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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 4, 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 4, 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 Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – 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 20, 2024 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2024 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE:

Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

- 1. REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Carpenter asked what do we get from Core & Main. Finance Clerk Laura Wolf mentioned we recently got first aid boxes
- 2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Carpenter said, treasurer Bryan Vogel advised we don't have anything up until May and hopes are rates hold.
- 3. INCOME STATEMENT:** Nothing new to report.

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4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

5. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT: Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.
2. Newsletter: Trustee Carpenter stated Office Manager Mary Downen is working on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Village Attorney 2024 Hourly Rate: Trustee Carpenter said the Village Attorney said our hourly rate for him will stay the same.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his March 4th ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT

1. Mayor Speiser said, everyone should have a print out of the Village Engineer's Reports for March 4th. Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Tim. Village Engineer Tim Pruett stated the lady from TWM will be here Wednesday, March 13th.

VILLAGE ZONING REPORT:

1. Tim stated we continue to send letters and make calls on complaints for unmaintained properties. We continue to receive complaints about various issues, and we are dealing with them as they come in.

2. Regions/ Smith vacation will ne on the agenda for the regular board meeting on March 18th.

Tim said there will be no Combined Planning and Zoning Board meeting this month.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #24-04 A Resolution Council Resolution of Support.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #24-04 by title only, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Robert (Bob) Kaiser (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT F:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1784 An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Freeburg (Miller Property)

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1784 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 Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – abstain; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 1 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser stated we have a request from Officer Joel Boveing to Extend 100.5 Hours of Vacation.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to approve the request from Officer Joel Boveing to Extend 100.5 Hours of Vacation, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT G:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Dana Miller reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:46 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Miller said Village Engineer Tim Pruett stated we received a couple of new residential permits. He made a call to Kennedy Auto Sales and was informed that they were moving inventory around. There will be an update for the next meeting.
2. Development Updates: Trustee Miller said, Tim reached out to Scooters. Owner had to negotiate with land owner for additional ground and that is now complete. He talked to their engineer regarding the site plans and they are underway.
3. Despain Property: Trustee Miller said, Village Attorney Fred Keck said the insurance company approved Greg Hahn from Volkert to do the easement work and they will do it next week. Tim talked to Shane and Trevor to get everything located. Fred mentioned that since we tendered it to the insurance company it isn't costing the Village a lot of money.
4. Vacation of Village Easement on Regions Bank Property: Trustee Miller stated, the notice will be in the paper tomorrow and it is on the March 18th Board agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. Body Camera Update: Trustee Meehling said, she received an update from Chief Schutzenhofer that the body cameras are in service and they are working great.
2. Police Officer Hire Up-date: Trustee Meehling stated there has been a couple people that have finished the police academy and expressed interest to Chief Schutzenhofer, but have not applied.

Trustee Meehling summarized the 128 calls since last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Officer Joel Boeving's Request to Extend Vacation: Trustee Meehling stated we took care of this request under New Business on the agenda.

PERSONNEL:
OLD BUSINESS:

1. CDL: Trustee Meehling said, Matt Amann started classes this week and Bill May will start next week. Lisa said, according to Village Administrator Matt Trout, we plan to send 3-4 more on the next budget.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing new.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
(Cancelled)
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

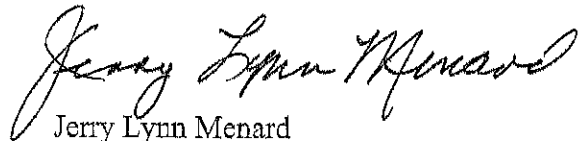
Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.
Trustee Dana Miller – No thank you.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – No thank you.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.
Seth Speiser – He would like to thank Matt and Laura for getting the budget together. He knows it wasn't easy. Thank you both again.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.
Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.
Village Administrator Matt Trout – He will be sending out information on the Golf Tournament very shortly, and we will get this rolling. Country Mart is looking to have an event. The event right now we are looking tentatively April 27th. Will have more on that later.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Gene said we might woke up by some severe thunderstorms around 2:00 a.m.

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 4, 2024 at 7:48 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk