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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022 @ 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 21, 2022, 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 Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 7, 2022 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 7, 2022, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene gave us an update on his November 21 2022, ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet Baechle asked a question stated to Gene Kramer. Gene was able to answer her question.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

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EXHIBIT C:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2022: Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions on the Zoning Administrator Report for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout. No questions were asked.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Public Works Director John Tolan stated on the TWM presentation, they are unable to make December 14th. It has been reschedule to December 19th at 6:30 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT D:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported on a couple minor customer issues.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said the high school is supposed to reach out to Rodd at IMEA. We haven't heard anything so far.
3. Generator Upgrades: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee the south sub is done as far as the individual controls for the generators. After the north sub is done, we will complete the work on the south sub to ensure the generators at both plants work together. Shane believes we are close to being done. He will not put the generator back in service until January after everything is completed and are working with no issues.

Head Lineman Shane Krauss has not heard back from the Barber Lane resident wanting to switch to our power. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee Computer is working with the Fire Department on the fiber issue.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Blaies said Office Manager Julie Polson reported two of our outstanding claims have been settled.

Public Works Director John Tolan and Mayor Seth Speiser are going to attend the 2023 APPA Rally in Washington D.C. IMEA held a strategic planning meeting for two days last week. They focused on their goals for the next 15-20 years. They plan on retiring Prairie State in 2035 and Trimble County in 2040.

EXHIBIT E:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 5:52 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said under the new sewer plant he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to the approval of Haier Plumbing & Contracting Pay Request #14 in the amount of \$362,613.22, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported a sewer issue at Casey's last weekend, and their grease trap was pumped out. There were a few customer issues where the problems were on their side.

3. FSH Minutes: Nothing to report.

4. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Public Works Director John Tolan have been working on this study for a while. We know our water fund is getting low, and TWM has provided us with a summary of the priority projects broken out into four phases. We will have TWM presentation, on December 19th at 6:30 p.m. on the phases. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Public Works Director John Tolan were very impressed with Scott and Vicky from TWM on the study. Trustee Albers said we would need a guarantee we are working with these people.

5. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser said on the repair and replacement on Main Street and West Apple. He would like to make a motion at this time.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Volkert Invoice #710152 in the amount of \$6,852.50, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported the hydrant that was hit on High Street, and we installed six new services at the old Lighthouse building, and also a new service at a triplex in Edison Estates. They dealt with a couple small water leaks. We are going through water meters pretty quickly with the new construction, and we have ordered another 12 meters.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H :

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 16, 2022 at 6:23 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL: OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pool Safety Cover Estimate: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised we had previously received a quote from Heintz in the amount of \$16,000. The seconded quote is from Zamzow in the amount of \$13,849.

*Trustee Roman Matchett, Jr. motioned to the approval of Zamzow's estimate for the pool cover in the amount of \$13,849.00, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. **ROLL***

CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. Smithton Athletic Association Donation Request: Trustee Matchett stated the committee agreed to donate a 10-day pass to the event.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan said with the weather turning, we will be switching back to working on culverts.

2. Customer Issues: Trustee Matchett said we took a short break with the leaves because of the snow, but we will resumed leaf pickup shortly.

3. MFT: Nothing to report.

4. Wolf Road Project: Trustee Matchett said we have an invoice from Oates Associates. At this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Roman Matchett, Jr. motioned to the approval of Oates Associates Invoice #36148 in the amount of \$1,410.00, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee there will be increased traffic on Wolf Road. We want to apply to get the road reclassified in order to be eligible for grants to fund this project. That work will cost approximately \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Volkert Invoice #10066 in the amount of \$743.75 for the Annexation of 820 Cemetery Road Property: Trustee Matchett said we have an invoice from Volkert for the Annexation of 820 Cemetery Road.

Trustee Roman Matchett, Jr. motioned to the approval of Volkert Invoice #10066 in the amount of \$743.75, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we have a resident concerned about street creep. He stated people claim the trash truck will push their curb and want an extension put in to stop that. Public Works Director John Tolan said that cost about \$2,000. Attorney Keck confirmed the village is not responsible and he can provide a letter for us to advise the resident of that.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING - Wednesday, November 24th and 25th
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, December 5, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Same here.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Same here.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Same thing here. He would also like to Congratulate the Valley Ball Team.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Same thing here.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same thing here.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – absent.

Public Works Director John Tolan – Happy Thanksgiving.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – Happy Thanksgiving.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Happy Thanksgiving.

Treasurer Bryan Vogel – absented

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Happy Thanksgiving.

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, November 21, 2022 at 7:54 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk