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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 15, 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, April 15, 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 Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – 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, April 1, 2024 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 1, 2024 and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

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 April 15th ESDA Report and more

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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EXHIBIT C:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR APRIL 15TH

1. Mayor Speiser said, everyone should have a print out of the Village Engineer’s Reports for April 15st . Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Tim. Tim updated us on his Report.: Water Projects, Scooter’s Coffee plans, MFT materials, Midwest Underground completed video, Accept proposal from Sonnenberg Asphalt and received improvement plans for the Ress/Murphy project.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

COBINED PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMORANDUM: Mayor Speiser said we have the combined Board Recommendation Rezoning Property Commonly Known as the Blumenkamp Property. This will be taken care under Ordinances.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1788 An Ordinance Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of Rezoning Certain Property Commonly Known as the Blumenkamp Property.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1788 by title only, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trust; Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT F:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss said on April 2nd they received a call around 7:00 a.m. for a power outage. Turned out to be four homes that were out since 2:00 a.m. It was a backyard easement and they had to change a transformer.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said he received approval for the lighting grant to replace the remaining decorative lights.
3. Cemetery Road Line Grant: Nothing new.
4. Versalift Update: They are still waiting on a hose carrier.
5. IMEA Power Sales Contract: Trustee Blaies said we discussed the IMEA Power Sales Contract. Trustee Blaies said we are not in a hurry to make a decision since there is plenty of time.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G/H/I/J/K:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2023 at 5:55 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. New Sewer Plant – Certificate of Substantial Completion: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Matt Trout stated this is the point we have been working to get to. Substantial completion was on March 29th and final completion is set for the end of the month. They will be able to submit this certificate of completion for their last pay app and 5% of the 10% retainer. Matt said similarly, they will submit to us and he will put together in a packet to submit to IEPA for the loan disbursement. They will go through it and if approve, they will forward a check which we will then forward to Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. After final completion we will then release the additional 5%. Trustee Kaiser said he asked if there were still items that needed addresses. Public Works Director John Tolan responded that there are a few items which we consider big-ticket that are being addressed. Village Administrator Matt Trout said the additional retainer will be held until everything is complete and if necessary, the final completion will be extended.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to recommend approval of New Sewer Plant Certificate of Substantial Completion, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion.

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

2. Sewer Issues: None.

3. FSH Minutes: Public Works Director John Tolan noted he attended the SOM meeting last month and they voted to increase the rate to .40 per 1,000 gallons. He suspects the increase will be passed onto each of the communities and as of May 1 we will see an increase from FSH. Their rate increase was based on upgrades to the plant itself.

4. Water System Upgrades – TWM Invoice #84330 in the amount of \$1,770; TWM Invoice #84341 in the amount of \$4,421: Trustee Kaiser said we have two Invoices from TWM. At this time, he would like to make motion.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay TWM Invoice #84330 in the amount of \$1,770, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; 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.**

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay TWM Invoice #84341 in the amount of \$4,421, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Kaiser stated, Village Engineer Tim Pruett said no, but TWM's mobile unit has been out so they have started that process. He also spoke with Serena from TWM to clarify the cost of the Phase 1 report which is \$5,570.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to acceptance of the proposal from Prairie Archeology & Research for the Phase 1 report in the amount of \$5,570.00, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Kaiser said, Village Engineer Tim Pruett stated the Midwest Underground finished last Friday. He will review the video and by the middle of summer have a plan.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT L/M :

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, April 10, 2023 at 6:16 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lifeguard Hire: Trustee Matchett said we have two lifeguards and three concession stand workers that Scott Schulz has recommended to hire.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned Cadence Veillon and Rylee Niemietz be hired as lifeguards at \$14 per hour for the 2024 pool season and Luke Brandt, Caden McCullough and Jordyn Spanley be hired for the concession stand at \$14 per hour for the 2024 pool season 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.***

NEW BUSINESS: Public Works Director John Tolan stated they will take the cover off next week and Scott asked if the bathhouse walls and benches could be painted. They will also add a new sign to the front with prices and information. Matt added we ordered more chairs and a basketball hoop. There some concern with the backboard as we have had it for 20 years, so Chief Schutzenhofer reached out to the fire department and they were able to donate one.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan said with the recent rain there was a washout on Hill Mine Road. They were able to replace and seal the concrete behind the inlet.

2. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan said there was an issue on Barber Lane, washout around mailbox.

3. MFT: Trustee Matchett said Village Engineer Tim Pruett said today we had a material letting for MFT and prices came in a little higher than last year from the same bidders. He will get the paperwork together and have ready for the finance committee meeting.

3. St Clair County Parks Grant Update: Village Engineer Tim Pruett stated when we did the grant back in Oct/Nov, we received bids from two asphalt companies. Since this was several months ago, he asked for new bids. This is a little more than when we did the paperwork for the grant. He recommends we go with Sonnenberg Asphalt. At this time Trustee Matchett said he would like a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to approval of Sonnenberg Asphalt Co., Inc. Bid in the amount of \$71,063.00 and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser second the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. 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, the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Drew Dumstorff's End of Probation: Trustee Matchett said we have an officer due to come off of probation.

Trustee Ramon Matchett motioned Officer Drew Dumstorff be taken off of probation, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. St. Joe's Church Dinner Auction Donation Request Trustee Matchett said the committee agreed to donate a 10-use pool pass **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Village Administrator Matt Trout asked the Board for approval to place ad for the police secretary position pending no internal hire, and all the committee voted to approve.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday April 24, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, May 6, 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 –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.
Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.
Village Administrator Matt Trout – We got a couple more lifeguards applications.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer –
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Good news no more snow.

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, April 15, 2024 at 6:54 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk