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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024 @ 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, November 18, 2024 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 Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 4, 2024.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 4, 2024, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene gave us an update on his November 18th ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2024.

Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions on the Village Engineer Report.

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Village Engineer Tim Pruett Said we are ready to submit our St. Clair County Parks Grant. This year is a maintenance equipment grant. We are submitting for a zero-turn lawn mower, edger, chain saws, skid sprayer, string trimmers, backpack blowers and a pool filter recirculation pump.

EXHIBIT D:

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Report: Mayor Speiser stated everyone should have a Combined Planning and Zoning Board report in your packet. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have questions on it.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Speiser stated Resolutions #24-19 A Resolution Support of St. Clair County Parks Grant
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #24-19 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: ; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **6 voting ayes, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT F:

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Speiser stated Resolutions #24-20 A Resolution Regarding the Release of Closed Session Minutes.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #24-20 by title only, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **6 voting ayes, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT G:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1796 An Ordinance Abating the Electric Bond Taxes.

Trustee Tom Carpenter; motioned to adopt Ordinance #1796 by title only, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting ayes, motion carried.**

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

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT H:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan advised us there were a couple outages, animal related and was taking care of in a short time frame.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan said we got the notice of approval from IMEA on the Marketplace LED lighting project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Director John Tolan said he had a meeting with the southern group of IMEA. They discussed the new contract.

Village Administrator Matt Trout and Trustee Tom Carpenter went on the Prairie State Power Plant tour last week.

Public Works Director John Tolan said Head Lineman Shane Krauss is preparing a quote for 24 transformers that have failed. He said 12 will be scrapped and 12 will be refurbished. Once he gets that quote, he will present to the Board.

Village Engineer Tim Pruett said he did receive building permits for the EV chargers.

EXHIBIT G:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan stated they had Metro-Ag haul away 96 gallons of sludge. A rep was out and pulled the last mixer and tighten the bolts. Plant is operating very well.

2. Sewer Issues: Works Director John Tolan said there was a sewer issue over the weekend on Hill Street. A resident was getting some sewerage water in their unfinished basement. He said they ran a dye test through there and the main sewer line was flowing fine. The homeowner is going to contact a plumber. The guys have been out cleaning troubled sewer areas. We did have an issue at the lift station on Cemetery Road. There was a clog where it goes into the main.

3. FSH Minutes: Nothing to report.

4. Water System Upgrades.: Trustee Kaiser said Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we finally got approval from the Tribal Nations. This moves us on to getting the loan application done. We continue to get the plans ready to be submitted to the IEPA.

5. Freeburg Car Wash: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Matt Trout said they did a test and to the best of their knowledge, it is about 75 gallons per deluxe car wash which equates to about \$1.88 in water/sewer. They plan to do another test. He said he doesn't feel it is a water/sewer issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Director John Tolan said there is an issue in Sugar Creek. In one of the cul-de-sacs, it appears the copper service lines are corroding. They plan to replace a couple of them from the main to the meter. Also, there was a water break on West Apple at the Sunset Apartments.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT J :

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

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.(Chairperson) reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:03 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said they took the diving board platform to get it power coated. There is also a broken cable on one of the umbrellas and they will work on getting that fixed.

.NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said a couple of things. After last big rain there was a clogged culvert on Main Street and Koester. He said Crew Leader Bob Jenkins found out on Country Side Lane there is a culvert that is washed out. They will need to look at it and see what is going on. They have come up with a plan regarding the issue on Silverthorne. They are waiting for better weather, and they plan to do a swale instead of a culvert.

2. Customer Issues: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said on Westview as you are going out of town there is a large Oak tree that is dead and dropping limbs. It is a bit taller than we can handle so we are going to have a tree service take the top off and then we can drop the rest. There is a big Maple tree on South Monroe Street that is tearing up the sidewalk that we will take down as well.

3. MFT: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said everything has been approved through IDOT so we will be cutting a check to Christ Brothers this week.

4. Professional Metal Works Expansion : Public Works Director John Tolan said they successfully moved the hydrant. They are working on the entrance and should pour concrete on Monday.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Smithton Athletic Association Donation Request : Trustee Matchett said the committee agreed to donate a 10-day pool pass for 2025.

2. Resolution #24-19: Trustee Matchett stated we took care of Resolution #20-19 earlier on the agenda under Resolutions.

Public Works Director John Tolan said they are working on sidewalks. They have replaced sidewalks on N. Edison St., and they are working on the South Richland area. He also stated they started the leaf pick-up this week.

Village Administrator Matt Trout said he has been going through the executive Session Minutes.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

Mayor Speiser stated we held Finance, Legal/Ordinance and Personnel/Police committee meeting earlier this evening and minutes are unavailable.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING DAY– November 28th and November 29th
Board Meeting – Monday, December 2, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.
Combined Planning and Zoning Meeting Tuesday, December 10, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

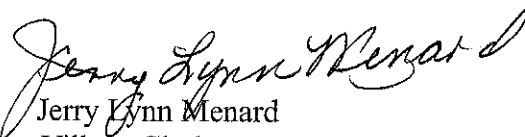
Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.
Trustee Dana Miller – No thank you.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – No thank you.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.
Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.
Public Works Director John Tolan – The fire department is touring the power plant tonight.
Village Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – This is a possible of snow flurries.

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

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:47 p.m. and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk