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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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 7, 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 James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – 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 Public Hearing Meeting Monday, October 17, 2022 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Public Hearing Meeting Monday, October 17, 2022, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 17, 2022 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 17, 2022, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE C:

Trustee Denise Albers (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said we Reviewed the Board Lists. We had some questions: Bazan Painting \$7,473.58 – pool slide, railing and stairs repair and painting; Country Mart, \$100.00 – utility deposits, Arrow Concrete, \$1,490 – raising and leveling the sidewalk in front of St. Joe’s.

2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers stated all of the CDs have been invested.

INCOME STATEMENT: None.

TREASURER’S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Albers said attorney’s invoice was provided for the committee to review.

2. Newsletter: Trustee Albers said Office Manager Julie Polson has nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Abating the Taxes Levied for the Electric System Bonds: Trustee Albers said this ordinance is done on a yearly basis.

2. Ordinance to Dissolve the TIF: Trustee Albers said the TIF needs to be ended by ordinance. Once all of the money is in, the county can issue the checks to the taxing bodies. Since they only issue checks twice a year, we have the option to pay them ourselves.

3. Tax Levy Ordinance: Trustee Albers said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg reviewed the property tax numbers to put the levy together. He said we had about a \$24,000 increase in certain areas this year and is recommending a 4.9% increase.

TREASURER’S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT D:

ESDA REPORT Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene was not present to give his ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

EXHIBIT E:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 17, 2022: Mayor Speiser stated Zoning Administrator Matt Trout will not be here. If you have any questions on his report, please call him.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT F:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-17 A Resolution for the Freeburg Chamber of Commerce to Sponsor a Christmas Electric Parade in the Village of Freeburg.

After a discussion the board decided not to vote on this resolution.

EXHIBIT G:

ORDINANCES: Ordinance #1755 An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Levied for the Year 2022 to pay the Debt Service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Electric System Alternat Revenue Source), Series 2020B of the Village of Freeburg

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adopt Ordinance #1755 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, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT H:

ORDINANCES: Ordinance #1756 An Ordinance Dissolving the Special Tax Allocation Fund and Terminating the Designation of the Redevelopment Project Area Within the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adopt Ordinance #1756 by title only, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

ORDINANCES: Ordinance #1757 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adopt Ordinance #1757 by title only, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Village Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT J:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap (chairperson) reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:49 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap summarized Zoning Administrator Matt Trout report: there were 8 occupancy permits, 6 building permits which included 1 new home in Edison Estates, 2 electrics, 1 fence, 1 deck, 1 flack rock work. Matt said Dave Stein has provided a written plan on Southgate Drive building damage by fire. He sent a letter to Cardinal Court, and the owners of Alton property are waiting on the structural report.

2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estates Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said there is nothing new to report on Edison Estates. Public Works Director John Tolan ran the sewer line in Meadow Pines.

Zoning Administrator Matt also stated the Dollar General Store is ready to open.

Mayor Speiser said we did meet with resident on the Wolf Road Project. We do have to have another meeting with them.

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT K:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer summarized the calls over the last month. He also attended a meeting in Edwardsville and met with Senator Kris Tharp and approximately 50 other police chiefs regarding the new Safety Act. Chief stated it was a good meeting, and Senator Tharp is hoping to get a plan together to get things corrected.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer has three outdated computers/tablets from 2015 that have Windows 7 as the operating system, and another one that has died. He obtained a quote from Computron of \$15,595 for four computers and docking stations. He would like to use the remaining funds from the citizen that donated money to the Police Department in the amount of \$4,496. He would like to use the golf tournament proceeds for the remainder. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated we need to include these items in our 3–5-year plan. Trustee Meehling stated we need a plan to replace the remaining tablets. Trustee Meehling said at this time she would like to make a motion.

Trustee Meehling motioned to purchase of 4 Toughbook's and Docking Station for the Freeburg Police Department, 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2023 Health Insurance Renewal: Trustee Meehling said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised that Health Insurance Committee met and did not switch to a new plan. We did decide to remain with United Healthcare, and the committee has asked for a quote from a new company that would be effective January 1st. We should receive that quote soon. When we do, we will schedule another meeting to discuss our options.

\Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to renewal of United Healthcare Insurance Plan, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Meehling said also in Personnel the board discussed and recommended that Laura Wolf be promoted to Finance Clerk at a rate of \$25.14 per hour.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned that Laura Wolf be promoted to Finance Clerk at a rate of \$25.14 per hour, 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

GENERAL CONCERNS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning/Zoning Board – Tuesday, November 8, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. (canceled)

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, November 21, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – She would like to Congratulate Laura on her promotion and to the Boys and Girls Cross Country Team.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Cross Country and to Laura on her promotion. Congratulations to the girls Volleyball Team with best of luck.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Same here.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Ditto on what has been said.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Same thing here.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Same thing here.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same thing here.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – He said breaking news the insurance came back higher. Tony said he will not be here for the next board meeting he will be in New York fighting crime, and to watch his son in the Macy's Day parade.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – absented


Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Congratulations to Laura.

Treasurer Bryan Vogel – absented

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – absented.

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

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:45 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk