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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 21, 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, March 21, 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; (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 7, 2022 for approval.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 7, 2022, with corrections and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

### **EXHIBIT D:**

**ESDA REPORT** Mayor Speiser stated ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer will not be here tonight. If anyone has any questions on Gene's ESDA Report, please call him.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

### **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

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**EXHIBIT C:**

1. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR MARCH 21, 2022:** Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have anything for the Zoning Administrator Matt. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said the hearing for the new Dollar General Store was held on March 8, 2022. The Combined Board recommended the rezoning to the Village Board by a 6-0 vote.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated the Combined Planning and Zoning Board Memo is in the Board packet.

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS:** None.

**BIDS:** None.

**EXHIBIT E:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-03 A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #22-03 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 James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT F:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-04 A Resolution Adopting the Village of Freeburg's 2022-2023 Operating Budget.

*Trustee Denise Albers motion to adopt Resolution #22-04 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT G:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Mayor and Police Chief to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for Contract Police Services with Freeburg Community High School District #77

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #22-05 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT H:**

**ORDINANCE:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1737 An Ordinance Amending Water Rates.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1737 by title only and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT I:**

**ORDINANCE:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1738 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Revised Code of Ordinances for the Village of Freeburg (Electric System)

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1738 by title only and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT J:**

**ORDINANCE:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1739 An Ordinance Extending the Authorization to Ameren Illinois to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Gas Utility System in the Village of Freeburg Agreement.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1739 by title only and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT K:**

**ORDINANCE:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1740 An Ordinance Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of Rezoning Certain Property Commonly Known as 210 N. State Street (Part of)

*Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1740 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* 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; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

## COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

### EXHIBIT L:

#### Electric Committee Meeting:

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 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 advised the committee we had a pole that was in bad shape fall against some trees. We need an outage to fix it that only affected one home.

2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said we are still working on installing the LED lights.

3. Generator Upgrades- BHM&G Invoice 2185.SC. 302 in the amount of \$16,831.45 Trustee Blaies said they still continuing to get parts in, but have not schedule this project just yet. This most likely be in the fall. They have been working on the engineering, so we do have an invoice for that.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned for the approval of BHM&G Invoice #2185.SC.302 in the amount of \$16,831.45 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

4. Senate Bill 2408: Trustee Blaies said we discussed the ordinance on solar/net metering, which we just passed it tonight under ordinances.

5. Ameren Gas Franchise Agreement: Trustee Blaies said we just passed the Ameren Gas Franchise Agreement under ordinances earlier on agenda.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project #22-04: North Circuit Breaker Repair: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee we have a breaker that did not operate properly in the last black start. Project #22-04 will be sent out to Fletcher-Reinhardt and the bill should not exceed \$16,750.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motion for approval of Fletcher-Reinhardt's quote to repair the north circuit breaker not to exceed the amount of \$16,750 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT O:**

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 5:53 p.m.

**The following item or items were talked about or discussed:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New Sewer Plant/ Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said everything is moving along pretty well. They are almost done with the aeration basin, they started on the clarifier in the filter building, they are working on the roofing and insulation in the administration building, they are installing the gates in the influent building. Public Works Director John Tolan said there are a couple pieces of equipment on site. John is working with Burns & McDonnell to see if there is an alternative on the piping.
2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported having to pump out a couple of manholes with the recent heavy rain. We had an overflow at the west plant, and that has been reported to EPA.
3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said SLM rate increase will be discuss under New Business.
4. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported TWM has asked for a rate study questionnaire to be completed. That is the final item, and will then be sent to the IEPA.
5. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee Midwest Vac will be here Monday to televise the sewer behind the car wash. Tim Pruett needs the excavation footages and also needs to see if any more damage has been done. Once that is completed, Tim will get it ready to bid out.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. SLM Rate Increase: Trustee Kaiser stated SLM increased their monthly cost to FSH Commission of 30 cents for every 1,000 gallons. Public Works Director John Tolan thinks this will add approximately \$1.50 to \$1.75/month to an average water user's bill. He only increased the of the additional water, and did not increase depreciation or capital reserves. Public Works Director John Tolan further explained this is only the cost of making the water. We will put a good article in the Tribune explaining to the public why this had to be done. Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported two big water main breaks, and stated our new guys worked with our old guys incredibly well. We had an issue on Rogers Drive, where a plumber busted the shut off. We repaired it, and will send the plumber a bill for our time and materials. Public Works Director John Tolan stated the new lead and copper law will require us to identify the service lines and materials used by October of 2023. Public Works Director John Tolan received IEPA's notification that the east lagoon permit renewal application is due. He will ask Volkert to help with the renewal submission. He also advised the committee they have completed their hazard communication, respiratory, and confined space training.

**EXHIBIT P :**

**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 16, 2022 at 6:13 p.m.

**The following items were talked about or discussed:**

**POOL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Freeburg District #77 PTO Spring Carnival Donation Request/ St. Joseph Dinner Auction Request: Trustee Matchett said Freeburg District #77 requested a donation and St. Joseph. Trustee Matchett said the committee agreed to donate a 10-day pool pass to both events.

Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg will look at the rates, hires, needed equipment and repairs within the next couple of weeks. Public Works Director John Tolan met with Jerod Heintz yesterday, and he gave John some good ideas on how to clean the bathhouse floor and the dyed concrete on the deck. The current speed bumps at the park have been taken out. The replacement will be installed soon.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. East Apple Street Proposed Repair:

2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee they continue to work on several areas and found a few more with the recent heavy rains. Public Works Director John Tolan did drive down the alley on East Emily during the rain, and it was fine. Jeff is done with Hill Mine Road, and it held up very well during the heavy rain.

3. Customer Issues: None.

4. MFT – Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code: Trustee Matchett stated we passed this earlier on the agenda under Resolutions.

5. RFQ for Streets: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg has received calls from both engineers and will get in touch with them soon.

Public Works Director John Tolan advised the last leaf collection will be done the first week in April. Public Works Director John Tolan said he purchased a culvert for South Potter in this year's budget. John would like to bring back the same part-time employees for mowing and leaf pickup, Dick Mense, Greg Becherer and Denise Vielweber.

Attorney Fred Keck participated in a conference call with the attorney for the school regarding the school resource officer agreement. Trustee Matchett said we did pass this earlier on the agenda tonight.

Village Administrator advised the committee the two properties at 2 N. Railroad were sold at the county's tax sale. He stated we did everything we were supposed to , were told we were okay, they sold them, and we have to pay the back taxes on them. Attorney Keck talked to a person at the Board of Review who confirmed we did not get the exemption for last year and also not this coming year. She is going to follow up again on it.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 30, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 30, 2022 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 30, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, April 4, 2022 – 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.  
**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – No thank you.  
**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – No thank you.  
**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – No thank you.  
**Mayor Seth Speiser** –

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – He said the Economic Statement is different this year, need to pay attention to it carefully. You will most likely have problems with it.  
**Public Works Director John Tolan** – No thank you.  
**Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – No thank you.  
**Chief of Police 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, March 21, 2022 at 7:48 p.m. and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk