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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 @ 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 18, 2025 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 Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; (by zoom) Trustee Dana Miller – 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.

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 21, 2025.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 21, 2025 and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 3, 2025.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 3, 2025 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. 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 was not present to updated us on his ESDA Report for February 17, 2025.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2025.

Mayor Speiser called on Village Engineer Tim Pruett. Mayor Speiser said everyone should have his report in their packet. Does anyone have any questions for Tim. None was heard.

EXHIBIT E:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the Recommendation for Approval of Improvement Plans for Murphy Development.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to the Recommendation for Improvement Plans for Murphy Development, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

COMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT F:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #25-01 A Resolution Authorizing the Village of Freeburg to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute Agreement Between the Village and LIHEAP.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #25-01 by title only, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Speiser said Attorney Keck has left the law firm of Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C. to start his own law firm. At this time, he would still like to continue to have Attorney Keck stay as the Village Attorney. At this time, he would like to appoint Fred Keck as the Village Attorney.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to accept the Appointed position of Fred Keck for Village Attorney, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All 5-voting aye, motion carried.**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT G:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan stated the only issue we had was the pole that fell on South State.

2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan said Head Lineman Shane Krauss is working on the lighting project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 600 South State Street: Trustee Blaies stated Public Works Director John Tolan said when the pole fell it pulled their service off the house. Village Administrator Matt Trout said in the past practice we have not reimbursed for this type of thing as this was an act of God and we had no knowledge. Village Attorney Fred Keck discussed the legality.

2. Murphy Development: Trustee Blaies said we passed this earlier on the agenda.

Public Works Director John Tolan said he received correspondence from IMEA on our Air permit renewal. It expires in June/July of this year. We submitted paperwork in July 2024 so everything is good. He said Shane has been working with Freeburg Liquor and the charging station. They are looking to move it from the south side to the north side. Max is attending CDL training. Generation is scheduled for next Tuesday.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 5:55 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer Issues: None.
2. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan said they are discussing replacing all the water meter for all of the FSH customers,
3. Water System Upgrades. : Trustee Kaiser said Village Engineer Tim Pruett said TWM submitted the IEPA permits.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution #25-01 LIHEAP: Trustee Kaiser stated we pass this Resolution earlier on the agenda under Resolutions.

Public Works Director John Tolan said they collected THM samples today for the month of February. The fire department is getting their ISO inspection updated grading March 18th. Fire Chief Hans Mueller sent him information that will need to be filled out for the water system. He submitted the lead and copper sample site plan and it was approved. We had two water breaks on Rte. 15 on the same line. The plan is to get the remaining residents off that line before the end of the summer. Also, had a water break on Sunset. Trevor and Eric are attending CDL training. MetroAg hauled 96,000 gallons of sludge yesterday and today, the last time was in October. We submitted the hydrant rental bill to the fire department.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT I :

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

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.(Chairperson) reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:05 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Freeburg Post Prom, Freeburg High School Music Boosters Trivia Night, Freeburg FFA Alumni Pork Chop and Auction and St. Joseph Catholic School Mouse Races Donation Request: Trustee Matchett said the committee agreed to donate a 10-visit pool pass to all 4.

Public Works Director John Tolan asked about having a police presence. Village Administrator Matt Trout discussed the possibility of a security system for the pool. Matt said a lot of people have come in for lifeguard applications.

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STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan discussed issue on Glenrock Lane.

2. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan said stop signs were put up on High Street.

3. MFT: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget FY26: Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator sent out the Budget FY26 to the trustee to look at and comment on it.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, March 3, 2025 – 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 – No thank you.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan - No thank you.


Village Administrator Matt Trout – absent

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 Dana Miller motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:41 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchet, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk