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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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 4, 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – 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, September, 2024.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 21, 2024 with corrections, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

### **EXHIBIT B:**

#### **FINANCE**

Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** No questions.

2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Carpenter said we have several short-term CD's coming due in December. We won't be able to reinvest the General Fund CD because we will be receiving the bill for the culvert. The insurance committee would like to reinvest the Insurance Stability CD. We would like to reinvest the Sewer Fund CD but maybe not long term. We probably won't be able to reinvest the Electric Fund CD because we do have a bond payment coming due. Treasurer Bryan Vogel will bring both short term and long-term rates to the next meeting.

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3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Carpenter said we should be at 56%-58%. He highlighted a few items and said we are trending very good. He added that the swimming pool numbers look really good this year.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

5. **FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:** Village Administrator Matt Trout said water is up and continues to move in the right direction. Electric is up as well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.

2. Newsletter: No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Village Health Insurance Renewal: Trustee Carpenter said the health insurance advisory committee has met twice to look at everything. This will come under Resolutions later on the agenda.

2. Ordinance #1795: Trustee Carpenter said this ordinance will be under Ordinances on the agenda.

3. Ordinance #1795: Trustee Carpenter said this ordinance has been tabled until next meeting.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**EXHIBIT C:**

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene gave us an update on his November 4<sup>th</sup> ESDA Report.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EXHIBIT D:**

**VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2024.**

Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions on the Village Engineer Report. Hearing none we will move on.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.  
**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS:** None.  
**BIDS:** None.

**EXHIBIT E:**  
**RESOLUTIONS:**

Mayor Speiser stated Resolutions #24-18 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the United Healthcare Insurance Renewal.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to adopt Resolution #24-18 by title only, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: ; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). 6 voting ayes, motion carried.*

**EXHIBIT F:**

**ORDINANCES:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1795 An Ordinance Abating the Electric Bond Taxes.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1795 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: ; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). All voting ayes, motion carried.*

**EXHIBIT G:**

**ORDINANCES:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1796 Tax Levy Ordinance

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

**EXHIBIT H:**

**ORDINANCES:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1797 An Ordinance Regulating Public Camping.

*Trustee Dana Miller motioned to table Ordinance #1797, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: ; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). 6 voting ayes, motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **EXHIBIT I:**

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

Trustee Dana Miller reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 5:59p.m.

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

##### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Miller said, Village Engineer Tim Pruett summarized the permits since last meeting. Regarding nuisance properties, there has been progress with the property discussed at the last meeting. Tim continues to follow-up.
2. Development Updates: Village Engineer Tim Pruett sent back comments on the Murphy project to the engineer. No update on Scooters. Trustee Blaies asked about the interest in the old doctor's office. Tim responded that he hasn't heard anything.
3. Despain Property: Trustee Miller said, nothing new.

##### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. FOIA Requests: Trustee Miller said the FOIA Requests were reviewed by the committee.
2. Public Camping: Village Administrator Matt Trout discussed the content of the ordinance.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

### **EXHIBIT J/K:**

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

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 6:17 p.m.

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

**POLICE:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. K9 Program: Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer said he reached out to the place in Pennsylvania that has the dog. They do have a 6-week training program that cost around \$17,000. Which would leave around \$5,000 in the fund. Trustee Meehling asked what that includes. Chief said it includes everything. He added they have a training event during the summer which would be beneficial to us.

Village Administrator Matt Trout expressed a couple of concerns he has and that he will look into. Other options were discussed. Trustee Meehling asked Chief Schutzenhofer to come back when he gets more answers as we need to get on a list. Trustee Carpenter asked after this what is the cost to have the dog. Village Administrator Matt Trout respond it is typically the food and OT. BAC in Belleville takes care of the veterinary.

Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 125 calls since our last committee meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. LPR Cameras: Village Administrator Matt Trout said this is the money from the Country Mart fundraiser, would allow us to get 3 cameras. Chief Mike Schutzenhofer discussed the locations where the cameras will be located. He said there are about 288 LPR's in our local area. Mike explained how the cameras work.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to recommend the purchase 3 LPR Cameras in the amount of \$25,752.48, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: ; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Tom Carpenter – nay; (5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). Motion carried.*

2. Police Officer Hire: Village Administrator Matt Trout said everyone should have a copy of all the applicants. They are confidential so when you are finished looking through them, please give back to Chief or Office Manager Mary. Village Administrator Matt Trout asked how they want to handle the hiring process and if they want a bigger presence. Typically, the last few years it has been him, Trustee Meehling and Chief Schutzenhofer. If we go over 2 trustees it would be a public meeting and we would have to hold an executive session meeting. Trustee Carpenter commented he feels there should be a little bit more board presence. Trustee Carpenter stated he does appreciate getting to look at the applicants before making a recommendation. Village Administrator Matt Trout asked the board to review them and reach out to him or the Chief with any opinions. When setting up the interviews, they will reach out to the board to see who is available.

**PERSONNEL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Executive Session Minutes: Trustee Meehling said we had a discussion on the process of approving content and opening or keeping closed executive session minutes.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY Monday, November 11, 2024  
Combined Planning & Zoning Board Meeting-- Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.  
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.  
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.  
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.  
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.  
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Trustee Tom Carpenter** – He explained why he did not vote for the LPR Cameras.

**Trustee Elizabeth Meehling** – No thank you.

**Trustee Dana Miller** – No thank you.

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

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – He would like to thank John and his crew

**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** – No thank you.

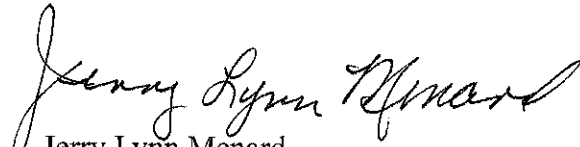
**Village Administrator Matt Trout** – Christmas falls on the same day as our committee meetings so we will change that. Leaf picks up will start on November 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be in the paper and we will put it on the website.

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

**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer** – This is going to be a long night.

**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, 2024 at 7:47 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk