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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020 @ 7:30 P.M.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, August 17, 2020, in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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 Denise Albers – 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 from the previous Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 3, 2020 for approval.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 3, 2020, and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Seth Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer updated us on his ESDA Report for August 17, 2020.

1 Mayor Speiser asked ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer to read the ESDA Coordinator Letter of Commendation for Julie Polson. ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer read the letter of commendation. Mayor Speiser said he would also like to thank ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer and Public Works Director John Tolan for all of their work and time that they have put into the COVID-19.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mayor Speiser asked for any Public Participation.

1. Janet Baechle asked shouldn't we have some kind of recommendation for her time she put into this. Mayor Speiser said Julie is doing a fine job, but we have many who are helping out with COVID-19, which he just mentioned the names right after Genes read the letter of commendation.
2. Frank Srogus took the floor to discuss a manhole issue.
3. Gene Crowe also spoke about the manhole issue.

There was a discussion on the issue, but nothing was resolved at the meeting.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR JULY 20, 2020:

1. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said the only thing he has the camper has moved off Barber Lane they plan to start construction on the home at the end of the month. Meadow Pines has begun work on the detention pond.

EXHIBIT E:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

1. Mayor Speiser said we have the Combined Planning and Zoning Board Recommendation for Jeff Levy Special Use Permit and Sean McPeak Area Bulk Variance Request. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said these are not recommendations these are a decisions that was made final by the Combined Planning and Zoning Board.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said he met with the Insurance Company. This was just to start looking at the future and things are not looking good for lower rates.

NEW BUSINESS: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg wanted to let everyone know he brought back the part-time people due to the storms with all the limbs that went down. The reason we brought back the part-time people, we did not have the man power to get it done.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT F:

Electric Committee Meeting:

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported on a couple outage issues we had. Head Lineman Shane Krauss was able to get the power back on quickly.
2. North Substation Cat Work/PLC Unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement: Trustee Blaies said the Cat Work has been completed. Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss has a quote from ISO, and is working with BHMG on other companies to quote it and to see if we are interested in changing brands.
3. Unit #6 Circuit Breaker Repair: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported they were installing the breaker on Unit #6, when they discover problem. We had two companies come in, one for the engine and one for the generator. The generator side electrical side of the engine took the damage, and they feel it was repairable. The approximate cost is \$48,400 to repair it. At this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to repair Unit #6 Generator, Decatur Industrial Electric Quote in the amount of \$48,491.00 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Apprentice Linemen Step Increase: Trustee Blaies stated Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported our apprentices are ready for journeyman lineman.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to recommend the following employees be promoted to journeyman lineman Matt Amann effective 8/6/20, Max Sallmen effective 8/23/20 and Andy Tolan effective 8/29/20 at \$32.55 per hour 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 Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. Edison Estates Purchase of Infrastructure: Trustee Blaies said we have approximately \$35,000 in transformers that need to be ordered soon since they take about 10 weeks to get in. These are for the subdivision and we will be reimbursed. Head Lineman Shane Krauss will bill the transformers after they are installed to the developer.

3. Bond Refinance: Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg has been watching the rates for a while. We have: swimming pool bond with interest rates that range from 4.25% -5.25%; the electric bond with rates that range from 2.2% - 2.85% and the TIF bond with rates that range from 3.05% - 3.3%. If we combine the bonds and refinance, we would end up with 1.35% and save \$109,033.98. This would not extend any time on the loans and everything would be paid off by 2026. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg will bring back an official proposal.

GENERAL CONCERNS: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated at the meeting we are going to miss out on \$9,929 in late fees that we will never recover. We have 30 residents that owe bills, out of that number, 20 are renters. To date, we are owed \$33,626. We will place liens on the properties if we are unable to collect the fees.

EXHIBIT H:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer)

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7:38 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Sewer Plant: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee due to COVID, all the people working on the sewer plant project have to be from Illinois. Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg would like to hold a Committee As A Whole meeting to discuss the project on August 31st. at 5:30 p.m. Public Works Director John Tolan said he and Gregg are working through the design with Burns & McDonnell.

2. Sewer issues: Trustee Kaiser stated Public Works Director John Tolan said it hasn't been too bad with all of the rain we've had. We did not have any sanitary sewer overflows.

3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan met with Illinois American reviewing the emergency interconnect procedure. We have been flushing interconnect by the Weingarten. Incorporated into our agreement with FSH is pre-annexation agreements with people outside of town. Trustee Kaiser stated Public Works Director John Tolan said we had one come about on Press Road. FSH is working to get that resident to sign a pre-annexation agreement.

4. Old Freeburg Road Water Lines: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan has received the easement agreement from TWM, so he will drop off a copy to the Zimmermans. Public Works Director John Tolan said he would like the signed easement before we move forward.

5. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan contacted Todd Peak to review this project to repair the manhole going south by the car wash, and line the entire area. Public Works Director John Tolan wants to replace the old brick manhole on East Apple Street remove the manhole behind the car wash.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported the THM samples have been sent off. The results came back very good for the corrosive testing. SLM is switching to free chlorine residuals on August 17th. Spring clean-up went very smoothly.

EXHIBIT I:

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

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. (Chairperson) reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7:38 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said we couldn't keep the pool opened with no managers available for the last week. We will offer refunds on the unused passes or give out a voucher for next year. We received many comments from people who were very appreciative of what this board did to get the pool opened. Our managers and lifeguards stepped up as well. Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee that the storm threw stuff everywhere. We had chairs in the pool and one of the umbrellas was ripped.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. East Apple St. Proposed Repair: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan asked if we are going to look for an engineer on this project. Trustee Matchett said Mayor Speiser said we are not going to do anything until after the beginning of the year, than we will look at it again. When the COVID situation improves, we can then make a decision on looking at engineering firms.
2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said in a lot of the problem areas, the water drains pretty quickly. Public Works Director John Tolan had the guys out during the rain and cleaned out four problem areas. They did a very good job at that.

3. **MFT:** Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee last year's MFT was closed out and the paperwork has been sent IDOT.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan had part-time crew out picking up limbs from the storm. Public Works Director John Tolan plans on another round of limb pickup. We will resume with our patching work in preparation for oiling and chipping. Trustee Matchett said we would like to recognize the lady that volunteered to manage the traffic during the COVID -19 testing here in Freeburg. She did an amazing job with keeping everything running smoothly. We will try and recognize her at our next board meeting. People were calling here for their results, and we redirected the calls to the County.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning/Zoning Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 25, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 26, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 26, 2020 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 26, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Committee As A Whole Meeting – Tuesday, August 31, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY – Monday, September 7, 2020
Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.
Combined Planning/Zoning Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – No thank you.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – He would like to thank John and public works with all of the electric problems and get the electric up so quickly and Gene for everything he did on keeping us updated on the storms.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.

Mayor Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.

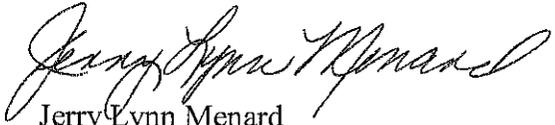
Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer –

Police Chief Michael (Mike) Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

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

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, August 17, 2020 at 8:13 p.m. and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk