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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**  
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**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021 @ 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 5, 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, March 15, 2021 for approval.

*Trustee Denise Albers motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 15, 2021 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

### EXHIBIT B:

#### FINANCE:

Trustee (Chairperson) Denise Albers reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said we reviewed the Board List in our Finance Committee meeting. Trustee Albers said we reviewed several Computron invoices – Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said we purchased email spam and security software. Microsoft had a glitch to their update and we lost everything on our operating system. IDNR's update required us to buy a new computer for the front station.

2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers said we have no investments that need to be renewed at this time

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**3. INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Albers said we are actually in a pretty good spot at 92% overall.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Albers stated we did not have a Treasurer's Report from Bryan Vogel.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Albers said we reviewed the attorney's invoice.
2. Newsletter: Trustee Albers said once the pool information is updated, the newsletter will be sent to the Tribune to be distributed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Albers said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg provided the Notice of Intent to Award and Bidding Review Certification for the Construction Contract for the new sewer plant. This was signed by Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and will be sent to IEPA to accept the low bid. After that, we will get the contract. The village use Flgt pumps throughout town, and that was alternately bid during the process. This will be a change order at a cost of \$8,000 for 3 pumps.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Trustee Albers stated we reviewed the attorney invoices.

**EXHIBIT C:**

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Seth Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his April 5, 2021 ESDA Report.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EXHIBIT D:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR April 5, 2021:**

1. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt. Mayor Speiser asked Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, out at Edison Estate are they going to start placing the straw. Matt said yes, he said he talked to Mark and he talked to the contractor. They got rid of the standing water. They are doing rip rap with smaller rock, so they will be doing the hay within the next couple of days. Mayor Speiser asked Matt to check on the trees out there.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS:** None.

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**EXHIBIT E:**

**Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:**

Trustee (Chairperson) Michael (Mike) Heap reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 5:59 p.m.

**The following item or items were talked about or discussed:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap said we discussed the Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties. Trustee Heap said he and Matt asked the committee how we move forward with unavailable business owners on nuisance properties. We decided Zoning Administrator Matt would reach out to the relatives or representatives to let them have a chance to address the situation.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estate Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said they are building several homes in Meadow Pines. We just talked about Edison Estates, and we are getting ready to plant the grass. Trustee Heap said Ameren and Charter are getting their stuff installed.
3. Code Revisions/Legal Review: Trustee Heap said the Code Revision/Legal Review we are waiting on Municode.
4. Update on Utility Disconnections and Revenue/Loss Numbers: Trustee Heap said Update on Utility Disconnections and Revenue Loss Numbers. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee disconnections went well. We are going to be discussing the reconnection fees to be reinstated. Ameren is also resuming their disconnections.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Status of 304 N. State St.: Trustee Heap said we discussed the status of 304 N. State Street it has been under construction for over a year. Zoning Administrator Matt is going to reach out to them.

**EXHIBIT F:**

**Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:**

Trustee (Chairperson) Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:23 p.m.

**POLICE:**

**OLD BUSIENSS:** Trustee Meehling said the fence around dumpster is complete, and the one behind the building should be done.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Project #21-02: Purchase of New 2021 for Police Interceptors: The committee discussed the proposed purchase of 4 police SUVs. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg suggest to purchase the vehicles over 4 years with a loan since rates are low. The SUVs are much better vehicle for the health and safety for our officers. We talked about rotate our stock and get 1 or 2 vehicles each year. Village Administrator said he will look into the state bid price and see when the current pricing ends. We might want to act on this soon for rates are going to go up.

**PERSONNEL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Pool Staffing and Pricing: Trustee Meehling said we needed a third manager for the pool season and Schuyler Czech has accepted the position. Since minimum wage has increased to \$11.00 per hour, our returning lifeguards will be hired at that amount.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned the returning lifeguards be hired at the rate of \$11.00 per hour and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned Schuyler Czech be hired for a third manager for the pool at a rate of \$4,097.26 for the pool season and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent).All voting aye, the motion carried.*

Trustee Meehling said we discussed pool pricing. We are going to continue with the 2 daily sessions with 75 tickets available for each session, season passes, aerobics, pool parties and mini parties.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to approve swimming pool prices for the season of 2021 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent).All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Combined Planning and Zoning Meeting – Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.  
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.  
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.  
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 14, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, April 19, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

**VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:**


**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – Get out and vote tomorrow  
**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – He would like to welcome Schuyler to her new position as one of the pool managers.  
**Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling** – She would like to welcome Schuyler.  
**Trustee Denise Albers** – Welcome to Schuyler and get out and vote.  
**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – No thank you.  
**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – No thank you.  
**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – Get out and vote tomorrow.  
**Mayor Seth Speiser** –

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – No thank you.  
**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – No thank you.  
**Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – He gave us and update on the golf fundraiser. Still are looking for hole sponsors. On Wednesday, April 7 Country Mart is demonstrating their new Badger Technologies UV Disinfect Robot.  
**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer** – He would like to get with Scott the pool manager and get everything up and running for the weather reports.  
**Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer** – 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 5, 2021 at 7:57 p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk