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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 @ 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 5, 2024 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, 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 Tuesday, January 16, 2024 for approval.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 18, 2023, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE:

Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

- 1. REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Nothing.
- 2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Nothing.
- 3. INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Carpenter said, Village Administrator Matt Trout is working on the budget, everything seems to be inline.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Carpenter stated we have Treasurer Bryan Vogel Treasurer's Reports for August 31, 2023, September 30, 2023, October 31, 2023 and November 30, 2023. Trustee Carpenter said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned for the approval of Treasurer's Reports of August 31, 2023, September 30, 2023, October 31, 2023, and November 30, 2023, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:

Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: We reviewed the Attorney Invoices.

2. Newsletter: Trustee Carpenter stated Office Manager Mary Downen is working on it. If anyone has everything for Mary to add to the newsletter let her know.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget FY2025: Trustee Carpenter said Village Administrator Matt Trout has it pretty much under control. Matt and he got together to discuss the budget. Matt said he is going try to have a hard copy for everyone at the next committee meeting. Matt said he would like to have a Committee As A Whole Meeting on March 4th at 6:00 or 6:30. We would have time to change anything that needed to be change.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Under Finance.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his ESDA Report, for February 5, 2024.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT

1. Mayor Speiser said, everyone should have a print out of the Village Engineer's Reports for February 5th Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Tim. Trustee Blaies asked is there anything on the Barbara Murphy project. Tim said he will know about this project soon.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.
CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.
BIDS: None.
RESOLUTIONS: None.
OLD BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS: None.
APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT E:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Dana Miller reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 5:45 p.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 told the committee we have a Combined Planning and Zoning Board meeting scheduled for February 13th with the high school's request to oil and chip parking lot. With regards to nuisance properties, he will follow-up on a couple properties.
2. Development Updates: Trustee Miller said, they met with Scooters, initial meeting, they are interested in the property next to the Freeburg pharmacy.
3. Despain Property: Trustee Miller said, as far as the Despain Property our Village Attorney Keck stated the insurance company & their lawyers are involved and have agreed to survey the entire property.
4. Vacation of Village Easement on Regions Bank Property: Trustee Miller said there is nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Executive Session Minuets: Trustee Miller stated, we It will be daunting as it has not been done in a while, but need to go through executive session minuets per the state's statues. Once we are caught up, we will establish a schedule going forward.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT F:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6:05 p.m.

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Body Camera Update: Trustee Meehling said, Chief Schutzenhofer advised the committee we did training last week. He and Stan trained on Thursday and the officers on Friday.

2. Police Officer Hire Up-date: Trustee Meehling stated we need to continue searching.

We did have retirement party for Laura and Julie, and it was a very nice turn out. Officer Hunter Borger and Officer Andrew Dumstorff received awards from SIPCA on the traffic stop on a suspect who shot someone in Belleville. They were asked to come to the board meeting and be recognized on how proud we are of them. Thank you, officers.

Chief Schutzenhofer summarized the 99 calls since last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CDL: Trustee Meehling said we continue to have a discussion on the CDL requirements. We do have the money in the budget to send 2 people

2. Office Staff and Public Works Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Vacation: Trustee Meehling said, nothing new happening there.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Lifeguard Hires: We discussed the upcoming pool season. Pool Manager Scott is reaching out to ones from last year but we are going to need to hire more.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling, motioned to post for lifeguards this coming season 2024, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

1. Request from FCHS Music Boosters and Freeburg Library Trivia Night: Trustee Meehling said we had a request from FCHS Music Boosters and Freeburg Area Library Trivia Night. The committee approved donating a 10-day pool pass to both groups.

2. Resident Request for Speed Sign on Kessler/Westview: Trustee Meehling said Public Works Director John Tolan said it was currently in the shop. When it gets fix, we will put it back out there.

3. Resident Request for Speed Signs on Barber Lane: The committee approved putting a speed limit on each side of the road.

GENERAL CONERNS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT’S DAY – Monday, February 19th, 2024.

Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – 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.

Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.

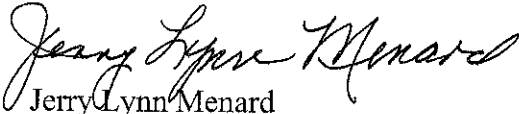
Village Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer –

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Gene became the grim weeper and reported on some bad weather we should be getting.

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 5, 2024 at 7:43 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk