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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021 @ 7:30 P.M.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2021, 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 Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – 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 from the previous Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 5, 2021 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 5, 2021 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Seth Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his April 19, 2021 ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR April 19, 2021:

1. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt on his report.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: See Resolution #21-05
BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #21-05, A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute an Amended Construction Contract with Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc., for the Old Freeburg Road Water Main Extension.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #21-05 by title only and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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 14, 2021 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 Krauss reported there were a few issues at a mobile home on E. Hill that had a wire down in the backyard, a loose old connection to weather head on Main St., a single phase primary on Cemetery Rd., and replaced a rotted pole on Elizabeth Street.

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2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we had a request from SAVE Site to replace lighting at a couple of their buildings. At this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to grant SAVE'S Electric Efficiency Grant in the amount of \$8,103.75 for their LED lighting project and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

This stills leaves us some grant money to replace lighting in certain sections.

3. North Substation CAT Work/PLC unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement: Trustee Blaies said Chuck Fiessinger from BHM&G presented their generator controls upgrade proposal which will link up to the North and South plant.

4. Project #21-01 Breaker Repair: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee the breaker has been received and will be installed.

Trustee Blaies said Public Work Director John Tolan has submitted the repair invoices and IMEA penalty on the flooding at the old plant to Erie Insurance.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXHIBIT G:

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5:55 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Sewer Plant/ Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee we have 60 days to get the bid approval finalized. We are waiting on EPA, and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised at 61 days the contractor can start charging more. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg asked Chad Rice to help move it along. We hope to be able to let Haier start buying materials and want to have Haier's price guaranteed.

2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee there was a clogged manhole in Meadow Pines and they cleaned it out with the hydro excavator. He confirmed there was nothing there when the sewer inspections were being done. Trevor is checking the area weekly.

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3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said they are moving forward with the new development in Mascoutah. Public Works Director John Tolan said SLM's average daily water usage is 3,600,000 gallons with a peak of 4,400,000. Their max is 5,600,000 gallons per day. The new development wants 1,000,000 gallons a day.

4. Old Freeburg Road Water Lines: Trustee Kaiser said Attorney Keck advised the committee there was a contract revision that is incompleated. Attorney Keck would like to revise the contract and resubmit it to Haier for their review and ask them if they are in agreement with the revision.

5. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee TWM is coming to May meeting for their Water System Study Presentation.

Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan said Wiegmann's completed the USEPA audit and are close to resuming their discharge process. Public Works Director John Tolan asked that Wiegmanns inform him ahead of time and send him the results. They have a new plant manager.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg is working on the builder's risk policy application and will get that turned into our agent soon. Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg met with Waste Management to review our options on the trash contract that expires August 31st. At some point, we will need to decide whether we want curbside recycling or the recycling center. This will be discussed in an upcoming Committee As A Whole meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Trustee Kaiser said Susan Carpenter was present to request a \$2,400 reimbursement for her backflow preventer that malfunctioned. The backflow preventer was installed in 2005. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said the lateral is the homeowner's responsibility. The committee will take this under advisement.

Trustee Kaiser said at this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay TWM Invoice #69188 in the amount of \$3,522.07 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

EXHIBIT I:

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, April 14, 2021 at 6:42 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

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POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said we have received one lifeguard application from Gabrielle Yates.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to recommend Gabrielle Yates be hired as a lifeguard for the 2021 pool season at \$11.00 per hour 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Matchett said the committee was in agreement with lowering the age to 15 for lifeguards as long as they have the Red Cross certification and training and work permit from the school district. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee we will be short on lifeguards, the existing guards may have to pick up more hours, and we may hire just a couple teenagers to work only in concession. One of the manager Tanner has taken a job somewhere else, so we will also need to hire another manager. The committee was in agreement to place additional help wanted on the website.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan reported they are working on areas around town. With the warmer weather, we are receiving many requests from residents that want their issues taken care of immediately.
2. MFT: Trustee Matchett said the bid opening for the oil and rock will be here on April 27th.

Trustee Matchett said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to pay TWM Invoice #69042 in the amount \$820.90 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 – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

3. Surplus 2 N. Railroad HVAC: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan will get a description for advertisement in the paper.
4. RFO for Water/Sewer/Streets: Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg prepared an RFP and would like to discuss this in the Committee As A Whole meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Joseph Catholic School Donation Request: Trustee Matchett said we had a donation request from St. Joseph Catholic School. The committee agreed to donate a 10-session pass.

2. ESDA Siren Quote: Trustee Matchett stated Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee Public Works Director John Tolan is going to get the existing siren fixed for approximately \$700. We would like to purchase a new siren with a battery backup. The siren will be installed in an area that provides better coverage.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to purchase of a Federal Signal Model #2001 tornado siren at a cost of \$17,162.60 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to purchase of two Ford Police Interceptors at a cost of \$43,890 each and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers- aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

3. Police Department New Vehicle Purchase Request: Trustee Matchett said we also have the police department new vehicle purchase. Trustee Matchett said he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to purchase of one F150 at a cost of \$36,604; one F350 at a cost of \$53,362 and one F550 at a cost of \$88,208 per State Bid and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers- aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said the Library has request a permanent structure for their story walk events in our Village Park. Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee they have been doing this with a non-permanent sign that works well. The committee did not permanent structure installed at the Village Park.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, May 3, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:


Trustee Denise Albers – She would like to welcome Gabrielle Yates to the pool staff
Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – Same, welcome to the pool staff.
Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Same thing.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Welcome to Gabrielle and congratulations to Seth, Jerry, Denise, Bob and Mike on the election.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Welcome to the pool staff Gabrielle. To the residents that are putting in work orders for guys, please be patience they are doing the best they can and you will not be forgotten.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Welcome Gabrielle to the pool staff.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.
Mayor Seth Speiser – The village office was close to be sprayed and cleaned for the safety of our employees.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.
Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – No thank you.
Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.
Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – 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, April 19, 2021 at 7:49 p.m. and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk