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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 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 Tuesday, January 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 Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 18, 2023 for approval.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 18, 2023, and Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, January 2, 2024 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 2, 2024, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene is not hear tonight. If you have any questions on his ESDA Report, please call Gene.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Nate Columbo and Eric Gray was present to talk to the Village Board from Clear Wave. There was a discussion on their project.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT

1. Mayor Speiser said, everyone should have a print out of the Village Engineer's Reports. Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Tim. 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 we have Resolution #24-02 A Resolution Appointing Mary Downen to serve an Authorized Agent of the Illinois Retirement Fund for the Village of Freeburg, Illinois.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr, motioned to adopt Resolution #24-02 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 James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – absent; (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXIBIT F:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 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 advised the committee there were no issues to report.

2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan stated IMEA is trying to get a federal grant for mutual aid for all IMEA communities. They will have a central location for the equipment to share. It is a matching \$1,000,000 grant, and IMEA will match \$480,000. John said he and Matt met with Rodd Wheatley and Shawn McCarthy on solar/energy efficiency. IMEA did a lot of research and said we are doing it right.

3. Cemetery Road Line Extension:

4. South Substation Switchgear Preventative Maintenance: The breaker checked out well. This will be a budget item and /or on the 3-to-5-year plan.

5. BHMG Cost of Service Study: Public Works Director John Tolan stated we don't have a timeline yet. Village Administrator Matt Trout said he feels there are close to providing us with some preliminary numbers.

6. Versalift and Worthington Turbo Charger Service Update: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the Versalift is finally in their shop. The Worthington repair should be done very soon, and we will get that tested once it has been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Shane Krauss Request to cash Out 100 Compensatory Hours: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shan Krauss request to cash out 100 compensatory hours.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to recommend Shane Krauss be paid 100 hours of compensatory time, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

Head Lineman Krauss said the dielectric samples for transformers has been done, but he has not reviewed the results. The truck, sticks, and gloves testing went very well.

EXHIBIT G:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) absent. Trustee Matchett reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Matchett said, Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we are about the same as last month. Substantial completion has not happened, the SCADA training has been completed, the fence gate is in but not the controller, HVAC controller not operation properly, and the influent screen error where it says it is jamming but it isn't. We are working out of the lab there. John commended it was interesting learning how to run the filters with the rain event. The plant handled the flow well. EPA has revised our existing NPDES permit and added Phosphorus. We are now running the plant off the dissolved oxygen probes rather than manually. Our guys have created their own list of items that need to be completed.

2. Sewer Issues: None.

3. FSH Minutes: FSH has given Larry Rhutasel of Volkert their approval to look for alternative route from the SLM plant to Freeburg. That water line was put in 1978, and some leaks have been found in that line.

4. Water System Study: Trustee Matchett said Tim continues to talk to Scott on this project. Village Administrator Matt Trout said this will now be a once-a-week phone call until we see some progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee there was a large water break on Rt. 15 last weekend. We are working to get everyone off that line. The west tower has been winterized.

Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:01 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FCHS Post Prom Donation Request: Trustee Matchett said, the committee agreed to donate a 10-visit pool pass.

Village Administrator Matt Trout has started conversations with Scott on his suggestions for the 2024 pool season. Both Public Works Director John Tolan and Crew Leader Bob Jenkins said everything is in pretty good shape. We have the new tarp cover. Scott has asked for new chairs, basketball hoop, and lifeguard umbrellas.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee our guys are doing a good job keeping leaves out of ditches and culverts. Bob will be working on the Peabody Road culver replacement, and will then work on Wolf Road weather permitting.
2. Customer Issues: Nothing to report.
3. MFT: Trustee Matchett said, Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee he and Bob will work on this year's plan shortly, and determine the streets that will be oiled and chipped. The large project this year will be the Savanna Oaks resurfacing.
4. St. Clair County Parks Grant Update: Village Administrator Matt Trout said we will firm up our pricing for this project in February.

Matt attended the SWICMA meeting and spoke with the IDOT representative about the issues we had on the Peabody Road/State guardrail. The IDOT rep was not happy that we weren't able to put the barrier back up. Matt is hoping a guardrail or barrier can be installed to protect our utilities in that area. He further comments we want our district to follow the rules of the other districts.

Village Engineer Tim Pruett has talked to the Intergovernmental Grants Department, and we don't have anyone qualified for those grants. We could qualify if we apply for an ADA sidewalk project anywhere from \$5,000-\$100,000, Tim advised it will not cost us anything to apply. Public Works Director John Tolan said we definitely have areas that we could use this. The deadline to apply is March 12th. He and He and Matt Trout are going to meet again with Covered Bridge residents about their water request. He will advertise in the Tribune for the upcoming sewer project.

NEW BUSINESSW:

1. Resolution #24-02 IMRF Notice of Appointment of Authorized Agent: Trustee Matchett said this Resolution was taken care of earlier on the agenda.

Public Works Director John Tolan has scheduled crack sealing for the first week in February. We are trimming the branches away from the roadways. Mayor Speiser asked for flashing stop sign to be move.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 24 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 24 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 24 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, February 5, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.
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 the public works department.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – He would also like to thank John and his crew.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – absent.
Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.
Public Works Director John Tolan –
Interim Administrator Matt Trout – Just a reminder January 17th we will be holding a retirement party for Laura and Julie. It will be here and the luncheon will start at 12:00 noon. We are collecting donations for both of them. If you wish to contribute to it, please see me.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – He would like to let everyone know that Joels dad passed away.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer –

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, January 16, 2024 at 7:49 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk