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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## **VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 @ 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 4, 2019, in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

**MINUTES: Unavailable**

### **FINANCE A:**

Trustee Denise Albers reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 6:10 p.m.

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

- 1. REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said in the finance meeting we reviewed the Board Lists. We questioned some of the expenses, and they got answered.
- 2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers stated we have nothing until July.
- 3. INCOME STATEMENT:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Attorney Invoices:** Trustee Albers said we received the Attorney Invoices.
- 2. Newsletter:** None.

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3. Sewer Loan: Trustee Albers said Attorney Fred Keck reviewed the document and is not comfortable with the Village entering into this agreement. The committee agreed to go out for bids, and bids were due back by Friday. We will review these bids at Water/Sewer committee meeting next week.

4. Burns & McDonnell Invoice #113084-6 & Invoice #114258-6: Trustee Albers said we reviewed invoices from Burns & McDonnell. At this time she would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Denise Albers motioned pay Burns & McDonnell Invoice #113084-6 in the amount of \$94,307.23 and Invoice # 114258-6 in the amount of \$27,247.81 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

Trustee Albers stated we discussed the TIF Bond Tax Abatement Ordinance. Trustee Albers said after a discussion we decided to pay 2020, 2021 and 2022 bonds in the amount of \$594,837.71. Once that has been done, it will drop it down to \$64,837 which will be distributed among the taxing bodies. This will complete the TIF at least three years earlier than expected.

Trustee Albers said the committee discussed the Electric Bonds Abatement Ordinance and the Tax Levy Ordinance, which was taken care of tonight under Ordinances.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Mayor Speiser stated we tabled this until next meeting. Treasurer Bryan Vogel said he does have some Treasurer’s Reports done and will be brought forward shortly. We did receive bids on the Sewer Loan and we will be reviewing them soon.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:** None.

**EXHIBIT C:**

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Seth Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer updated us on his ESDA Report on the following:

1. ESDA Communications Officers responded to office.
2. Freeburg ESDA participated in IEMA and ARRL ARES Set entitled “Fractured Prairie”.
3. National Weather Service sent to all EMA/ESDA personnel information concerning the use of the “New Winter Weather Alert”.
4. Email notifications sent all schools, public works and public safety partners within Freeburg, from ESDA office.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Unavailable.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

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

**BIDS:** None.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**ORDINANCES:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1692, An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Levied for the Year 2019 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Tax Increment Alternate Revenue Source) Series 20145 of the Village of Freeburg.

*Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adopt Ordinance #1692 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT E:**

**ORDINANCES:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1693, An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Levied for the Year 2019 to Pay the Principal and Interest on \$4,780,000 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System) Series 2012 of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois.

*Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adopt Ordinance #1693 by title only and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT F:**

**ORDINANCES:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1694, Tax Levy Ordinance for the Village of Freeburg, Illinois.

*Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adopt Ordinance #1694 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT G:**

**ORDINANCES:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1695, An Ordinance Amending the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois by the Addition of Article VII, Chapter 7 Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishments.

*Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1695 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

#### **Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Michael (Mike Heap) reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap said we discussed the Nuisance Report from the Zoning Administrator Matt Trout.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estates Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said we talked about the Edison Estates preliminary plat. We should be receiving the plat soon.
3. IML Cannabis Business Prohibition and Zoning Ordinances: Trustee Heap stated we took care of the Cannabis Ordinance earlier on the agenda under Ordinances.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

#### **EXHIBIT I:**

#### **Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 6:25 p.m.

#### **POLICE:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Police Department Expansion: Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer said everything is good with new expansion.
2. Auto Theft Task Force: Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer advised the committee Officer Terry Marquardt has a December 2<sup>nd</sup> start date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Main Street Speed Limit: Trustee Meehling said we had a resident who was concerned about the speed limit on Main Street. Trustee Meehling stated Chief Schutzenhofer reported the police department have been out on Main Street giving tickets. Trustee Meehling said Public Works Director John Tolan told the committee he has ordered a new battery for the radar sign. Once that is in, he will move it back to Main Street.

**PERSONNEL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Onboarding Program for Board Members: Trustee Meehling said she is working on finalizing the Onboarding Program for the new trustees. She is also reviewing the employee handbook.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Meehling said we have an officer who has completed his probation period, so at this time she would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to recommend Officer Tyler Whitney end his probationary status effective November 1, 2019 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY – Monday, November 11, 2019  
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.  
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2019 – 5:45 p.m.  
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.  
Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2019 – 5:45 p.m.  
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

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

**Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – There will be no Combine board meeting, and he emailed out the Zoning Report. All storage containers have been removed from the high school.

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

**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer**- Tomorrow is our siren testing day.

**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 4, 2019 at 7:45 p.m. and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk