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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 18, 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, March 18, 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 James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Dana Miller – 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 Monday, March 4, 2024 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 4, 2024 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his March 18th ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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EXHIBIT C:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT

1. Mayor Speiser said, everyone should have a print out of the Village Engineer's Reports for March 18th . Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Tim.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #24-05 A Resolution Adopting the Village of Freeburg's 2024-2025 Operating Budget.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adopt Resolution #24-05 by title only, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser– aye, Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #24-06 A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.

Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #24-05 by title only, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser– aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT F:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1785 An Ordinance Vacation of Village Right of Way on Regions Bank Property

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1785 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 1 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Village Administrator Matt Trout talked about the Governor is trying to take away the 1% tax on groceries. This will affect the Municipal not the state. Matt said we all need to reach to the elected officials at the state level letting them know how we feel about this. Matt said he reached out to Kevin Schmidt and lift him a message. Just wanted to let everyone know this is a possibility of this coming are way.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT H/I/J:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:23 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss said we had a partial outage on Briarwood on the 19th and an outage due to a tree on “Rockhill on the 26th.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said he is putting together a grant for street lighting. Plan is to eliminate the ballasts in the decorative street lights and use LED bulbs. He is in the process of getting bids and will have more to report next month.
3. Cemetery Road Line Grant: Nothing new.
4. BHMG Cost of Service Study: Village Administrator Matt Trout said this is listed under new business as well. These are updated rates and the proposal for the next 3 years from this Cost-of-Service Study. The Committee agreed to not make a motion to move to the Board at this time. Matt stated he will get in final form and add to the Finance agenda next Finance meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. IMEA Power Sales Contract: Village Administrator Matt Trout state he wanted to get the information to the Board so there can be a discussion. IMEA will be coming on April 1 to talk to us.
2. FY25 Budget: Trustee Blaies said we passed this earlier on the agenda under Resolutions.

Head Lineman Shane said he had a visit from IEPA. It was for the Air Emissions Department of Energy. Overall it went very well.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2023 at 6:23 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Matt Trout introduce Serena and Kurt from TWM. Serana discussed the late request from the tribal nation Osage Nation requesting a Phase 1 report and it causing a delay. Even with the late response from the Osage Nation, the EPA has said we must do the Phase 1 report. In the meantime, we are moving forward.
2. New Sewer Plant: Public Works Director John Tolan stated they has a conference call with Burns McDonnell and Haier Plumbing on the substantial completion. We have requested someone come out to test the HVAC. Village Administrator Matt Trout stated they have substantial completion set for March 29 and final completion by end of April.
3. Sewer issues: Trustee Kaiser said, Village Engineer Tim Pruett said they have been working with the sewer video and are about 2 days in. Overall going well.
3. FSH Minutes: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. IEPA Notification of Responsible Operational Personnel: Trustee Kaiser said this is to basically switch it from Tony to Village Administrator Matt Trout. It this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to appoint Village Administrator Matt Trout as the IEPA Notification of Responsible Operational Personnel, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Public Works Director John Tolan said he received an estimate on the pump repair of one of the three pumps from Meadowbrook Lift Station. The cost of the repair is more than the cost of a new pump. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned for approval for purchase of the Meadowbrook Lift Station pump in the amount of \$12,150, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT K :

Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.(Chairperson) reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2023 at 7:05 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said we have no hires yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pool Hours & Information: Trustee Matchett said after collecting data from surrounding areas, Matt met with Scott Schulz to discuss several proposed changes. Regarding pool parties, by moving aqua fitness up an hour earlier, would allow us to offer a full pool party on Monday and Wednesday and closing the pool early on Saturday and Sunday would accommodate an extra pool party on each of those days. He proposed a slight increase to the cost of 0pool parties and daily admission and added an out-of-town rate for both. As well as additional family pass options. Matt asked the Board for approval of the proposed changes, and all the committee voted to approve them.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Nothing to report.
2. Customer Issues: Nothing to report.
3. MFT: Trustee Matchett said this was passed earlier on the agenda.
3. St Clair County Parks Grant Update: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said there are 2 grants. For the park grant, he and John laid out the path to get from the walking trail to the visitor's bleacher so the crew can start putting down the rock. Also, they will meet with the ones they received asphalt bids for the parking lot. The other grants were turned in last Friday. He said they plan to put 6 handicap accessible ramps and included about 500 feet of sidewalk to meet the 82,000 feet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Joe’s Church Spring Festival Street Closure: Trustee Matchett said St. Joe’s requested to have a street closure for their Spring Festival. **All voting aye, the motion carried.**
2. Freeburg District 70 PTO Donation Request: Trustee Matchett said the committee approved a 10-day pool pass.
3. Omnigo Software Contract: Trustee Matchett said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned for approval of the Omnigo Software Contract, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

GENERAL CONCERNS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY March 29, 2024
Board Meeting – Monday, April 1, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES’ COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – He would like to thank Matt for all of the work he did on the budget.
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – She would like to thank Matt and everyone who work on the budget and thanked Gene for keeping us update on the weather.
Trustee Dana Miller – Thank you Gene.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Thank you Gene and thank you Matt and Laura for all of their hard work on the budget.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Thank you Gene on your long hours being here to keep us updated and Matt thank you for your work on the budget.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Thank you, Matt, and everyone who help get the budget together and thank you Gene for all of the work you did keeping us updated on the storm.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Thank you Gene and Matt.
Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – John updated us on all of the rain which was over 2 inches and how well his crew keep up with it.

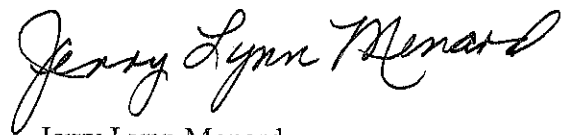
Village Administrator Matt Trout – He said Laura was awesome on the budget

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

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 18, 2024 at 7:55 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk