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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 @ 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, February 3, 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – 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 of January 21, 2025. **Unavailable**

EXHIBIT A: FINANCE

Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 29, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** No questions.

2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:

Trustee Carpenter said, we have a CD coming due February 9th. Trustee Carpenter said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to reinvest the CD at 4.1% or current rate for 6 months at Citizens Bank, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Carpenter said, Village Administrator Matt Trout said we should be about 83%. We received our final payment from property taxes. All insurance payment has been made and are reflected. Trustee Carpenter said that it looks like the swimming pool made a profit this year.

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4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

5. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT: Village Administrator Matt Trout pulled December 2023 report to compare. He stated most everything is trending up.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.

2. Newsletter: Nothing to report at this time.

3. Budget FY26: Village Administrator Matt Trout said everyone should have a copy. He said his plan is to hit the highlights and get direction on a couple things. He said he met with Waste Management this week and discussed rates and our contract. Our rep is looking into a possible grant for leaf machine. He discussed the grocery tax. There was a discussion on the purchase of a new backhoe/larger mini excavator. Matt asked the Board to look over and reach out to him with any question.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene gave us an updated on his ESDA Report for February 3, 2025.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR JANUARY 21, 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1798 An Ordinance Amending the Traffic Schedule (Stop Sign)

Trustee Dana Miller; motioned to adopt Ordinance #1798 by title only, and Trustee Ramon Matchett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – nay; (5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). 5 voting ayes, 1 voting nay, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser stated we need an Executive Session meeting. Mayor Speiser said lets due Executive Session right before Upcoming Meetings.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to hold Executive Session before Upcoming Meetings, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT E:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Dana Miller reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 6:45p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Miller said, Village Engineer Tim Pruett reported he received plans from Professional Metal Works to get their building permit for their expansion.
2. Development Updates: Trustee Miller said, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Village Administrator Matt Trout met with The Coffee Pot to discuss location they are looking at. Meeting requested with potential new owners of storage units at 550 West Phillips street. He discussed rezoning with Midland State Bank at Lone Oak Trails subdivision. They met with FCHS to discuss the cleanup of Dressler property.
3. Despain Property: Trustee Miller said, nothing new.
4. FOIA Requests: Trustee Miller said, the FOIA Requests were reviewed by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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EXHIBIT E:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies report on Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 6:54 p.m.. Trustee

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. K9 Program: Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Matt Trout and Chief Schutzenhofer need to sit down with the officer and go over things.

2. SRO Contract: Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Matt Trout and Chief Schutzenhofer met with Dr. Gass and Ms. Jung from the high school and had an initial discussion. He went over a few items that need to be addressed with the new contract.

Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 168 calls since our last committee meeting. He added overall they had 1,330 calls/events in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident Request for Stop Sign at the Intersection of High Street & Edison Street: Trustee Blaies stated this was taking care of earlier on the agenda.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Joel Boeving's Request to Carry Over Vacation Time: Trustee Blaies said Joel request to carry over vacation. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned Joel Boeving's request to carry over vacation time and, Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion, ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **6 voting ayes, motion carried.**

GENERAL CONERNS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

Mayor Speiser asked for motion to go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:47 P.M.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to go in to Executive Session to discuss personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2- (c) (1)] and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

7:56

A motion was made to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT' DAY – Monday, February 17, 2025

Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – He asked about the Coffee Pot location. Village Administrator Matt Trout answered his question. Tom also commented on his vote of nay on the stop sign.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.

Trustee Dana Miller – No thank.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – He made a remark on the stop sign.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – He said we do need that stop sign on that street. People just fly down that street. Sooner or later, someone is going to get hit.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett –

Public Works Director John Tolan - John said it is hard to take a stop sign down.

Village Administrator Matt Trout – He said he will be leaving for the conference tomorrow

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer –

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 Monday, February, 3, 2025 at 8:03 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk