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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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, February 16, 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – 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 19, 2021 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 1, 2021, and Trustee Denise Albers 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 Kramer had another commitment so he will not be with us this evening. If you have any questions on his February 16, 2021 ESDA Report, please call Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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EXHIBIT E:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2021:

1. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his Zoning Report. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said the Combined Planning and Zoning Board recommendation, which is in the board packet on the zoning revisions.

EXHIBIT D:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Mayor Speiser said we have the recommendation from the Combined Planning and Zoning Board Regarding Zoning Code Revisions and Updates.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to approve the recommendation regarding the Zoning Code Revisions and Updates and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion.

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

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1712; An Ordinance Approving the Revisions to the Zoning Code (Chapter40) of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois, making Certain Substantive Changes to said Code, and Authorizing Municode to Codify said Revisions and Changes.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1712 by title only 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. – 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 F:

Electric Committee Meeting:

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 10, 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 turned off the power during the fire in Deerfield Court. There was also a customer advising they only had half power that was addressed.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: None.
3. North Substation CAT Work/PLC unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss said we had previously received a quote from the company that built the system (ISO) for \$167,657 for units 10, 11 and 12. BHM&G has provide us with a quote for the same units at \$167,196. They also provided an option for both substation units to communicate more effectively which include units 10, 11 and 12 from the north sub and units 8 and 9 from the south sub for a total of \$336,629. This project will also be discussed at the budget meeting.
4. Unit #6 Circuit Breaker Repair: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Public Works Director John Tolan and Attorney Fred Keck worked with BHN&G on their monetary contribution the on the unit #6 repair. They have agreed to pay \$15,000 towards future service work.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project #21-01 Breaker Repair and Upgrade: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane said they discovered some issues on two breakers. They sent them to Fenton plant and they were unable to fix them. The Eaton Company sent them to their main office for repair. Head Lineman Krauss advised the committee these are spare breakers and are only made by Eaton. To repair them the cost would be \$14,717 with a 7-8 week repair time. Trustee Blaies said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept Eaton Corporation's Proposal STK 5-210112-01-BG to repair the breakers at a cost of \$14,717 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

2. Daily Power Plant Checks: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss provided a printout of the daily Power plant substation checks they conduct every morning. They found several issues during these daily checks including the Eaton breakers, bad heaters in the control room and the air compressor. They caught them before it became an issue. Head Lineman Shane is requesting that the daily checks extend through the weekend and holidays. That would add approximately \$13,215 to the budget. This will be discussed at the budget meeting.

Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee Erie Insurance (Ehrecht Plumbing's insurance company) was at the south plant with two of their mechanical adjusters regarding unit 6. They gave us the approval to have the motors looked at to see if they need to be dried out or address and other issues.

EXHIBIT G:

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:13 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 invoices in the packet pay everything to this point. We will still owe the construction engineering fees once we start the project. Public Works Director John Tolan said the pre-bid meeting was held February 9th and believes there were 6-7 prime contractors as well as several subcontractors there. Jeff Barnhard gave an overview of the project and an onsite visit. Bids are due March 1st. The Department of the Army advised they do not require a permit. Trustee Kaiser said at this time he would like to make motion.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Burns & McDonnell Invoice #1130874-24REV in the amount of \$143,814.78 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Burns & McDonnell Invoice #114528-8 in the amount of \$2,007.45 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan said Gregg and Trevor have been working on an issue at the Palomar lift station where the pumps weren't pumping it down. Midwest VAC televised the sewer and traced it to where it connects at the main at Pitts St. and unclogged the pipe.

3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported SLM has their easements and are going to proceed with replacing water mains. They will finance this through a \$3,000,000 loan and will pass a rate increase to fund that. That rate increase will be passed along to us.

4. Old Freeburg Road Water Lines: Trustee Kaiser said the Old Freeburg Water Line project will go to bid on February 12th, and the opening is on March 9th at 1:00 p.m. Trustee Kaiser said Attorney Keck revised the project completion date to 120 days.

5. Water System Study: Nothing new.

6. Repair/Replace Sewer East Main and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser said this is on hold for right now.

7. West Street Resident's Sewer Issue: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan provide Tim Pruett's cost estimate of \$30,510 which includes project construction costs of \$22,210 for the sewer line, manholes, pavement repair and cleanup/seeding. Trustee Kaiser said the non-construction cost of \$8,300 include the survey, design engineering and easements. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg asked that this be reviewed and further discussed at the budget meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan received a call from the EPA asking about the status on lining the sewer on Apple Street. They are going to investigate the area around Regions Bank.

EXHIBIT J:

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, February 10, 2021 at 6:33 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. East Apple Street Proposed Repair Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee in order to keep costs on this project manageable, we will have our crew work on it. Public Works Director John Tolan plans to go over the top with a rectangle culvert avoid standing water on Cherry Street.

2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: None.

3. Customer Issues: None at this time.

4. MFT: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg worked with TWM on the 2021-22 MFT budget. This will be discussed at the budget meeting on March 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Surplus 2. N. Railroad HVAC: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan stated Purple Wave will not auction this item. The committee agreed to closed bid process and placing an ad in the Tribune. Trustee Matchett said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to advertise in the Freeburg Tribune for a close bid on the HVAC equipment and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: All voting aye, the motion carried.

2. Recycling Center: Trustee Matchett said with Smithton closing their recycling center, we are going to see much more traffic at ours. Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg is working with Waste Management on the contract renewal, and there may be some opportunity during this process to handle the recycling problem.

3. RFO for Water/Sewer/Streets. Trustee Matchett said we previously discussed having an engineer for each department. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg would like to appoint these engineers for one year for our water, sewer and streets projects. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg is nearing completion of the budget, and he would like to send a list of projects out to potential engineers prior to hiring anyone.

Trustee Matchet said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg would like to resume in-person meetings in April. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout will still set up the meetings via Zoom.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 24, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Committee As A Whole Meeting – Monday, March 1, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, March 1, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Good job on working on the streets to clearing them.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Good job on the streets.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Same thing, to John and his crew also the electric department.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – She would like to thank the guys on a great job on removing the snow from the roads.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Thanks to the guys for doing a great job on the streets.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – Thanks to the guys on all of their hard work.

Trustee Denise Albers – Same thing here.

Mayor Seth Speiser – Thank you John for all of your help. If you need anything let us know.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – Village Hall was closed today, but we will be open tomorrow. We also keep the recycling center closed today for safety reasons. We called to let the residents know trash pickup will be delay one or two days. He would like to let everyone know that Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout step up today and help out with cleaning streets that was really appreciated, also Chief Schutzenhofer shoveled the sidewalk to the Village Hall.

Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer – If he would of let Tony do it, he would have frozen and the village would had personal snowman.

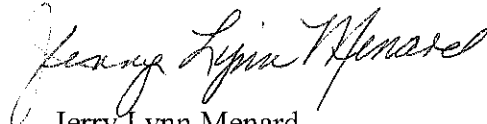
Public Works Director John Tolan – Nothing tonight.

Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – He would like to thank the Combined Planning and Zoning Board for all the work they did on the Zoning Code, and Tony for starting it and everyone who had a hand in it. Trustee Heap has been to all of the meetings and thanks to the Village Board for passing it.

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 Monday, February 16, 2021 at 7:47p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk