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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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, December 16, 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.

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 2, 2024. – **Unavailable.**

EXHIBIT A:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his December 16th ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2, 2024.

Mayor Speiser said, Village Engineer Report is **Unavailable.**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

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EXHIBIT b:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolutions #24-21 A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Accept and the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #24-21 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 Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **6 voting ayes, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT C:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolutions #24-22 A Resolution of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois Obligation of American Rescue Plan Act Funds of \$577,271.08

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adopt Resolution #24-22 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **6 voting ayes, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Obligation of ARPA funds of \$577,721.08 Mayor Speiser stated this was taking care of under Resolutions.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT D:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shan Kauss advised us the entire town lost power yesterday due to a tree service cutting down a tree and a limb swung into our feed. The Public Works crew acted quickly and power was restored for the entire town within 17 minutes.

2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane said, he is contemplating switching Village Hall to LED. He will get a count on how many needed and the cost. Should have more information by the next meeting.

Head Lineman Shane mentioned last month about some scrap transformers but haven't got the test back. Shane said they had testing on the trucks and other safety equipment today. There were a number of things that failed so he has contacted someone to refurbish those. He said if the Board approves, they will take care of it. The Board gave their approval.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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, December 11, 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 Village Administrator Matt Trout said he doesn't have anything. He has submitted all the final paperwork and documents to them.
2. Sewer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan said, they are trying to get back on the schedule of cleaning the sewers every six weeks
3. FSH Minutes: Nothing to report.
4. Water System Upgrades.: Trustee Kaiser said nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Director John Tolan said, we had a water break last Thursday night at Riceland and West Apple. He said the hydrant that they couldn't repair on Wolf 'Road and Country Side Lane was replaced today. He and Buddy are working on the lead and copper sampling. The site plan has to be in by the end of December. He said in November they did their THM and HAA sampling. We got the THM sample results back but HAA samples were contaminated by the lab, so we had to resample.

Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we are going to repair the hydrant at the end of Westview and that will require a road closure,

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT F :

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, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said they have found a few spots. There is a 48” culvert on Country Side Lane that is rusted out at the bottom. Village Engineer Tim Pruett going to look into lining it instead of replacing it. He said there is a drainage issue in Manors at Woods Edge. He said once the weather gets nicer, they will finish the project at Silverthorne and Torrington.

2. Customer Issues: Nothing to report.

3. MFT: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Village Insurance Renewal: Trustee Matchett said we held a meeting on this.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS – December 24th and December 25th.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR’S DAY – January 1, 2025

Combined Planning and Zoning Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, January 6, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – Merry Christmas
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Merry Christmas
Trustee Dana Miller – Merry Christmas
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.


Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Merry Christmas.
Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – Merry Christmas
Public Works Director John Tolan – Merry White Christmas
Village Administrator Matt Trout – Merry Christmas.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Merry Christmas.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Merry Christmas.

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, December 2, 2024 at 7:47 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk