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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 @ 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, P.C.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, September 16, 2019, in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

**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 Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – 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 Tuesday, September 16, 2019, for approval.

*Trustee Elizabeth Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, September 3, 2019 and Trustee Denise Albers 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 on the following:

1. September 3, 2019, Outside Tornado Siren Testing.
2. September 3, 2019, All ESDA Interoperable Communications conducted.
3. Trouble shooting St. Joseph School's VHF radio.
4. September 8, 2019, National Weather Service issues a Special Weather Statement.

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5. Completed Sierra Wireless Webinar concerning “Helping First Responders Cut Through the 5G Communications Hype”.

6. Received Certificate of Completion from the FEMA/Cusec Webinar.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EXHIBIT C:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

1. Zoning Administrator Report: Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions on the Zoning Report.

**EXHIBIT D:**

1. Proclamation: Mayor Speiser read the Proclamation for the Village of Freeburg to be recognized as a Purple Heart Village.

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

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

**EXHIBIT E:**

**BIDS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have HJ Gasser Power Plant Roof Bid in the amount of \$37,375

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept HJ Gasser Power Plant Roof Bid in the amount of \$37,375 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**EXHIBIT F:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:**

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies called the meeting of Electric Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised there were no issues.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said nothing new on this.
3. Power Plant Roof: Trustee Blaies said we discussed the power plant roof bid. We took care of this under Bids tonight on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Apprentice Lineman Applications: Trustee Blaies said we received one internal application, and we would still like to go out for applications to the public in the newspaper.
2. Max Sallman Step 4 Increase & Andy Tolan Step 4 Increase: Trustee Blaies said Max Sallman & Andy Tolan have met the requirements for their Step 4 increase. Trustee Blaies said he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to recommend Max Sallman receive his Step 4 increase of \$30.53 per hour effective August 23, 2019 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to recommend Andy Tolan receive his Step 4 increase of \$30.53 per hour effective August 29, 2019 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

3. Boring Machine: Trustee Blaies said we discussed the boring machine options. Head Lineman Shane Krauss provided three quotes for a boring machine. Ditch Witch quoted both a new and demoed unit. We also traded in their current machine rather than try to sell it at auction. We went with the new Ditch Witch, so at this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to recommend the purchase of a new Ditch Witch Model JT20B Directional Drill at a cost of \$172,960 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, motion carried.*

Trustee Blaies said Office Manger Julie Polson provided a brief update of the outstanding claims not covered by our insurance company. Trustee Blaies stated there have been 4 since April and all monies have been recouped from them.

Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss has a lot of old wire on aging wood spools that he can't use. He would like to take it in for salvage.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:**

**EXHIBIT H:**

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser called the meeting of the Water/Sewer Committee to order at 5:49 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New Sewer Plant: Trustee Kaiser stated Public Works Director John Tolan said Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp visited the Belleville treatment plant to look at the effluent filters. Burns and McDonnell will be attending the WEFTEC Conference in Chicago where they will be able to see all the different types of equipment for the new plant.
2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Gregg Blomenkamp reported a resident had a leak that flooded their basement. Trustee Kaiser said they shut their meter off for them. Trustee Kaiser said Trevor is flushing hydrants this month.
3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp said we are still dealing with dirty water from SLM, and we had issues before the flushing started.
4. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan submitted his response to the IEPA detailing the situation we have with our water provider, along with his conversations and meeting with the Environmental Resource Training Center staff.

Trustee Kaiser said the August samples came back good. Trustee Kaiser stated Attorney Fred Keck will get together with Public Works Director John Tolan to note our concerns and provide them to SLM's attorney.

Trustee Kaiser said Trustee Albers inquired about Wiegmann's discharge, and Public Works Director John Tolan said the levels have been low the last 2 months.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** Trustee Kaiser said Water/Sewer Department Leader Gregg Blomenkamp advised the committee a new water service will be installed at 107/109 S. Richland on Thursday. We had a water main break on W. Apple in front of Wiegmanns. This was a good working experience for Trevor. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg would like for Public Works Director John Tolan to take an SLM board position.

**EXHIBIT M:**

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

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 6:34 p.m.

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

**POOL: OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan the pool is being winterized this week. The umbrellas are down and the cover has been installed. Trustee Matchett said the frog spray feature will be taken to Freeburg Auto Body for a paint job.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Drainage Problem Areas Hill Mine Road/Stormwater Run-off: Trustee Matchett stated Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we are going to replace the culvert underneath Old Fayetteville Road by the park next week. John also stated Gregg Blomenkamp, Sr. will dig out the area, and our Public Works Department will install the culvert. Trustee Matchett said we are also going to work on extending a culvert at 108 Westview Street and replace a culvert on North Monroe Street.

2. MFT 2019-2020/Belleville Street in front of Post Office Repair: Trustee Matchett said street oiling is complete and it went very well. Trustee Matchett said Fournie is working on the sidewalks on Belleville Street, and they did a nice job. We be cutting grass in that area. Trustee Matchett stated Byrnes & Jones completed the gutter replacement on White Street and replaced a small section of asphalt that was too high. Trustee Matchett said the Meadowbrook overlay project has been pushed back one week by Gleason. They will now be starting that project on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

3. POW-MIA City Designation: Trustee Matchett said we took care of this under Proclamation on the agenda tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Fall Festival street closures : Trustee Matchett said the committee was fine with the street closures for the Fall Festival; West White Street, South Monroe and West High on September 28, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and South Belleville from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on September 28, 2019.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.  
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 25, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 25, 2019 – 5:45 p.m.  
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 25, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, October 7, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – No thank you.  
**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** No thank you.  
**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – Congratulations to the Purple Heart.  
**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – Congratulations to the Purple Heart.  
**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – Congratulations to the Purple Heart.  
**Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling** – Congratulations to the Purple Heart.  
**Trustee Denise Albers** – Congratulations to the Purple Heart.

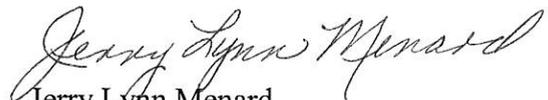
**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer-** Congratulations to the Purple Heart.  
**Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – Matt said the Chili – Cook – Off is just a week in a half away. We need volunteers to work the beer stand from 1:30 to 4:30.  
**Public Works Director John Tolan** – John said gave us an update on the EPA, and on a couple of other things.

**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, September 16, 2019 at 7:50 p.m. and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk