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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MINUTES FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 @ 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 6, 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 Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – present by zoom; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 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 17, 2023 for approval.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 17, 2023 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE B:

Trustee Denise Albers (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

1. REVISE OF BOARD LISTS: Trustee Albers said we Reviewed the Board Lists. Trustee Blaies had questioned on: Key Equipment, \$7,713.84 – Public Work Director John Tolan advised the committee the water/sewer purchase 3 headphones and a portable unit for the employees to be able to communicate with each other; They will be used when the hydro excavator or sewer jetted are in use. We had a computer module go bad on the leaf machine and another minor repair.

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2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers stated we do not have any CD's coming due until next year.

3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Albers said we did received treasurer's reports from Treasurer Bryan Vogel.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned for the approval of the Treasurer's Reports for September, October, November, December of 2021, and January, February and March of 2022, Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Albers said attorney's invoice were not available.
2. Newsletter: Trustee Albers said we will start working on the Newsletter this shortly.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. TWM Presentation: Trustee Albers said Scott Simmons and Vicki Wade were present to provide a review of the "Water Tower Study and Project Plan. The total for all of the projects except Save Site, Jefferson Road and Peabody Road comes to \$8,334,100.00. Vicki Wade provided information on the funding process. The forms needed to apply to IEPA for funding are due March 31, 2023. The current interest rate is 1.24%, and she used the projected projects costs to show how much we would have to adjust our rates according to the loan/loans needed for the projects included in this study. The numbers for both 20–30-year loans were included. A rate increase would be needed.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg provided a spreadsheet which shows our electric rates broken out by how many kilowatts are used with 300 kwh being the minimum. Tony explained the rate changes every month based on how much we purchased at a certain time. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg met with our new insurance company, Tokyo Marine. The meeting went well, and he provided a lot of great advice. They have a company called HR Munie that will write a handbook for us.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT D:

ESDA REPORT Mayor Speiser call upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer for his ESDA Report. Gene up dated us on his February 6, ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT E:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2023: Mayor Speiser said does anyone have any questions on Zoning Administrator Matt Trout's report. Zoning Administrator Matt said there will be a Chamber luncheon meeting on Wednesday, February 8th at 11:30 a.m. Dana Miller from the Care Center will be a guest speaker.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #23-01 A Resolution of the Village of Freeburg Authorizing the Village to Execute IEPA Funding Nomination Forms for Public Water Supply Loan Program.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to adopt Resolution 23-01 by title only, and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT G:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap (chairperson) reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:23 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap summarized Zoning Administrator Matt Trout report: there were 3 occupancy permits and 5 building permits which included 1 fence, 1 pool, 1 electric and commercial permits. Two commercial permits include Parish and Motomart.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estates Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout dealt with an issue last week in Meadow Pines with the detention pond. Matt is checking in to this issue.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said we are required to get a new zoning map done if properties have been annexed or zoning amendments last year, and this is in process.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:36 p.m.

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. Full-time Police Officer Hire: Trustee Meehling stated we had three candidates apply for the full-time positions. Two of the candidates accepted positions somewhere else by the time of the interviews, and the third candidate did not fit our needs right now.

Chief Mike “Schutzenhofer summarized the calls over the last month. An awards ceremony was held last Thursday by SILEC and SIPCA, and awards were presented to Officers Joel Boeving and Hoffman. Officer Dave Unverferth’s retirement party will be held February 10th at 12:00 p.m. in the police department.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Officer Joel Boeving’s Request Extend Vacation: Trustee Meehling Officer Boeving request 107 vacation hours to be extend. Trustee Meehling said the committee agreed to extend Officer Boeving’s vacation request.
2. Compensatory Time Payout for Officer Ruhmann and Head Lineman Shane Krauss: Trustee Meehling stated we had three requested of Compensatory Time.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned Officer Stan Ruhmann be paid 1.75 Compensatory Hours, Officer Scott Stroud be paid 3.75 Compensatory Hours, and Head Lineman Shane Krauss be paid 41.50 Compensatory Hours, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CDL Requirements: Trustee Meehling said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said the federal government has instituted new rules for CDL licensing which will require our public works employees to take a 4-week CDL class at a junior college as well as a road test. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg is looking into this issue.

GENERAL CONCERNS: Trustee Meehling said Mayor Speiser reported the East/West Gateway meeting was today. There was no decision on the Wolf Road Project. Mayor Speiser will update us on the next meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning/Zoning Board – Tuesday, February 14, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. (canceled)

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – No thank you.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – He is proud to say his son Ladon starts his new job with University of Missouri for the football team. He will not be here next week, will be back Friday.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – He would like to remind everyone about Dave’s retirement party this Friday, February 10th.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer –

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

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of February 6, 2023 at 7:49 p.m., and Trustee James (Mike) Blais seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk