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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 @ 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 3, 2025 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 Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; (by zoom) 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2025 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT:

Finance Committee Meeting: Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Tom Carpenter said, Trustee Blaies had questioned a couple of items and Public Works Director John Tolan and Finance Clerk Laura Wolf were able to answer.

2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:

Trustee Carpenter said, we have a CD coming due until July, 2025.

3. INCOME STATEMENT: None.

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4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

5. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT: Trustee Carpenter stated that the water continues to rise.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.

2. Newsletter: Office manager Mary will start working on it soon.

3. Budget FY26: Trustee Carpenter said, the budget is getting finalize. There was a discussion regarding the backhoe quotes. Village Administrator Matt Trout said we haven't received the quote yet.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Village Administrator Matt Trout said we did receive the Treasurer's Report for August 2024 to November 2024

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated on his March 3, 2025 ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR MARCH 3, 2025.

Mayor Speiser called on Village Engineer Tim Pruett. Mayor Speiser said does anyone have any questions for Tim. Tim announced there will be Combined Planning and Zoning Board meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #25-02 A Resolution #25-02 Council Resolution of Support.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #25-2 by title only, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – 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.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Village Administrator Matt said the post officer seem to lose this month utility bills. Trustee Miller asked will there be late charges being this took place. Matt said yes, for everyone knows their utility bill is due by the 7th of the month.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT F:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Dana Miller (Chairperson) reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 6:45p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Miller said, Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we are moving forward with the March 11th Combined Board meeting for the Coffee Pot. The variances were discussed. Tim met with new owners of the Old Mill Storage.
2. Development Updates: Trustee Miller said, Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we have a PEID (Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination) hearing schedule for March 17th at 7:15. This is a public hearing for residents to come and inquire about the water project. It is required as part of the IEPA loan. He is still working on the Saturn Terrace vacation. The St. Clair County IGD Grant, sidewalks/handicap access ramps, application deadline is March 11th. Tim state the Murphy-Reiss Project plans have been approved and working with them to get started.
3. Despain Property: Trustee Miller said, nothing new.
4. FOIA Requests: Trustee Miller said, the FOIA Requests were reviewed by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: None.
GENERAL CONCERNS: None.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) report on Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.. Trustee

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. K9 Program: Trustee Meehling stated we still need to work out a few details and talk with the police officer.

2. SRO Contract: Nothing new on this.

Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 100 calls since our last committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONERNS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 12, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 12, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 12, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, March 17, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.

Trustee Dana Miller – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – He would like to thank the Mayor and Matt for going to Washington D. C. for the Illinois Municipal Electric Association.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan - No thank you.

Village Administrator Matt Trout – We did have a power outage on Lakeview.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Talked a little bit about the weather and what is going to happen.

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 3, 2025 at 7:48 p.m. and Trustee Dane Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk