We have had quite the time when they hit our lines from the existing plant and lost power, water and sewer at our lab. John said we about 70% complete. The new plant is online an we have been logging everything. We are going to push the punch-list back because we aren't ready for that yet.

Interim Village Administrator Matt Trout had a conversation with IEPA about signing documents, and they said they don't need anything changed for him to be the signatory. Attorney Fred Keck feels we should document this and asked for a motion for Matt to sign any and all IEPA wastewater project documents.

2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported no issue. With regards to the storm, Buddy and Eric were out checking lift stations continually throughout the evening. They also worked with manning generation during the storm. John thanks all of the public works employees for the great job they did. He also thanked the Mayor and Matt for their time.

3. FSH Minutes: Public Works Director John Tolan said our crew installed a hydrant on the FSH line. Our goal is to get everyone off our line and onto the FSH line. This will provide better fire protection our there.

4. Water System Study- TWM Invoices #79806 in the amount of \$2,000 and Invoice #79807 in the amount of \$2,500: Trustee Kaiser stated he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay TWM Invoice #79086 in the amount of \$2,000, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay TWM Invoice #79807 in the amount of \$2,500, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

5. Elevated Storage Tank Cleaning: Trustee Kaiser said the proposal has been submitted, and we are waiting for it to be scheduled.

Trustee Kaiser said with no quorum for the Public Property committee, items from that meeting will be discussed here. Matt advised the committee reclassification request for Wolf Road was denied and Oates & Associates is fighting that decision.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Amber Duvall Request for Sewer Credit: Trustee Kaiser advised the committee that Ms. Duval used 65,000 gallons over her average consumption. She does not know where the problem came from. We reread the meter, and it was not spinning and provide an accurate reading. She is asking for credit and has paid for her bill with her average water and sewer consumption. Jane figured her sewer credit to be \$372.54 and her water credit to be \$259.54 based on the cost of water. The committee agreed to a one-time credit, for both water and sewer to be paid over three months.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned for Matt Trout as the Signatory for any and all IEPA Wastewater Project Paperwork, and Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion.*

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

Mayor Speiser asked Chief Schutzenhofer to look into putting a stop sign or a yield sign at Country Mart. It seems like residents do not pay attention leaving there on the corner and it an accident waiting to happen. He asked the chief please bring information back to the Street committee.

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser. reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 there was no quorum.

Trustee Kaiser stated we amend the agenda to move to Public Property Committee to New Business.

## NEW BUSINESSW:

1. IML: “Trustee Kaiser said Interim Village Administrator Matt Trout said Trustee Tom Carpenter would like to attend this year’s IML Conference. We have budgeted for 7 but would like to keep the number at a maximum of 6.

2. Freeburg Elementary School request to Install Permanent Stop Sign on Lincoln Court: Trustee Kaiser said we took care of this under Ordinance.

3. Kids for Christ Request to Use Village Park and Street Closure: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee this is for their annual Vacation Bible School. Our employees have cleaned the park. We will close off S. Monroe between High and W. White on Friday’s between 9:00 a. m. – 5:00 p.m. We will provide the barricade. The committee was in agreement with the request.

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4. Homecoming: Trustee Kaiser stated the village board would like to have a float in the parade and we were asked to work the beer stand on Friday night.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 7, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Trustee Tom Carpenter** – No thank you.

**Trustee Elizabeth Meehling** – No thank you.

**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – 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:**

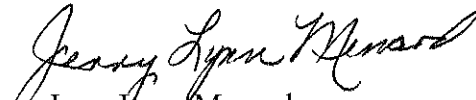
**Public Works Director John Tolan** – No thank you.

**Interim Administrator Matt Trout** –

**Chief of Police 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 Wednesday, July 17, 2023 at 7:43 p.m. and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk