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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 @ 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 17, 2023 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 Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 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 3, 2023 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 3, 2023, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser stated Gene will not be here tonight. Gene left us his report if anyone has any questions, they can get a hold of Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL 3, 2023: Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions on Zoning Administrator Matt Trout's report. If so, call Tony.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1761 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 24 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg (Traffic Schedules)

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motion to adopt Ordinance #1761 by title only and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser called upon Trustee Matchett. Trustee Matchett would like to make motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to Hire Jennifer Hopfinger as Co-Manager of the Swimming Pool, 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 James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT E:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 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 reported we fared well with all the storms. There was a broken pole on South Richland, and we were able to keep the power on while that was replaced. We had a limb on a service on East Mill, and a bad connection not related to the storm on Phil Kate. Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee of an outage on south side of Southgate with 4 duplexes out due to a cutout fuse where the older porcelain insulated line cracked.

2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan said nothing new to report other than ACE Hardware received their check.
3. Generator Upgrades: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss worked out all the kinks that we had with the import mode being the big issue. Testing was performed on all engines, with all of our electric crew present.
4. New Transformer at 807 North Street: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said he ordered the transformer one specific to that place. We will put the larger one in place until the new transformer comes in.

NEW BUSINESS: Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised the committee we have someone on Old Fayetteville Road who wants to install solar.

Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee Paden Muskopf is up for his step 4 increase. He has completed the time and the class. Trustee Blaies said he would like to make a motion at this time.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned Paden Muskopf be promoted to Step 4 at an hourly rate of \$33.04 retroactive to March 22, 2023, and a rate increase effective April 1, 2023 at \$33.95, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

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, April 12, 2023 at 5:51 p.m.

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout stated the project is moving along very nicely. All of aeration equipment has arrived and is mostly installed. Burns is sending several people here the first part of June to address our punch list, and the startup will be do around that time. He has received a new pay request. We will have a change order coming from Guarantee Electric on everything that was missed in the design. That should amount to about \$28,000.
2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan stated we had the blown fuses on the aerator during the storm.

3. FSH Minutes: Public Works Director John Tolan commented Smithton is preparing to paint their water tower at a cost of \$450,000 for both inside and outside. We did some simulations on how we could operate the pumps with their tower down. A stipulation was made that they cannot do this work during peak time.

4. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan spoke to Scott about wanting a lot of communication with these projects, and would like to see him at this meeting to provide updates.

NEW BUSINESS: Public Works Director John Tolan submitted our lead inventory to the EPA today for the 2,217 services advising the number of lead, copper and plastic and unknown. We have a substantial amount unknown. That will have to be completed in the next year. He expects to have less than 5 lead services. We will be replacing those that have galvanized lines into the house. EPA is offering funding to replace those lines into the house. There isn't a hard deadline to replace them all. Buddy has been calling the residents that haven't responded or had questions. We about 1,300 surveys back out of 2200. We have waiver to sign if the residents don't want us coming into their home. We moved the water meter outside at 12 North Monroe. Spring clean up is scheduled for April 20- 22nd.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G:

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 12, 2023 at 6:13 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL: OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pool Safety Cover Estimate: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan confirmed the pool cover has arrived, and will be installed prior to the pool opening.

2. Pool Employee Hires: Trustee Matchett said we are still in need of lifeguards. It has been posted updates on Facebook and reached out to the high school. Trustee Matchett said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to hire Hailey Winkelmann for the concession stand for the 2023 pool season, 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: None.

**STREETS:
OLD BUSINESS:**

1. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee a clogged culvert by West High/Monroe was cleaned out, and the crew have completed the work on East Mill Street.
2. Customer Issues: A resident stated a trash truck created ruts on Cherry Tree Lane. Public Works Director John Tolan said he had the ruts fixed.
3. Wolf Road Project: Trustee Matchett said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised Andy Mueller talked to East/Gateway, and they are waiting on IDOT.
4. MFT: Trustee Matchett said we have received IDOT's approval of this year's MFT program. Andy Mueller is preparing the bid to go out for the oil, rock and slag. He is gathering information on resurfacing Savanna Oaks. We will bring those estimates to the committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Stop Sign at East Mill and North Vine: Trustee Matchett said we discussed the stop sign at East Mill and North Vine.
2. Hire of Full-Time and Part-Time Police Officers: Trustee Matchett said at this time he would like to make a motion.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to the hiring of Andrew Dumstorff as a full-time police officer for the Freeburg Police Department, 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

3. Insurance Stability Fund Transfer.: Trustee Matchett said would like to make a motion at this time
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to recommend the transfer in the amount of \$28,279.71 to the Insurance Stability Fund, 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee spring leaf pickup is this week. Everyone completed the CPR/AED training conducted by IMUA.

Mayor Speiser and Trustee Albers asked Public Works Director John Tolan the days and hours of spring clean-up.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, May 1, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – Welcome Andy to Freeburg Police Department.
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Welcome Andy, and thanked Public Works Department on a great job getting the electric back on during the storm.
Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – absent
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Welcome Andy to the Freeburg Police Department.
Mayor Seth Speiser –
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Welcome Andy and thanks to the Public Works Department for getting the electric up so quickly when it went off during the storm.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Welcome Andy, and thanks to John and his crew for getting the electric back up and running.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Welcome Andy to Freeburg, and John you and your crew did a great job during the storm.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – Welcome Andy. He commented on our public works department what a great job they do.
Public Works Director John Tolan – We did do the black start Saturday night took about 30 minutes. He would like to comment our guys on their dedication how they handle everything during the storm.
Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – absent.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Thanks for the new hire, and welcome aboard Andy.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – absent.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Seth Speiser called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of April 17, 2023 at 7:46 p.m., and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk