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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 @ 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 7, 2022, 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; Present on zoom Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, Chief of Police Mark Schutzenhofer and Public Works Director John Tolan. (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 18, 2022, for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the Regular Board minutes from Tuesday, January 18, 2022, with corrections and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE:

Trustee (Chairperson) Denise Albers reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said we reviewed the Board Lists. There were questions on the following: JM Test Systems, and Jerry's Auto for the F350 pickup.

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2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers stated we have 5CDs due in March. As we get closer to the expiration date, we will go out for bid to see where we are and make a decision then.

3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Albers said there were a question on the MFT funds being used up. Public Works Director John Tolan and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg are working on this.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Albers said we have the Treasurer Reports for March 2021 through August 2021, for approval this will come under Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Albers said we reviewed our Attorney Invoices.

2. Newsletter: Trustee Albers said we discussed the next Newsletter.

3. Loans for Police and Public Works Vehicles and CAT Generator Upgrades: Trustee Albers said an F-150 truck has become available from Morrow Brothers at \$1,000 less than we were going to spend. At this time, she would like to make motion.

Trustee Albers motioned to purchase of one 2021 F-150 Crew Cab at a cost not to exceed \$36,130.00 from Morrow Brothers, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. TWM Invoice #72343 in the amount of \$481.50 and Invoice #72350 in the amount of \$6,073.254: Trustee Albers said we discussed the two invoices from TWM for the Old Freeburg Water Main Extension and Freeburg-Water Tower Study.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to pay TWM's Invoice #72343 in the amount of \$481.50 and Invoice #72350 in the amount of \$6,073.25 and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion.**

2. Illinois Department of Revenue Local Government Requirements for Sales Tax Jurisdiction Boundary Verifications: Trustee Albers said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg updated us on the Sales Tax Jurisdiction Boundary Verifications Requirements. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said they need to confirm our boundaries in order to receive the correct sales tax for the village.

3. West Plant Transformer: Trustee Albers said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the new transformer from WEG came back with a lead time of 84-86 weeks which will hold up the west plant project too much. We can purchase one from Sunset Solomon's reconditioned one is 26-28 weeks out. Waterloo has one we could borrow if we run into any problems. At this time, she would like to make a motion.

Trustee Denise motioned to purchase of a Sunset Solomon Reconditioned Transformer at a cost not to exceed \$31,640 and Trustee Michael Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion.**

4. Health Insurance Stability Fund: Trustee Albers said the Village has not contributed to this fund since 2019. Both she and Village Administrator reviewed the numbers, and she confirmed there is a presently \$98,000 in the fund. Trustee Albers said this fund was created by monies not used for health insurance put into a fund to help with future costs. It is Village Administrator Tony Funderburg goal to become self-insured. The money will be transferred from the general fund into the insurance stability fund.

Trustee Denise motioned to transfer of \$176,507.98 from the general fund into the health insurance stability fund for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion.**

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mayor Speiser stated we have the Treasurer Reports for 3/31/21, 4/30/21, 5/31/21, 6/30/21, 7/31/21 and 8/31/21.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to accept the Treasurer Reports for 3/31/21, 4/30/21, 5/31/21, 6/30/21, 7/31/21, and 8/31/21 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT H:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Seth Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. ESDA Coordinator Gene updated us on his ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Andy Bittle stood up and interduce himself. Andy said he has taken over County Board member Dean Pruett position. If the board has any question or anything he can do for us feel free to get in touch with him. Mayor Speiser thanked Andy for coming.
2. Janet Baechle said she would like to thank the village works, police department and fire department for all they did for us during the snow.

EXHIBIT I:

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has anything for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his Zoning Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS and COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT J:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-01, A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute a USEPA Consent Order.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to adopt Resolution #22-01 by title only and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT K:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1736, An Ordinance Amending Administrative Procedure for Assessing and Determining Claims Under PSEBA for the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1735 by title only and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS: None.
APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT L:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee (Chairperson) Michael (Mike) Heap reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout reported the following building permits have been issued: 2 homes in Meadow Pines, 1 fence, 1 solar, 1 pool, 2 electrics, 1 wrecking and 5 occupancy permits. He emailed the 2021 year-end report which showed 16 new homes, Combined Planning and Zoning Board met 8 times and held 7 different hearings. We discussed the Mobile Home in Cardinal Court that needs to be removed. Bill Herr and Dori Marine property is being cleaned up.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estate Subdivisions: We discussed Mr. Sinn's request to vacate the street. We denied his request.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Weilmuenster, Keck & Brown, P.C.'s Hourly Rate Increase: Attorney Keck advised the committee he hasn't increased his rate in 24 months.
2. IML's Recommendation to Repeal the Definitions from the PSEBA Ordinance: Trustee Heap said the IML's recommendation to repeal the definitions from the PSEBA Ordinance, this was taken care of on the agenda under Ordinances.
3. Etling/Residents' Request Regarding Cherry Street Lane: Trustee Heap said we discussed Etling request for Cherry Tree Lane, this we be discussed with the Township.

Trustee Heap stated Village Administrator Tony Funderburg commented on the remarks the school made in the paper regarding their new school resource officer. Our officer there is a police officer, paid by us, because we can't have a school resource officer that is legally right now due to the state law.

Trustee Heap said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated the charge has increased on the video gaming machines to \$250. Our video gaming licenses renew in May, and we currently charge \$25.00 per machine. He recommends that our fees should be reviewed, we will discuss this at a future meeting.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT M:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee (Chairperson) Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:29 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. School Resource Officer for Freeburg High School: Trustee Meehling said we are working to receive a waiver from the state. We do not have contract in place, and the officer at the school is not a school resource officer at this time. Chief Schutzenhofer said our officer at the high school is signed up for the national SRO training program on February 14th.
2. Lexipol Program: Trustee Meehling said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg approved the start of this program at a cost of \$1,300 for the next 4 months. This program will keep our officers current on the ever-changing laws. Our officers will be up to date as they can be.

NEW BUSINESS:

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Payout of Accumulated Compensatory Time for Police and Public Works Employees: Trustee Meehling said the union contracts limit the amount of compensatory time they can be carried over from year to year to 40 hours, and that 240 hours is the total that can be accumulated. At this time, she would like to make a motion.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned the payout of compensatory time for the public works and police employees per the spreadsheets, and Shane Krauss request to be paid for 100 hours of compensatory time, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

2. Lifeguard Hires: Trustee Meehling said we also discussed the up coming pool season. Trustee Meehling said she would like to make a motion at this time.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned Greta Schulz for hired as a lifeguard for the 2022 pool season at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning/Zoning Board – Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. (Cancelled)

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBERVANCE OF PRESIDENT’S DAY – Monday, February 21, 2022

Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 22, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 22, 2022 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 22, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 22, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES’ COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – She would like to thank John and his guys.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – She would like to thank Andy for coming tonight and also would like to thank the public works department and Matt Trout as well. Thanks to Gene for keeping us update on the weather.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – A special thank you to John for his informative information on the website, when people comment on the expensive of the new sewer plant. John answered their questions with some very good knowledge, and this is greatly appreciated

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Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Same thing that has been said. ‘Thanks to the public works electric department and Gene.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Thanks to all of the guys and Gene.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same here.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – It is time to get to work on the budget. Denise when you have time and anyone else, he would like to get together.

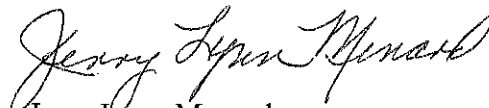
Public Works Director John Tolan – Our guys did a great job. When the electric went out, they had it back up and running in 20 minutes. A special thanks to Matt for helping out.

Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – Same thing everyone else has said. The Country Mart also said how appreciated and helping get the parking lot cleaned, and the electric department getting the electric up so quickly. Also, there is a Chamber Luncheon this Wednesday at 11:30 at Tequila's.

Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

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, January 7, 2022 at 7:57 p.m. and Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk