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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 @ 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 Monday January 4, 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 Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – 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.

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes from the previous Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 21, 2020 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 21, 2020, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE:

Trustee (Chairperson) Denise Albers reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

- 1. REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said we did reviewed the Board List in our Finance Committee meeting.
- 2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers said Treasurer Bryan Vogel advised the committee the highest CD rate now is 1% for 60 months. We have 5 CDs renewing 1/9/21 amounting to \$600,000. Trustee Albers said the committee agreed to keep the money in a money market account at .5% and see if the rates improve in the near future. Treasurer Bryan Vogel will monitor the rates.

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3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Albers said Public Works Director John Tolan reported he purchased the mosquito chemicals in advance for next year. He was able to purchase the barrels for \$1,500 instead of \$2,400. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg he is working on the budget now. Trustee Albers stated within the next two weeks, he will provide the short term and next year's budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Albers stated Treasurer Bryan Vogel advised the committee the January – June, 2020 reports are done and hope to have those reports to us soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Albers said the attorney's invoice is in the office for review.
2. Newsletter: Trustee Albers said the Newsletter want out right before Christmas. If anyone has anything for the next newsletter, please let Julie know.
3. Cures Act Money: Trustee Albers said advised the committee we are going to sit tight on the CURES Act and revisit that in January. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated that will be incorporated into the budget he is going to provide to everyone.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Citizen's Notice of Premium Money Market Accounts reduce to .50% Annual Percentage Yield: Trustee Albers said we received notice from Citizen's Bank reduced the APR deal to ½%.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

EXHIBIT C:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Seth Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his January 4, 2021 ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR December 21, 2020:

1. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his Zoning Report. Hearing none we will move on.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: See Appointments

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Speiser said he would like to appoint Terry Gamblin to Combined Planning and Zoning Board. He would be replacing Kevin Groth position on this board.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to the Approval of the Appointment of Terry Gamblin to Combined Planning and Zoning Board and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – a ye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT E:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee (Chairperson) Michael (Mike) Heap reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 5:46 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap said we talked about the nuisance properties. Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout had our Village Attorney Fred Keck send a letter to the West Washington property.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estate Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said they are still building house in Meadow Pines and they are doing the final grading in Edison Estates. They would like to open up the streets, but we recommend they keep them closed until we get the electric in, and all of the heavy equipment moved out.
3. Code Revisions/Legal Review: Trustee Heap said we are almost finished with the code review.
4. Update on Utility Disconnections and Revenue/Loss Numbers: Trustee Heap said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg gave us an update on the utility disconnections and revenue loss numbers.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Combined Planning and Zoning Board Appointment: Trustee Heap said we took care of the appointed position on the Combined Planning and Zoning Board earlier on the agenda. The board approved the appointment of Terry Gamblin.
2. IML Social Media Policy: Trustee Heap said we discussed the IML Social Media Policy.
3. IML COVID-19 Vaccination Policy: Trustee Heap said we also discussed the IML Covid-19 Vaccination Policy, and no action was taking on this at this time.
4. Wiegmann's Board of Review Hearing: Trustee Heap said we will not be sending anyone to the hearing.

Trustee Heap said Mayor Speiser would like to extend a gesture of support to our businesses by waiving the liquor, video gaming, coin operated licenses and business registration fees to help them out. Trustee Heap said at this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to recommend waiving the 2021 fees for liquor, video gaming, and coin operated licenses and business registrations for anyone who had a 2020 license in the amount of \$9,260 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – a ye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

EXHIBIT F:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee (Chairperson) Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday December 30, 2020 at 6:15 p.m.

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Meehling said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg received numerous handbooks from his administrators' group, so we should be able to fast track ours.

Trustee Meehling stated the Families First Coronavirus Act has been extended through until March 31, 2021, which was previously December 31, 2020. This is still available for those that need it.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Meeting – Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – Happy New Year's everyone.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – Happy New Years to everyone and congratulations to Terry Ganblin.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Happy New Year.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Same thing and he would like welcome Terry to the Combined Planning and Zoning Board.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same thing here.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Happy New Year's everyone.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Happy New Year.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – May 15, 2021 will be the Police and Safety Golf Outing and October 2, 2021 will be the Chili Cook Off.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Happy New Years, hope this one will be a better one.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg –

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 4, 2021 at 7:46p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk