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Mike Blaies  
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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**  
Matt Trout

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021 @ 7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, October 18, 2021, 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 James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 absent)

### EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 4, 2021, for approval.

*Trustee Denise Albers motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 4, 2021 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling 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 upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer for his ESDA Report. Mayor Speiser stated Gene could not be here with us tonight. If you have any questions on his ESDA Report, please call him.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

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**EXHIBIT C:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S:** Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his zoning report for October 4, 2021. Trustee Blaies asked about the house on Westview. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said yes, it is.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said the Combined and Zoning Board passed the proposed for B1 Community Business Zoning District, primarily around the Village Square Park to revitalize development in the area. He will be making that zoning change on that. Mayor Speiser asked where does that put Burgard's building. Matt said that is still a B2.

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

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**EXHIBIT E:**

**ORDINANCES:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1722, An Ordinance Amending Chapter of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois (Zoning Code)

*Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1722 by title only and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT F:**

**ORDINANCES:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1723, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois (Traffic Schedules)

*Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adopt Ordinance #1723 by title only and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Approval of United Healthcare Insurance and Authorize Village Administrator Tony Funderburg to sign Renewal Documents.

*Trustee Denise Albers motioned for Village Administrator Tony Funderburg to sign Renewal Documents and Trustee James (Mike) Blies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**EXHIBIT G:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:**

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported an outage where a fuse was blown on Mill Street, that affected the alley between Edison St./Cherry Street. A homeowner had a partial outage caused by the service wire going into the house that went bad.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss ordered the LED lights at a cost of \$5,000 and has received them. He will get the grant submitted to IMEA. We should have grant money remaining.
3. Generator Upgrades: Trustee Blaies said Chuck from (BHM&G) advised Public Works Director John Tolan he is working on the design. There is no shipment date on the controls or any chips.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane will be ordering fuel for the south sub soon. Prices are really high right now. Shane confirmed we did get reimbursed for what we used. Public Works Director John Tolan did provided information on IMUA's regional power market seminar on November 9<sup>th</sup>. They are encouraging anyone on the board to attend.

**EXHIBIT H/ I/J/K/L:**

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.

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

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Sewer Plant/ Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised the committee Debbie from Burns & McDonnell has set up an account where we can view the weekly pictures of the sewer project. We have a progress meeting tomorrow with Haier and Burns & McDonnell. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee the first check from the EPA has been received, and we will be delivered to Haier's the next day. With regard to Burns & McDonnell's amendment to their agreement, Attorney Fred Keck revise the agreement, and stated his biggest issue is with Section F and this has been taking care of. Public Works Director John Tolan said the painting of the excess flow clarifier was supposed to be included in the original contract. At this time Trustee Kaiser said he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Burns & McDonnell's Invoice #113084-16 in the amount of \$19,461.99 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Haier Plumbing & Heating's Payment No. 3 Request in the amount of \$174,029.40 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser to recommend Burns's & McDonnell Amendment No.1 to Task No.1 Engineer-Owner Agreement and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

2. Sewer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan has scheduled Vandevanter to come out next for the repair of the North Edison lift station. We will also be using Mascoutah's vector truck to clean out the wet well.

3. FSH Minutes: Public Works Director John Tolan stated FSH has agreed to add 4 new hydrants on the FSH line on Route 15 and also replace one we had.

4. Old Freeburg Road Water Lines: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported an issue with one water meter where a boil order had to be issued for that homeowner. We have 7 applications ready to be hooked up and we expect there to be more. Trustee Kaiser stated he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Haier Plumbing & Heating's Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$235,560.60 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan said with all of the new water services, he is running low on water parts. He has plenty of repair parts, but it is getting hard to get new parts in. Trevor will complete the hydrant flushing in the next two days. SLM has switched back to choline residual. The leaf machine's new engine is installed. They are waiting on a converter. Public Works Director John Tolan said the new vehicles have been pushed back to 2022.

**EXHIBIT M:**

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

Trustee Denise Albers reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:05 p.m. in the absence of Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. (Chairperson).

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

**POOL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Albers said Public Works Director John Tolan said there are many places on the water slide frame that are rusting. He will have Kessler Autobody repaint it. He mentioned both the bathhouse floor and baby pool floor need to be done before we open next year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. East Apple Street Proposed Repair: Trustee Albers said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said we need to obtain engineering agreements with the two engineering firms we previously agreed to work on some small projects for us. Tony will work on this.

2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Albers said Public Works Director John Tolan reported several areas have been worked on. They include removing the curb and gutter from the Kendall property on West Washington, using hydro excavator to clean out catch basins full of debris, reworked the area behind St. Paul's Church to avoid water getting close to the transformers, and work.

3. Customer Issues: Trustee Albers said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee our residents are still putting out limbs to be picked up. John said we only offer this service after a storm. He has started leaving door hanger cards to notify residents this program was discontinued.

4. MFT: Trustee Albers said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we are scheduled to sweep streets the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>. Public Works Director John Tolan said MFT would like Jeff Reiss to handle the closeout of their year's MFT. John will talk to Jeff about this.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Stop Sign Placement on Tall Maple and Meadow Ridge: Trustee Albers said Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer checked out the area, and his recommendation is to place a stop sign on Tall Maple and Meadow Ridge. Trustee Albers said we took care of this under Ordinances on the agenda. Trustee Albers said we held an Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Joint Review Board – Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 27, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 27, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 27, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Speiser said we will be meeting with IDOT in the near future to discuss the bridge closure near his house. He does believe it will be sometime in November.

Board Meeting – Monday, November 1, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Trustee Denise Albers** – No thank you.

**Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling** – No thank you.

**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – No thank you.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – No thank you.

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – No thank you.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – absent.

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – No thank you.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – absent.

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – No thank you.

**Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – He send out and email about the Freeburg Country Mart Holiday Party. Matt said he has not finalized yet for the Chili Cook Off, but it should be close to over \$15,000. He should have the final count in a couple of days.

**Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer** – No thank you.

**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer** – absent.

**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, October 18, 2021 at 7:42 p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk