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VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 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, July 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 Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 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 7, 2025.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 7, 2025 and Trustee Dana Miller 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, July 21, 2025 ESDA Report and much more.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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EXHIBIT C:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR JULY 21, 2025.

Mayor Speiser called on Village Engineer Tim Pruett. Mayor Speiser said does anyone have any questions for Tim. Hearing none we will move on to Resolutions.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #25-13. A Resolution for the Freeburg Waves Agreement.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #25-13 by title only, 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 Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #25-14. A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highway by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #25-14 by title only, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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EXHIBIT F:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan said we have had several large limbs fall causing outages.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan said IMEA and IMUA are getting a federal grant for mutual aid. There will be a yard in Springfield with poles and transformers. They will also have an easement machine that will fit in the back yards. In order to have this, all communities will have to track outages. John said there are three programs and went over how it would work.
3. Lineman Position(s): Trustee Blaies said one of the linemen has receded his acceptance. We discussed and we do have one we would like to recommend.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to hiring Nolan Toennis as an apprentice lineman, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: Public Works Director John Tolan gave some updates. Working with the contracting at Dairy Queen, once they have poured the pad we will set the transformer. Almost complete at Professional Metal Works. John said he updated the accounts with the alarms to add Matt. We had generation on the 15th and it went very well. We did Urge testing on June 18th. They are working through the sem-annual reports due for IEPA Air Emissions. John said he spoke with Gene Kramer regarding the old sirens they took down. Since they have no use for them, they will try to surplus them.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned declaring the old warning sirens as surplus property, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

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, July 16, 2025 at 5:49 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer Issues: Public Works John Tolan said we have had another round of water main breaks on HWY 15. He discussed the plan to get the rest of the residents switched over.
2. FSH Minutes: Public Works John Tolan said the Smithton representative resigned last month.
3. Water System Upgrades. : Trustee Kaiser said Village Engineer Tim Pruett is working with TWM to get the set of plans for the water tower so he and John can review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Water Sewer Adjustment Considerations: Village Administrator Matt Trout said Jane came to him as we are getting inundated with these credits. We discussed setting some parameters and limitations. Matt said he, Jane and John would put something together and bring to legal and ordinance.

Public Works Director John Tolan said we completed our lead and copper sampling of 40 sites. He discussed the results and requirements. He also said we are now required to test schools and daycares every 2 years.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H :

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, July 16, 2025 at 6:01 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

POOL:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution #25-13 Memorandum of Understanding with Freeburg Waves:

Trustee Matchett said, we covered this under Resolutions earlier on the agenda.

Public Works Director John Tolan said they had a sewer clog in the bathhouse at the pool. No update on this.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: None.
2. Customer Issues: None.
3. MFT: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said he put together the expenditure statement. He explained the process and said we need to do a supplemental resolution. Which we did earlier on the agenda.
4. Request Village of Freeburg to Vacate Janus rive and Titan Drive : Trustee Matchett said there is nothing new at this time.
5. Saturn Terrace: Trustee Matchett nothing new at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fire Department Auxiliary Water Day/BBQ August 3rd: Trustee Matchett said they asked for closure of S. Main St. at West High St. and West St. Clair St. The committee approved.
2. Update on Stolen Equipment: Public Works Director John Tolan said we got the truck re-keyed since the key wasn't with it. He said Bob Jenkins received quotes for the equipment.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to purchase 2 mowers, 2 blows and 2 trimmers equipment from Hartman Turf & Tractor, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Public Works Director John Tolan said he has been to a couple OSHA classes/meeting and learned they offer a free consultation. They come in and do an inspection, you don't get any fines or violations.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 30, 2025 – 5:50 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 30, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 30, 2025 – 6:15 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, August 4, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter –

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – absent.

Trustee Dana Miller – Welcome.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Welcome Nolan.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Welcome Nolan.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Welcome Nolan.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Welcome Nolan.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – Welcome Nolan.

Public Works Director John Tolan – Welcome Nolan.


Village Administrator Matt Trout – Welcome Nolan. He would like us to thank the pool managers. They have had a rough summer with the weather and unruly adults.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Welcome Nolan and get ready to work.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Welcome Nolan.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Seth Speiser called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, July 21, 2025 at 7:57 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk