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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022 @ 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, August 15, 2022, 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 Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – 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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AUGUST 1, 2022 BOARD MEETING UNAVAILABLE

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT A:

ESDA REPORT Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer Gene updated us on his August 1, 2022 ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT B:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 15, 2022:

1. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout reminded us that we will be in the beer stand Friday night from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. for the home coming and the parade will be Saturday everyone should be there by 4:30 p.m. who is riding on the float by O'Riley's.

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Matt said everyone should have a copy of the Golf Outing in front of them. It is mostly completed just have one more expense coming out of the total. He had window stickers printed saying thank you to all who helped sponsored the golf outing. Matt stated it looks like we will make a little over \$19,500.00. Matt said they did start digging the slug holding tank this morning.

Mayor Speiser thanked Matt for doing a great job with the Golf Outing.

EXHIBIT C:

2. Mayor Speiser said for the Proclamation Girls' Softball Team, he and Matt join in yesterday at the ball diamonds and presented the Proclamation.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-14 A Resolution in Support of St. Clair County Parks Grant Funding Cycle #28.

Trustee Denise Albers motion to adopt Resolution #22-14 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-15 A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Freeburg to Enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with Freeburg Community consolidated School District #70 for a School Resource Officer Program.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to adopt Resolution #22-15 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT F:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-16 A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Freeburg to Enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with Freeburg Community consolidated School District #70 for Police Coverage of After School Events.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to adopt Resolution #22-16 by title only, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT G:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-17 A Resolution Amending the Solid Waste Collection Fees (2022)

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motion to adopt Resolution #22-17 by title only, 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT H:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1747 An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #1742 and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and the Village Board to Enter into a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to adopt Ordinance #1747 by title only, and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

EXHIBIT I:

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser stated we have the Citizens Bank Bid of #105,268.86 for a CD at 3% for 47 months. Could he have a motion.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to accept Citizens Bank Bid of a \$105,268.86 CD at 3% for 47 months and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT J/K/L

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported no outages since last meeting. We had a few tree-related incidences that were resolved where everyone stayed on power. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee for our in-town residents that would like to switch over to our power from Ameren, we can do that as long as we don't need any of Ameren's infrastructure, and Attorney Keck agreed with him.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing new to report.
3. Generator Upgrades: Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee he and Shane talked to Chuck, who advised us he waiting on one part. Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan advised us we will notify IMEA this week with our 45-day notice that we will be off peak starting September 14th. Chuck is hoping to start on October 1st and complete the upgrades within two weeks. Trustee Blaies said we have an invoice from BHM&G, and at this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to pay BHM&G invoice #S02185-100 in the amount of 19,951.45, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***
4. Clearwave Fiber: Trustee Blaies said we are dealing with some repair issues for utilities hit during the work on State Street. Attorney Keck stated other cities are asking for the same thing as us and would not agree to them working in their cities at no cost. He believes they are going to towns who will let them do what they want.
5. Review of Fees Charged: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee the proposed code revisions will include some additional changes that Head Lineman Shane Krauss provided. He stated our entire code needs a review and rewrite and suggested a subcommittee or hiring someone.
6. Woods Manor/Country Mart Pharmacy Streets Lights: Head Lineman Shane set two wood poles with 100W streetlights to help with the lighting. We will see how well they work out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project #22-06 transformer Purchase to Replenish Stock: Head Lineman Shane state he had his first scare with supply issues. He is using his last 167KVA transformer for a new business in town and don't have anymore. Trustee Blaies said he would like to make a motion at this time.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to purchase of two 167KVA transformers at a cost of \$15,990.00, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg has been contracted by a solar company who called him advising the high school may be liking to install solar. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg is going to review this with Head Lineman Shane Krauss and Public Works Director John Tolan to see if we are willing to go above 10kw. Public Works Director John Tolan said in discussions with IMEA, they are willing to do this when schools are involved. Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated there was an incident when exercising units 8 and 9 last month. He had a contractor come out and work on them, they are up and running.

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser stated we have a request from Haier Plumbing & Contracting.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to the approval of Haier Plumbing & Contracting Pay Request #11 in the amount of \$556,022.56, 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Kaiser said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised the committee the last section of aeration basin #1 was poured today, and 4 out 5 concrete work is complete. They started installing the clarifier mechanisms, and the influent building is blocked and under roof. We met this afternoon and reviewed the Scada System process and how it works. Attorney Keck compliment Village Administrator Tony Funderburg on the 2nd quarter report that was submitted to EPA. We haven't heard of any issue with it.

2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan said they will use Mascoutah's mutual aid to clean out some troubled areas in the past and also take care of some culverts.

3. FSH Minutes: Public Works Director John Tolan reported FSH/SLM is switching over to free residuals. Since the EPA wants a more extensive public notice, we initiated a call on our emergency call system on Monday, and we also placed it on our website. Public Works Director John Tolan also provide information to be published in the Tribune.

4. Water System Study – TWM Invoice #75025 in the amount of \$9,956.25: Trustee Kaiser said we have a TWM Invoice #75025 in the amount of \$9,956.25. Public Works Director John Tolan would like to look into the work that was done and asked the we table this invoice for right now.

5. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple – Volkert Invoice #50727 in the amount of \$1,094.00: Trustee Kaiser stated he has an invoice from Volkert. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to the approval of Volkert Invoice #50727 in the amount of \$1,094.00, 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

Public Works Director John Tolan reported a couple issues on the excess flow clarifier, and expressed his concerns at the last progress meeting. They seem to have forgotten about it. He is waiting for them to come back on how to get a trigger sensing valve when there is high water.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Volkert Invoice #807095 in the amount of \$1,750.00 for the NPDES Permit Renewal Application for the East Wastewater Treatment Facility: Trustee Kaiser stated he has an Volkert Invoice.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Volkert Invoice #807095 in the amount of \$1,750.00, and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

2. Solid Waste Collection Fee Increase: Trustee Kaiser stated we took care of this earlier on the agenda under Resolutions.

Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee with the disinfection, we will be flushing hydrants and testing shortly.

EXHIBIT :

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

Trustee Denise Albers reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Albers said Public Works Director John Tolan reported a few issues the last couple weeks with the filter pump and chlorinator at the baby pool. The filter is about 10 years old, and he is going to consult with some people about sucking the sand out and redoing the filter. The main pool filters are fine. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout commented the Rotary Club assembled and installed the pool lockers.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution #22-14 A Resolution in Support of the St. Clair County Parks Grant Funding Cycle #28: Trustee Albers said we discussed this issue, and this was taken care of earlier on the agenda under Resolutions.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan stated our crew worked on the east side of town, and the problem areas did really good with the recent rains.

2. Customer Issues: Trustee Albers said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee St. Joe's called about a sidewalk they want repaired before their picnic. Public Works Director John Tolan has place cones and painted the area to keep people aware of the problem area.

3. MFT-TWM Invoice #74169 in the amount of \$961.25 for 2022 MFT: Trustee Albers said we received an Invoice from TWM. At this time, she would like to make a motion to pay TWM Invoice.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to pay TWM Invoice #74169 in the amount of \$961.25 for 2022 MFT and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

4. Wolf Road Project: Trustee Albers stated Oates is waiting for school to start to put the traffic counter out.

Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee Gregg Blomenkamp will be replacing a 48” culvert on S. Potter. We sent a sketch of the accident area on State and Peabody where we would like to replace the damaged guardrail. IDOT won’t let us put one there because it does not fit their policy. IDOT also wanted us to do something with the vault at the SAVE Site which is 4 inches too high. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said projects are being stopped because they don’t fit with a certain person’s policy. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said average project costs have increased 30% because of the one person there we are dealing with. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated he and a group of people are going to meet with IDOT about this issue.

NEW BUSINESSW: Trustee Albers said with regard to Homecoming, the Park District purchased a lot to use for parking. They requested a culvert be installed, and Public Works Director John Tolan confirmed that was done. They would like to use the area at E. Emily and S. Vine as an exit from the park, and the entrance will be located at the end of S. Pitts. Public Works Director John Tolan stated he will take the culvert out after homecoming.

Trustee Albers said we took care of this under Resolutions.

Trustee Albers the grade school is planning to use the road being the primary center for student drop-offs and pickups and assign each student a number that will be called when that car shows up. The car will have a tag in the window. We have suggested other areas for the school to create new parking lots, and they are not interested in those suggestions.

Trustee Albers said Knights of Columbus would like to operate their annual donation collection Saturday, September 17th from 10:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the committee agreed with their request. We also received a request from St. Joe’s for their annual 5K run. The board had previously determined that it was not feasible to close all of the streets for run requests, and directed any requests be sent to the Freeburg Park District since they have the trails available to accommodate a run.

We held an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate.

Trustee Albers said discussed in hiring two new police officers. At this time, she would like to make a motion.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to hire Brittney Newport and Hunter Borger as full-time police officers, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling second the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 24, – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 24, 2022 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 24, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY, Monday, September 5, 2022
Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 6, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – Congratulations to the Girl' Softball Team, and thanks to everyone who be helping with the homecoming.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Same as Denise. She would also like to thank everyone who came out and Supported the Police Golf Outing.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Same here.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Same here.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – He would like to thank Matt for everything he did for the Golf Outing and the people who helped out. They had a great turn out. Also, Gene who did a good job on the weather report.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Same here.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same here.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – Same here.

Public Works Director John Tolan – Same here.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – Matt said he would like to thank everyone who help out at the Golf Outing and all of our sponsors. Country Mart Pharmacy did open today. Stop by and take a look, and they are going to have a ribbon cutting in a few weeks.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer –

Treasurer Bryan Vogel – Bryan said the CDs that came due we moved them to a money market account. He thinks with the interest rates going up now we should make a move and put the money back into CD's. He will have numbers for us at the Finance meeting.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Everyone cross your fingers for this week-end for the homecoming.

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

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, August 15, 2022 at 7:58 p.m. and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk