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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017 @ 7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Those present and the Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Bert (Dean) Pruet – here; Trustee Mathew (Matt) Trout – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Ramon (Ray) Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 absent). Mayor Speiser announced there is a quorum.

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated, we have the minutes of the previous meeting of January 3, 2017.

Trustee Mathew Trout motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, January 3, 2017 with corrections and Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Manion said, the Burrows case has been finalized. The time has passed for them to appeal it to the Supreme Court.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser stated, everyone should have a copy of Gene's ESDA Report in their board packet. Gene could not be with us tonight due to some other obligations. If you have any questions on his report please call Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mayor Speiser called for Public Participation.

Kevin Gaden took the floor. Kevin introduced himself as the CEO and IMEA President of the Illinois Municipal; Electric Agency. Kevin said, they are here tonight to present the Village of Freeburg with IMEA's 2016 Generation Member of the Year Award.

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He said, we had every intention to present this award to the Village of Freeburg on November 4th 2016 at their IMEA awards banquet in Springfield. We got a call from the Mayor on that day informing us what had happened with Randy Kasper and they would not be able to attend the banquet. Kevin told the mayor, they understand, and also informed the mayor they would present this award to the village at a later time. Kevin stated, the IMEA is a non-profit organization comprised of 32 municipal electric system members. Freeburg purchases its wholesale electric power from the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency. Freeburg are one of only 20 IMEA members with electric generating capabilities. Kevin stated, that IMEA considers several important factors and criteria when determining the award winner. Kevin said, Freeburg topped the list of all criteria that the IMEA uses to determine the annual award winner such as;

1. Operating efficiency of the generating facilities.
2. Operational reliability of the power plant facilities and generating units.
3. Improvements made to the generation facilities.
4. Maintenance procedure, staffing considerations, response time to begin generating.
5. Willingness of the municipal members to generate when called upon for the good of the IMEA.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

1. Zoning Administrator's Report: Mayor Speiser said, next we have our Zoning Administrator's Report. Mayor Speiser said, Gary could not be with us tonight he had surgery today. There is a Zoning Report in our board packet, and if you have any questions please call Gary later in the week.

EXHIBIT D:

2. Haier Plumbing Contractor's Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$196,125.30: Mayor Speiser stated, we have Haier Plumbing Contractor Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$196,125.30.

*Trustee Bert Pruett motioned to pay Haier Plumbing Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$196,125.30 for the sewer project and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Bert (Dean) Pruett – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon (Ray) Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mathew (Matt) Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

EXHIBIT E:

3. Haier Plumbing Change Order Request No. 3 in the amount of \$2,110.00: Mayor Speiser stated, we have Haier Plumbing Contractor Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$2,110.00.

Trustee Bert Pruett motioned to pay Haier Plumbing Change Order Request No. 3 in the amount of \$2,110.00 for the sewer project and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Bert (Dean) Pruett – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon (Ray) Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Mathew (Matt) Trout – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCE: 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, January 11, 2017. (Trustee Matchett gave the committee report in the absence of Trustee Blaies).

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Electric Customers: Trustee Matchett stated, we had a discussion on some new electric customers who are annexed into Freeburg and had Ameren power. We will continue to work on this issue.

2. IMEA Generation Award: The IMEA Generation Award. We had this presentation earlier on the agenda under Public Participation.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett stated, that Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised us they have a lot going on right now. Such as 8-apartment complex on Sunset Drive, the Dollar Tree infrastructure changes and the Crowe subdivision.

GENERAL CONCERNS: Trustee Matchett said, Public Works Director John Tolan acknowledged Shane and all the linemen for a great job on trimming trees. None of our residents lost power with all of the recent high winds. Trustee Matchett thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done.

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

Trustee Bert (Dean) Pruett called the meeting of Public Works Committee to order at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11 2017.

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

1. Sewer Project: Trustee Pruett said, we discussed the sewer project. We just paid Haier's Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$196,125.30 and Haier's Change Order Request No. 3 in the amount \$2,110.00. These two items was taken care of tonight under Reports & Correspondence.

2. Sewer issues/Sewer Fuel Odors: Trustee Pruett said, the last couple days the sewer fuel odor was really bad. It is now concentrated from Alton to Richland on West Apple Street. We are venting every day. They are coming out to televise and clean sometime this week. Public Works Director Tolan spoke up and said, they will be here Friday.

2. Radio Read Meters: Trustee Pruett stated, they plan to start installing the radio read meters this week.

3. Freeburg Care Center: Trustee Pruett said, the new service line/fire suppression line is hooked up at the Freeburg Care Center and tested out good. We will install the meter soon. The project should be completed in spring as long as the weather permits.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Pruett said, we are looking at a new line going in front of the new 8-unit apartment building on Sunset Drive. We are working on a letter to go out to the residents that live on Schierermeier Road to gauge their interest on a new water line.

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

Trustee Denise Albers called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

The following items were talked about or discussed under:**POOL: OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Pool/St. Clair County Parks Grant: Trustee Albers said, we discussed the playground. We need to move on this to be able to use the grant. We need to advertise in the Freeburg Tribune for lifeguards. We were told some of the old lifeguards will not be returning this summer.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MFT/Ditch on North Main: We discussed work being done on North Main Street. Public Works Director John Tolan said, they put in the culvert and have poured the concrete around the inlets and brought rock in. This should limit some of the safety hazards on this road.

2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: We have two projects coming up. One is Elizabeth/Urbanna. We are going to extend the culverts and put inlets in. The second project will be on West Phillips Street by Olack's property. We need to replace the culvert and ditching.

3. East Apple Issues: Trustee Albers stated, Public Works Director John Tolan advised us that he found a grate which will smooth the way across Apple Street to help out with this issue.

4. Hill Mine Road Repair: Trustee Albers said, Hill Mine Road is being address with TWM. We have asked TWM to determine who owns the road. After that is determined we will then move on with project.

5. Request to Move Trick-or-Treat to last Saturday in October: On the request to move Halloween Trick-or-Treat to the last Saturday in October. We did a survey and there were a 114 who responded; 47 wanted to change the date, and 67 want to keep it on October 31st. Trick-or-Treat will remain on October 31st here in Freeburg.

6. Pavement Management Program: Trustee Albers stated, this issue was presented at the last committee meeting. She and John met with people for the Pavement Management Program for a more in-depth conversation about it. This program will provide a complete inventory of the streets including; measurements, rating, conditions of roads, and miles. They will evaluate and prioritize what streets we should be addressing and match that to our budget which will give us the best bang for the buck. The program cost is \$125,000 and can be spread out over five years. After a long discussion on this issue, we decided to table it until the next committee meeting.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

Upcoming Meetings:

Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 25, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, February 6, 2017– 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Bert (Dean) Pruett – Congratulations on IMEA Generation Award. He said, he is glad all of that ice and bad weather did not happen like it was supposed to.

Trustee Raymond (Ray) Matchett, Jr. – He thanked the Public Works Department on a job well done with what bad weather we did have. Congratulations on the IMEA Generation Award.

Village Mayor Seth Speiser – He said, Zoning Administrator Gary did have surgery today. He tried to call him before board meeting to find out how he was doing, but was unable to reach him. Congratulations John and Shane on the IMEA Generation Award.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Congratulations John and Shane on IMEA Generation Award.

Trustee Mathew (Matt) Trout – Congratulations to John and Shane and the crew for achieving this award.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – Congratulations on the award. Thank you guys for all you do for the village.

Trustee Denise Albers – Congratulations to John and Shane and the guys.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Head Lineman Shane Krauss – He would like to give credit to his crew. He said, has a good team behind him and he could not do the job as well without them.

Public Works Director John Tolan – He would like to thank the board for understanding the power plant and what it does to keep everything up and operating.

Village Attorney Brian Manion – He would like to congratulate John and Shane and the guys.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – Congratulations to all of the linemen on doing their job well.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Speiser called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Mathew Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk