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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 @ 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 21, 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – 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.

Mayor Speiser stated the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 6, 2023 unavailable.

FINANCE: Unavailable.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT Mayor Speiser call said ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer will not be here tonight. If you have any questions for Gene on his ESDA Report please call him.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Unavailable.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCERS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

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NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser called for any new business. Trustee Meehling said she would like to make a motion.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to hire Michell Huebner as a Full-Time Officer and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT B:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported a tree trimmer dropped a tree limb on our wire, and it happened again the next day. Julie is working with Officer Ruhmann on this claim. Head Lineman Shane stated we had a city-wide outage on January 23rd. The power went out at 3:24 p.m., the first circuit was on at 3:44 p.m., and the last circuit went on at 3:54 p.m.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Head Lineman Shane completed the final walk through on Ace Hardware's project on February 1st. They should submit their final to IMEA.
3. Generator Upgrades: Trustee Blaies said there are still some tweaks that need to be made to the system.

NEW BUSINESS: Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee the USEPA is starting to crack down on emissions on generators like the older Worthington we have.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT C:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 5:46 p.m.

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan- Haier Plumbing & Heating Change Order #4 at a cost of \$22,119.28; and Haier Plumbing and Heating Pay Request #17 in the amount of \$243,415.90;

Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the garage doors is in and the filter building is being painted. They have promised the aeration equipment by the 13th. John is requesting a conference call at the next update meeting to find out what is going on. John discussed Change Order #4. The water main is about 20 feet outside the property fence and was never put in the plans and never included in Haier's bid. They need to run an 8" connection to the water line. Trent confirmed it never made it on the plans. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg commented anything outside the scope of the project is our responsibility. He further said he is not saying this omission is our responsibility. The change order also includes some SCADA programming changes. The committee discussed running the water line ourselves but did not want to hold the project up. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said we have about \$330,000 for issues that come up like this and have spent under \$50,000. Public Works Director John Tolan said there will be a couple changes coming up and confirmed we have kept the changes order to a minimum. Trustee Kaiser said at this time he would like to make a couple motions.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to the approval of Haier Plumbing Pay Request #17 in the amount of \$243,415.90, 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to the approval of Change Order Haier Plumbing Pay Request #4 not to exceed in the amount of \$22,119.28, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. Sewer Issues: No issues reported.

3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the SLM President came to the last FSH meeting to further explain the issue that happened where only Freeburg was told to conserve water. The SLM President agrees that all future notices should come from SLM.

4. Water System Study: Public Works Director John Tolan spoke to Scott who advised the funding notices were sent to EPA. The plan will be for it all to be approved, and it is up to us how we want to spend the money and break out the phases. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said right now we are going to work through the first four items. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg is hoping there is a chance some of the grant money might become available.

5. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple- Trustee Kaiser said this item can be taken off the agenda. Public Works Director John Tolan is going to meet with Volkert to set up a plan to bid out lining projects for the next five years.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we purchased our ITRON meter reading system in 2008 and it is no longer supported by them. It is starting to fall, and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg recommended we do this now. Jane in the office is having problems loading data to the billing software. This system reads both the water and electric meters. The cost for the upgrade would be \$32,814.50.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to approve Project #23-01 – Itron AMR System Upgrade in the amount of \$34,109.50 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported we collected our first set of UCMR samples and sent to EPA last week. We also collected THM samples. Our water guys replaced Hydrants at East Mill/Cherry Street and Park Street, repaired hydrants on Railroad and River King and installed several water services.

GENERAL CONCERNS: Trustee Blaies directed a question to Public Works Director John Tolan. John was able to answer his question.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G:

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 15, 2023 at 6:12 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL: OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pool Safety Cover Estimate: Trustee Matchett said Crew Leader Bob Jenkins advised the pool cover should be delivered in about two weeks. Bob has not found anyone to repair it including the place we are buying it from.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lifeguards Hires: Trustee Matchett said we are advertising for lifeguards.

2. FCHS Post Prom Donation Request: Trustee Matchett stated the committee agreed to donate a 10-day pass to the event.

3. Freeburg FFA Alumni Pork Chip Dinner Donation Request: Trustee Matchett stated Julie will check with them to see if they will accept a pool pass rather than a monetary donation.

Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee we need to replace two umbrellas but would like to order four and keep two on hand. We are in need of them and the price will go up within 30 days.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to approval purchase 4 Umbrellas at a cost of \$8,588.00 from Anchor Industries Company and Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we have a crew working on Old Fayetteville Road from Woodview to Lakeview to ditch the area in order to get the water to flow. We will also be working on some culverts on Mill Street that the trash truck has smashed.

2. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee he and Bob met with an IDOT engineer and Eric Trentman. The front of the parking lot in front of Garys and Shaffer's is starting to sink. The village will camera that section and go from there.

3. Wolf Road Project: Trustee Matchett said Mayor Speiser said the East /West Gateway meeting is next Wednesday morning, and we sure know more about what is going on. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated Mr. Despain did not show up for his court appearance.

5. MFT- Oates Associates Proposal: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan will meet with Oates Associates to review the FY23-24 funding and set the numbers. John wants to focus more on concrete and cut back on oil. He wants to talk to Oates about addressing the roads in Savanna Oaks as a special project. We will have to close out the 22-23 program with TWM.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY24 Budget: Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg provided a copy of the budget for everyone's review, and there will be a Committee As A Whole to go over it on March 6th at 6:30 p.m.

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Trustee Matchett stated we have the audit contract C.J. Schlosser proposal. Trustee Matchett said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to the accepted C.J. Schlosser audit contract proposal and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee As A Whole Meeting – March 6, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, March 6, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – She would like to welcome our new police officer Mitch to Freeburg Police Department.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Welcome to Freeburg.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Welcome

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Welcome Mitch.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Welcome to the village.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Welcome Mitch.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Welcome.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – He would like to thank Jill Gomic for mentioning Freeburg. Our Village Clerk Jerry will be the one to swear in, get with Mike for this. By the way if anyone wants to be deputized this would be the time.

Public Works Director John Tolan – Welcome.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – Welcome.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Welcome Mitch.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer –

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

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of February 21, 2023 at 7:44 p.m., and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk

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