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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 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, August 18, 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Dana Miller – 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 21, 2025.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 21, 2025 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 4, 2025.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 4, 2025 and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

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EXHIBIT C:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his Monday, August 18, 2025 ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR AUGUST 18, 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1802 An Ordinance Amending the Chapter 38 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg,

Trustee Robert (Bob) motioned to adopt Ordinance #1802 by title only, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Tom Carpenter – nay; (5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Village Administrator Matt Trout stated that K9 Officer Hunter Borger want to the State of Illinois to have K9 Robi certified. Robi is now a certified K9 Dog for the State of Illinois.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT F:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan stated we had an outage at SAVE site from a blow fuse. He also stated we had a few unique issues and talked about them, and they all have been taken care of. There was an Ameren outage and we had to generate for a few hours.

Trustee Blaies said John explained that Ameren has a broken crossarm on Cherry Tree Lane which feed to the South Sub. When the repair is schedule, Ameren will need to kill our feed and we will need to generate.

2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS: Public Works Director John Tolan stated the deadline to renew the contract with IMEA is August 19th. He talked about a few of the communities that have not yet signed.

John said he had Urge testing and everything was successful. We received the capacity results from IMEA. We were able to generate our oldest unit higher than the previous year and everything else was basically the same as last year so we will be receiving \$23,000 a month for having the generators ready to go. A resident is looking to put in an EV charging station. The bucket controller on the bucket truck is not working properly and needs to be replaced. We submitted the semi-annual reports to IMEA.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 5:49 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer Issues: None.
2. FSH Minutes: Nothing to report.
3. Water Sewer Adjustment Considerations: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said they are working with TWM on the design of the water tower at SAVE site and as part of that we need to build a chem feed building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Director John Tolan gave some updates. He talked about exercising some valves on the old line along Rte. 15. With the Assets Management, IEPA did a water and sewer inspection and they both went well. They replaced a broken hydrant on Wolf Road.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H :

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

Trustee Matchett reported on reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 6:01 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

POOL:

NEW BUSINESS: The pool is close for the year.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: None.
2. Customer Issues: None.
3. MFT: Crew Leader Bob Jenkins said they have started oil and chipping.
4. Saturn Terrace: Trustee Matchett nothing new at this time.
2. Update on stolen equipment: Village Administrator Matt Trout said w have everything submitted to the insurance company and went through the settlement letter we received.

NEW BUSINESS: Crew Leader Bob Jenkins said they painted the crosswalk at the grade school and replaced the batteries and the lights for the sign. He said they will start prepping for Homing.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 27, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 27, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 27, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
CLOSED IN OBSERVACNE OF LABOR DAY Monday, September 1, 2025
Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – He thanked everyone for their help during the homecoming.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Thanks to everyone who help plan the homecoming and worked at to make it successful.

Trustee Dana Miller – She would like to thank everyone who help in the heat to make the homecoming a success.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Thank to everyone who help get the homecoming all together.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – He would like to Thank to Matt and Chief and police department working in the heat . They did a great job. Congratulations to Hunter on getting Robi certified.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – He would like to thank John and his crew for getting everything ready for the homecoming and the police officers who work the park.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – He would like to thank everyone who help with the homecoming.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.


Village Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – 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 Monday, August 18, 2025 at 7:42 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk