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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 4, 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 Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent)

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, September 7, 2021, for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, September 7, 2021 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, September 20, 2021, for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, September 20, 2021 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT C:

FINANCE:

Trustee (Chairperson) Denise Albers reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 5:33 p.m.

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The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said we had a question asked about the Professional Metal Works, for \$742.00, this was for new grates to go across the drain in the garage area of the Public Works shed.

2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers stated Village Treasurer Bryan Vogel advised the committee investment rates have not improved. Trustee Albers said we will not put the expiring CD back on a CD due to the rates.

3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Albers said we reviewed our Attorney Invoices.

2. Newsletter: Nothing to report.

3. Loans for Police and Public Works Vehicles and CAT Generator Upgrades: Nothing to report.

4. America Rescue Fund Program: Trustee Albers said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg confirmed we have received the first payment. The second payment will be issued in one year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wiegman EM &Co, Inc., Property Tax Appeal: Trustee Albers stated Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee the high school is fighting their appeal. He recommends we do nothing at this point.

2. Project Request #21-09: Sanitary Sewer Rehab 2021: Trustee Albers said we received Project Request #21-09 from the Public Works Department. This project includes replacing 180 feet of broken sewer main and lining the sewer behind the car wash. We will also line the manholes across the street by Pizza Hut. This project will start around December.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT D:

Mayor Speiser said we have Project Request #21-09 Sanitary Sewer Rehab 2021

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve Project Request #21-09, Sanitary Sewer Rehab 2021 and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT E:

Mayor Seth Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer for his ESDA Report. Mayor Speiser stated Gene could not be here with us tonight due to another commitment.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT F:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S: Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his zoning report for October 4, 2021. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said that ESDA Coordinator Gene keep him update on the weather for the Chili Cook Off, and he would like to thank him for that.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT G:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #21- 12, A Resolution of the Board of Trustees Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of Freeburg and the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, Local 148 Regarding Job Classifications and Wages Rates’

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept Resolution #21-12 by title only and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

ORDINANCES: None.
OLD BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS: None.
APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT G:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee (Chairperson) Michael (Mike) Heap reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout reported 8 occupancy permits and 10 building permits have been issued – 5 fence, 4 additions and 1 garage. We were update on the nuisance properties, also on the Cardinal Court property. Attorney Fred Keck is working on this issue.

2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estate Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said there have been several issues reported to both the contractor and developer, and which has been fixed. The Combined Planning and Zoning Board met this evening, before our Board meeting in regards to a public hearing on the B-1 changes. Trustee Heap said Tom Carpenter from the Tribune wrote a very nice article on those changes in regards to it. There will also be two developers presenting their proposals, one in front of Timberwolf/Lone Oak Subdivision, and the other on the Parrish property between Adele, Old Fayetteville Road and Urbanna Dr.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Heap said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee there is a piece of land up for auction on Old Fayetteville Road. There was an issue because it was a landlocked property, we worked it all out.

GENERAL CONCERNS:

Trustee Heap said Trustee Meehling said she had three people on her street comment about the traffic in the area of Edison/Meadow Ridge/Meadow Lake Dr. Trustee Meehling asked Chief Schutzenhofer to look into that issue.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT I:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee (Chairperson) Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Purchase of Radar Units and Hand Guns: Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer reported the hand guns have arrived and the radar units should be here shortly. The policy has been written, and the union rep is in the process of reviewing it. Chief Schutzenhofer advised the committee is waiting to hear back from the Dupon Chief of Police on the two surplus squad cars.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident Request for Police to Run Radar on N. Main: Trustee Meehling said we have had signs and radar out there several times. Chief Schutzenhofer said our guys are everywhere and are very busy right now.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Retiree Insurance Renewal: Trustee Meehling said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee the renewal for our retiree insurance needs to be approved. There was a very slight increase from last year. Trustee Meehling said at this time she would like to make a motion.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to approve AmWins Retiree Health Insurance Renewal and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, October 18, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – She would like to thank everyone for coming out to support the Chili Cook Off.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – She would like to thank Matt for all of his hard work on the Chili Cook Off. Thanks to those who showed up after the rain, and those who volunteer to work.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Thanks to everyone who help out at the Chili Cook Off.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – She would like to thank everyone who help with the Chili Cook Off and big thanks to Matt and Lisa for a great job in putting it all together.

Mayor Seth Speiser – Thank you Matt and Lisa for all of the hard work you both put into the Chili Cook Off. You both held a first class event.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – You both did a great job and we had a big turnout.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Thank you Matt and Lisa.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Thanks to everyone who help out.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – Awesome job on the Chili Cook off.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.

Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – Thank you to the Public Works guys we couldn't have pulled it off with out them. They put a lot of stuff up for us and help clean up. Thanks to the First Baptist church for doing trash pick-up all though the event, and thanks to everyone who volunteer to help. It looked like we had a very successful event. He should have the final count on what we made within the next couple of weeks. Matt said he would like to give a special thank you to Lisa, she worked very hard with me.

Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer –

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

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:42 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk