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Mike Blaies  
Ray Matchett, Jr.  
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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 @ 7:30 P.M.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Tony Funderburg

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**  
John Tolan

**POLICE CHIEF**  
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

**ESDA COORDINATOR**  
Eugene Kramer

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**  
Matt Trout

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 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 Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

Mayor Speiser stated the board minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 19, 2022, and Special Board Meeting Wednesday, December 28, 2022 is unavailable for approval.

### **FINANCE A:**

Trustee Denise Albers (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said we Reviewed the Board Lists. We had some questions: Zurcher Tire, \$717.04 – police tires through state bid; Harlan Clark, \$172.34- deposit slips; Wolf Fabrication, \$730.00 welded a plate to replace the lid hatch at the lagoon.

2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers said Treasurer Bryan Vogel invested \$601,000 that was taken from the money market account at 4.25% for 5 years. We still have \$99,000 that will be invested shortly.

3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Albers said Trustee Blaies commented, that we are low on all the utility revenues. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said he did not notice that and does not see any major issues. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said the facility plan will address that.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Albers said attorney's invoice were not available.
2. Newsletter: Trustee Albers said the Newsletter went out last week to the residents, and the next one will go out in March.
3. 2023 Village Liability Insurance Renewal: Trustee Albers said this was discussed in the special board meeting last week.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Albers stated Village Administrator Tony Funderburg is starting to work on the budget.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**EXHIBIT B:**

**ESDA REPORT** Mayor Speiser said ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer will not be here this evening due to a conflict. If you have any questions on Gene's ESDA Report, please call Gene.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Tiffani Toennies said she is present tonight to see if there is any news on Wolf Road. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Chief Schutzenhofer answered her questions.

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**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EXHIBIT C:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 19, 2022:** Mayor Speiser said does anyone have any questions on Zoning Administrator Matt Trout's report. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said the police golf tournament will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and the fall festival September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

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

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

### **EXHIBIT D:**

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

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap (chairperson) reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap summarized Zoning Administrator Matt Trout report: there were 14 occupancy permits and 1 electric service upgrade permit. Matt has sent letters to Draco Drive for a cleanup, a camper on North West St., and the West Phillips property. They continue to work on Cardinal Court, and the demolition work has started on Kessler Road.

2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estates Subdivisions: None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** Trustee Heap said resident Tiffani Toennies questioned the status of the Despain property.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

### **EXHIBIT E:**

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

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **POLICE:**

**OLD BUSIENSS:** Trustee Meehling said Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the calls over the last month. There was an outage on a cable line that was down, and the cable company never showed up, our officers took care of the issue.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Full-Time Police Hire: Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer said since Terry has left the police force, we now have an opening for a full-time police officer. He would like to open this up for that position, we are down an officer and need to get fully staffed.

Trustee Meehling said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said our officers helped out during the extremely cold weather.

#### **PERSONNEL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Buddy Lannert's Request to Cash in 80 Compensatory Hours: Trustee Meehling said we have a request from one of our Public Works employees, and at this time she would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to recommend approval of Buddy Lannert's Request to Cash in 80 Compensatory Hours, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – ay; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. Eric McDonal and Cory Schaefer end of Probation Status: Trustee Meehling stated we have two Public Works employees who will end their probation status as of their anniversary date. At this time, she would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to recommend Eric McDonald and Cory Schaefer be taken off probation status as of their anniversary date of January 10, 2023, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – ay; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**GENERAL CONERNS:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Combined Planning/Zoning Board – Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. (canceled)

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 1, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 17, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Trustee Denise Albers** – No thank you.

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

**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – No thank you.

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

**Mayor Seth Speiser** – Bob Jenkins and Shane Krauss were on call over Christmas weekend, and they had 15 calls which they took care of them immediately and efficiently. Thanks to both of them.

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – Thanks to the Public Works Department for all of their help.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – No thank you.

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – No thank you.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – No thank you.

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – No thank you.

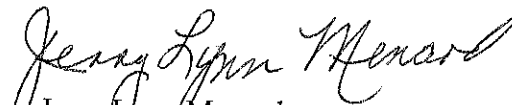
**Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – No thank you.

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

**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer** – absent.

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

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:39 p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk