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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 @ 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, March 15, 2021, 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 Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here by Zoom; 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 from the previous Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 1, 2021 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 1, 2021 with corrections, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Trustee Albers stated the attorney invoice is in the office to be reviewed if anyone would like to see them

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Seth Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his March 15, 2021 ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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**EXHIBIT C:
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR MARCH 15, 2021:**

1. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his Zoning Report. Administrator Trout said the Planning and Zoning Board met this past Tuesday March, 9th. There was a hearing scheduled for 550 W. Phillips St. Please see the Combined Board report and staff report for further information.

**EXHIBIT D:
RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated in the board packet you have the Combined Planning and Zoning Board decision regarding Don Gass Special Use Permit Request. Mayor Speiser stated no action is required from the Board on this.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None

**EXHIBIT E:
BIDS:** Mayor Speiser state we have Old Freeburg Waterline Bids.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to accept the bid of \$164,788.00 from Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT F:
RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #21-03, A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #21-03 by title only and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT G:
RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #21-04, A Resolution Adopting the Village of Freeburg's 2021-2022 Operating Budget

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #21-04 by title only 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 James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser stated we have the Part-time Hire of Dennis Vielweber, Greg Becherer and Dick Mense.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned for the Part-time Hire of Dennis Vielweber, Greg Becherer and Dick Mense, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: 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; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT H:

Electric Committee Meeting:

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported there were a few issues during the week of generating. Shane advised the committee we generated for 4-5 days and received a lot of praise from IMEA that we never shut down.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan provided a graph of the transmission ossiform 2014 – and projected out to 2025. At the IMEA meeting they advised they are projecting higher electricity costs and contemplating a rate increase to the members.
3. North Substation CAT Work/PLC unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss said he will try to schedule an in-person meeting with BHM&G to discuss their proposal.
4. Unit #6 Circuit Breaker Repair: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee the breaker repair has been completed.
5. Project #21-01 Breaker Repair and Upgrade: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane confirmed Eaton is in the process of repairing the breaker but do not have a definitive completion date.
6. Daily Power Plant Checks: Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg confirmed the money is in the budget for this.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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EXHIBIT I:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer)

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:33 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Sewer Plant/ Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the bid review process can take up to 60 days. We will most likely hold a Committee As A Whole meeting to review and approve the contract. Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the area has been cleared out at the west plant.
2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised Susan Carpenter had an issue with her clean out valve. Tony told her to get the issue fixed and then come before this board if needed. Public Works Director John Tolan is not sure why she has a check valve since she doesn't have a basement. She claims we should be maintaining the check valve. Public Works Director John Tolan said we have always told the resident it is their responsibility. Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised Mr. Hopfinger on Cemetery Road would like to have the water meter moved to his property. It is currently located at the intersection of Barber Lane and Cemetery Road.
3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported SLM is in discussion with Mascoutah regarding their request to tap into SLM line. Joel Boeving is concerned with the county property developing and whether or not SLM can provide that amount of water needed. Public Works Director John Tolan asked for the capacity numbers and hopes SLM will allow this to happen.
4. Old Freeburg Road Water Lines: Trustee Kaiser said we passed this under Bids on the agenda earlier tonight.
5. Repair/Replace Sewer East Main and West Apple: Nothing at this time.
6. West Street Resident's Sewer Issue: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan had the standpipe repaired. Our Tthm samples came back very good. We had a few more water main breaks.

EXHIBIT J:

Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. (Chairperson) reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:58 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said we need to purchase lifeguard platforms.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said we need to hire some lifeguards. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg is working on this.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. East Apple Street Proposed Repair Nothing new.

2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said we had an issue at Temple/Main and we replaced the culvert and ditched along Temple. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the resident next to Dori Marine is not happy with the storm water coming off the road onto his property. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised him that is IDOT's road, but Tony will call the railroad to see if they can clean out their ditch. Tony brought up the alley behind Emily Street that holds a lot of water when it rains. Public Works Director John Tolan said it is very flat there, and the homeowner added a lot of rock to their driveway and alley. Public Works Director John Tolan said we may have to lower the alley and run a swale towards Cherry St. Public Works Director John Tolan and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg will monitor the situation.

3. Customer Issues: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said he has some curbing cracked and chipping off in Sugar Creek. With the cold snap, we have numerous potholes and John said they will start patching them.

4. MFT: Trustee Matchett said we passed this earlier on the agenda under Resolutions. The 2022 MFT costs came in at \$135,000 which includes 22,000 gallons of oil and chip with slag. Public Works Director John Tolan said he will concentrate on S.A.V.E Road, Saturn Terrace, Westview, Southgate, Countryside Lane and 1/3 of the town this year. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg commented we have \$11,939 to spend on sidewalks before the June 30th deadline. Public Works Director John Tolan said that will provide for 2,100 feet of sidewalk work.

5. Surplus 2. N. Railroad HVAC: Trustee Matchett said the heating and cooling equipment we will advertise this for bid in the Tribune.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Knights of Columbus Donation Collection: Trustee Matchett said we had a donation request from the Knights of Columbus. The committee agreed with the donation request.
2. FY2022 Budget: Trustee Matchett stated we passed the FY2022 Budget earlier on the agenda under Resolutions.

Trustee Matchett said we need a place to take limbs. If anyone knows of a place we can take the limbs please call the village hall. We had Buddy Paden passed his CDL.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 24, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
- Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 24, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.
- Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 24, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting – Monday, April 5, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

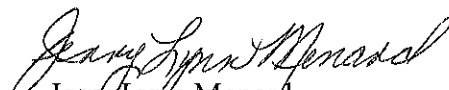
- Trustee Denise Albers** – No thank you.
- Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling** – No thank you.
- Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – No thank you.
- Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – No thank you.
- Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – No thank you.
- Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – No thank you.
- Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – No thank you.
- Mayor Seth Speiser** –

STAFF COMMENTS:

- Public Works Director John Tolan** – No thank you.
- Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – No thank you.
- Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer** – No thank you.
- Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – He said the afternoon sign-up for the Golf Tournament is full, so we are doing a morning as well. We are still looking for Hole Sponsors.
- ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer** – 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, March 15, 2021 at 7:52 p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk