

VILLAGE PRESIDENT  
Seth Speiser

VILLAGE CLERK  
Jerry Menard

VILLAGE TRUSTEES  
Mike Blaies  
Ray Matchett, Jr.  
Lisa Meehling  
Denise Albers  
Michael Heap  
Bob Kaiser

VILLAGE TREASURER  
Bryan A. Vogel

# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

FREEBURG MUNICIPAL CENTER  
14 SOUTHGATE CENTER, FREEBURG, IL 62243  
PHONE: (618) 539-5545 • FAX: (618) 539-5590  
Web Site: www.freeburg.com

Committee as a Whole Meeting  
Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:00 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  
William A. Keck Brown, P.C.

The Committee as a Whole meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, March 2, 2020, by Mayor Seth Speiser. Those in attendance were Mayor Seth Speiser, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Treasurer Bryan Vogel (7:03 p.m.), Public Works Director John Tolan (absent), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout (absent), Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle (7:02 p.m.).

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Approval of September 11 2019 Minutes. Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. FY2021 Budget: Village Administrator Tony Funderberg provided an overall summary, and said you will see the proposed budget getting tighter. While the economy looks good now, we need to think of the future of each fund and how we can bring in additional revenue to them. There are also laws being passed that will affect our funds. Tony advised there are 2.5% pay raises and 8 – 10% increases in insurance built into the budget. Country Mart should be bringing in more revenue that will be reflected in the general fund. If the fair tax doesn't pass, Governor Pritzker will do so by executive order. The electric fund is fine, MFT will see an increase, we just need to see where it is going to land. Sewer rates will increase with the new plant. We may have to look at water rate increase because of the 4% tax that was enacted and passed onto the special water/sewer districts. FSH will pass that 4% tax along to us. Tony would rather wait and have one water increase rather than back-to-back increases. With the minimum wage increase to \$10.00 an hour on 7/1/20, the pool can't operate at a profit. Overall, there is a very little amount of money put into this budget from reserves. As things get tighter, that might change.

Admin Revenue: 01-00-389: reserves – can look at the history of what we've actually used which is very little. Tony has \$19,000 in 01-00-385.2 for sidewalks. Tony does not think we are getting that money from Governor Pritzker, so he has \$15,000 in Streets for sidewalks. We plan on spending all of that to start fixing sidewalks.

Admin: Revenue is not increasing, and payroll expenses are increasing. Tony plans to finish the board room which will include the flooring, fix roof, paint, new chairs for trustees, storage shelf in front of the trustees; there is money in the budget to redo the zoning code and put it online.

Zoning: Inspections were increased for the new homes; Matt continues to scan in zoning permits. We have a firm that scans in our old plats, and that is in 16-539; increase in nuisance properties, which would cover our costs if we would have to clean up a property.

Police: Mike has been working to clean up the software charges; the addition is basically done, no car this year. Under 21-538, this is the dispatching bill for last year; Terry's salary is reimbursed under revenue. Tony would like to build a vehicle plan for every department and



include that in the 3- to 5-year plan. Tony has asked Mike to do that for the officers' vests as well. It is our call on whether the vest can stay with that officer if they leave.

TIF: Tony said that we have paid almost \$500,000 off early, and the TIF should end in late 2021 or 2022. The property taxes will be divided up between the taxing bodies. Tony confirmed he was able to negotiate the proposed audit costs with C. J. Schlosser, and Kevin did lower their fee.

Streets: The past 2 years have had the biggest amount of changes. Fund 614- fixing culverts and patching roads. Tony said we are using Burns & McDonnell for the sewer lines and sewer plant; TWM is handling roads and water. Tony believes we should do a RFQ for our overall streets. Right now we are in middle of a water project on Old Freeburg Road being handled by TWM. Tony commented this is a healthy fund and where it needs to be.

Garbage: The fund is okay. The Waste Management contract ends in 2021 and will need to be negotiated.

ESDA: Gene has submitted the grant for a generator.

MFT: Tony will get the MFT numbers updated.

Water: The biggest issue in water is the 4% tax that will be passed onto us by FSH. Tony will try to find out who can impose the 4% tax. We will need to look at increasing the water rates if that tax is passed onto us. The three public works trucks have been paid off. Old Freeburg Road and the THM study are in the budget.

Sewer: Chad Rice and Tony reviewed some outstanding items needed for the permit, and Tony was able to provide those. Chad has moved the permit forward. There will be a public hearing for the sewer plant. Burns & McDonnell will be mailing an invite to all the homeowners that touch the property. The new sewer rate will be dependent on the plant that we build. Sewer backup fund has been reduced due to the amount of work we have done installing check valves in the homes with reoccurring problems.

Electric: Shane does not have a bid on the fence for the pole yard yet. The CAT engine service has been pushed into the next budget; our liability insurance is high because of our claims, but also high across the country; Tony said we have \$40,000 in radio read meters, we are looking at a new system.

Pool: Tony said we are going to see a problem with the minimum wage increasing to where they will be making more than the managers. That will need to be addressed. We plan on replenishing our pool chairs soon.

Tony would like to make the 3- to 5-year plan a larger part of our conversation and utilize it more. All funds will be involved in this as well.

- Project Request Form: In an effort to become more proactive rather than reactive, Tony would like to use this form for all projects to be presented to the board. The request will go to Tony first then to the appropriate committee for review. Tony would like a 30-day timeframe for project review and decision. There will be some instances when something urgent comes up, and we won't have 30 days to make a decision. Trustee Albers stated this is a great idea and will hold people accountable. She further said this is a better communication tool and believes this is the route we should go. These requests will also be placed in the binders.

Tony asked for an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1):

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**7:12 P.M.**

*Mayor Seth Speiser motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(21) and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED**

**7:25 P.M.**

*Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to end Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager