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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**  
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**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 @ 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 19, 2021, 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 Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Denise Albers – 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 from the previous Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 4, 2021 for approval.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 4, 2021, 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 B:**

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Seth Speiser said ESDA Coordinator Gene could not be here tonight he has testing going on tonight over in his office. If anyone has any question on his January 19, 2021 ESDA Report, please call him.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

### **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

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**EXHIBIT C:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 4, 2021:**

1. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his Zoning Report. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said he emailed out the Zoning Code and the notice will be running Thursday in the paper. If you have anything to add or catch anything send it to him by Thursday, please.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None

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

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**ORDINANCE:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1711, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg (Traffic Schedules).

*Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1711 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**EXHIBIT E:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:**

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss said they have been installing quite a few bidirectional meters. A few of those companies have been failing inspections with the county. Shane said the solar systems doesn't affect our voltages.

2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss confirmed we received the \$5,000 grant from IMEA for our LED lighting. Trustee Blaies said we have someone looking at the Sentinel building. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised they can call IMEA and see what they qualify for.

3. North Substation CAT Work/PLC unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss has a few bids on this and will sit down with Public Works Director John Tolan and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg to discuss which direction we want to take on the company we are going to use. Trustee Blaies suggested placing this in the 3-5 year plan being this is going to be quite costly.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Employee Shane Krauss's Request to be paid for 125 of compensatory time: Trustee Blaies said we have a request from Head Lineman Shane Krauss.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to recommend Head Lineman Shane Krauss be paid 125 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee they are fighting the mud in Edison Estates. Almost all of the wire is in the ground, and they will start setting transformers the end of the week. Once those are in, they will start installing the streetlights. Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan informed the APPA rally this year will be virtual. John will email the schedule to everyone. Please contact John if you would like to register for any of the seminars. We have a resident in the village with Monroe County Electric service and Shane is working with the resident to get it change over.

#### **EXHIBIT F:**

##### **Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer)**

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 5:57 p.m.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New Sewer Plant/ Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee the projected bid publication is January 18<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$1,000. The Risk associated with that is we do not have the construction permit and loan finalized. However, we have been able to get a full copy of the permit they intend to give us which is very good sign.

They have also given us the sewer loan number and guaranteed us the money is there. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg is asking to move forward with the bid publication on January 18<sup>th</sup>, the pre-bid meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and the bid opening on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee agreed it is a bigger risk if we don't move forward.

2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan received a call from a resident on January 13<sup>th</sup> on a sewer back up on South Pitts Streets. John, Gregg and Trevor confirmed our lines are flowing freely.

3. Old Freeburg Road Water Lines: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan, Attorney Fred Keck and Chris Bergman met to discuss the bid packet issues. The committee agreed to go out to bid, and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg asked to ensure it goes to SIBA as well. Attorney Keck confirmed no motion is needed to send the project out for bid.

4. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the study is done, and John is waiting to review the plan when that can be done in person.

5. Repair/Replace Sewer East Main and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan sent everyone an email explaining the information received from Jorge Garcia of Wiegmann's and what they are doing to prevent the zinc and chromium levels exceeding the allowable limits.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. West Street Resident's Sewer Issue: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we have three residents on West Street that are on a private sewer. They are having sewer issues and would like Freeburg to help them.

Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan received verbal approval today from EPA that they are accepting the operating permit for Edison Estates. Trustee Kaiser said Water/Sewer Leader Gregg Blomenkamp thanked our guys on the 8 inch water break who worked very hard on the major water leak by the east tower. Village Zoning Administrator said he received the permit from EPA signing off on Edison Estates

#### **EXHIBIT G:**

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

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. (Chairperson) reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:17 p.m.

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

##### **POOL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg will be looking at increasing the prices at the pool with minimum wage increasing.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan reported he has a crew working at SAVE site on the edges which are washing out quite a bit. The crew is working the shoulders to get the water to drain off. We completed some ditching on Dewey and Temple.

2. Customer Issues: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said we have some issues with the curb and guttering on Milford, Southgate and Saturn Terrace. The gutters are heaving up, and John believes the trash truck is a large amount of the problem. They removed the curb and gutters from the bad areas and filled them in with rock. They will replace the curb and gutter in the spring. Public Works Director John Tolan thinks we really need to look at replacing all the curb and gutters in the next few years. John is not sure how to do this in Saturn Terrace because of the mine subsidence. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg doesn't know how we can afford curb and gutters anywhere. Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee we recently met with Waste Management and advised them we are not happy with drivers they are driving so close to the edge. We will keep an eye on that.

3. MFT: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said we will start on the 2021-2022 MFT soon. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg believes this funding should be in good shape. Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee Ameren retired the gas service at our property on 2 N. Railroad. He needs to scrap some items and will be close to tearing it down.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Treasurer's Reports for 1/31/20: 2/29/20: 3/31/20: 4/30/20: 5/31/20: and 6/30/20: Trustee Matchett said we had some Treasurer's Reports.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to approve the Treasurer's Reports for 1/31/20: 2/29/20: 3/31/20: 4/30/20: 5/31/20 and 6/30/20 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion.*

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Matchett said Trustee Albers questioned the status of the letters we sent to the Industrial Park regarding the lots that went past the time limit on building. Attorney Keck called those owners but did not send letters. He commented, we now need to be more proactive on this.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 27, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.  
Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 27, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.  
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 27, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, February 1, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Mayor Seth Speiser** – He would like to say Ray, and himself got a letter from John from the director out at the SAVE site and he was very pleased with work they did on the streets lights out there. He would like to give them a thank you Jeff, Tony and John.

**Trustee Denise Albers** – Nothing tonight.

**Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling** – Nothing tonight.

**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – Nothing tonight.

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – Nothing tonight.

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – Nothing tonight.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – He also would like to thank the guys for getting the job done out at SAVE site.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – Nothing tonight.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – Nothing tonight.

**Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer** – Nothing tonight.

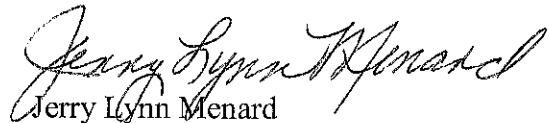
**Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – Nothing tonight.

**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer** – absent

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – Nothing tonight.

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

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:43p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk