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COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser call the Committee As A Whole Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Monday, March 4, 2024 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

PRESENT: Mayor Seth Speiser; Trustee Bob Kaiser; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr.; Trustee Mike Blaies; Trustee Tom Carpenter; Trustee Lisa Meehling; Trustee Dana Miller; Village Clerk Jerry Menard; Village Administrator Matt Trout; Public Works Director John Tolan and Chief Mike Schentzenhofer

Items to be Reviewed

A. Old Business:

1. Approval of November 13, 2023 Committee As A Whole Minutes: Mayor Speiser asked for a motion to approve the November 13, 2023 Committee As A Whole Minutes.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to approve November 13, 2023 Committee As A Whole Minutes, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Mayor Speiser asked, do we have any more old business?

B. New Business:

1. **FY25 Budget:** Mayor Speiser call upon Village Administrator Matt Trout to take the floor. Matt said first off, he would like to thank Laura Wolf for all of her help getting this budget together. Matt went through each page explaining everything from old and new things that was added to the budget. Matt said the first pages there were about 25 changes here and there. And some of the numbers will be off. Matt said the one on your iPod will be correct. Matt said the next thing is the total at the bottom doesn't really mean anything. You are looking at different utility fund that are separated out. The AD State Income we budget 605,000. He said last year Tony's number were lower and the same thing with the AD Sale Tax. Matt touched bases with O'Fallon Finance Detector. He told her where our numbers are now verse where they were. She thought our numbers were at standard.

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Trustee Carpenter asked about the school's agreement. Matt said it is up to the board if they want to stay the same with the high school or go a different route with the grade school. Matt said on AD Expensive he added \$10,000 for the website. It is getting old and if we stay with the same company it is going to go about \$10,000. Trustee Carpenter asked if this a one-time year amount for that company . Matt said he will look into that. Trustee Meehling asked what other agreements are in there. Next is the Park Grant for \$50,000, which has to be spent by spring .Matt said he does not have anything on the insurance stability. He asked does anyone have any question on it. Matt said in PD he has \$4,000 for two new vest one for right now and one for if we do another hire. We will have current have two officers that need new vest. PD insurance there is a big difference on this budget verses last budget. Laura went through the general liability and broke out everything. There were two-line items strictly for police. The police insurance went up \$71,000 this year. Finance Clerk Laura Wolf said she has not been putting it in the right spot, she has it all taking care of now. She wants to make sure it is done now the right way. Matt said there is a lot of moving things where they should be. PD Supplies and Equipment we are going to pay off the FBRF Grant. Matt said with the golf tournament money will be used for 4 radar units and two computers. PD Vehicles there was a loan out there that wasn't taking in account for. Our loan amount for the police cars we have one more year on the previous loan and maybe 2 or 3 years on the others. That number is \$91,000 this year. Trustee Miller asked what is the PD Inter Fund Trans for ESDA. Matt said there is for Gene for the ESDA Department. Next is Audit. Matt said the TIF agreements there is a \$600 transfer to balance it out in there. Our TIF is officially done. Matt said we have streets. We did talk to the Auditor and she said we could not do a general fund transfer from the garbage to the streets, this has to be split up among all of the funds. Training for the CDL, we who have to take \$3,000 out from the streets side. We showed \$1,000 out of water and a \$1,000 sewer to help out with the CDL's. Matt said moving on to MFT. We have \$300,000 out of reserves. Most of this is RBI money. There is still a bunch of extra money sitting there after we deducted \$289, 000 but with money we have built up. If we don't spend this year, it goes back to the state. Now we come to the Sewer Department. Matt said he has \$2.5 million for the sewer loan. After completion we will have to start paying off the loan. Matt said we start the sewer rate in the beginning of the sewer plant. We build up those funds within the last 4 years. There is 1.6 million in the reserves. We talked a little about electric. The swimming pool nothing. really changed expect to raise the cost to get in and the pool passes. The pool numbers are so up and down. Matt said everyone will have a copy of changes on the budget, and if you see anything please let him know. He would like to get it finalize for the next board meeting

C. General Concerns: None.

D. Public Participation: None.

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

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adjourn the Committee As A Whole meeting of Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:21 p.m., and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk