

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**  
Seth Speiser

**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Jerry Menard

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**  
Ray Matchett, Jr.  
Lisa Meehling  
Mike Blaies  
Denise Albers  
Michael Heap  
Robert Kaiser

**VILLAGE TREASURER**  
Bryan A. Vogel

# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

**FREEBURG MUNICIPAL CENTER**  
14 SOUTHGATE CENTER, FREEBURG, IL 62243  
PHONE: (618) 539-5545 • FAX: (618) 539-5590  
Web Site: www.freeburg.com

**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.

## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MINUTES MONDAY, MAY 15, 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, May 15, 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. (Trustee Kaiser was on zoom by voice.)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Those present and the Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Denise Albers – absent; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here by zoom voice; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (5 present, 2 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

### **EXHIBIT A:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, May 1, 2023 for approval.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, May 1, 2023, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** No Report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No report.

### **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:** Janet Baechle asked about all of the change orders from Haier. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg answered her question.

Village of Freeburg Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 15, 2023  
Page 1 of 6

## **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **EXHIBIT C:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** No Zoning Report.

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

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

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

### **EXHIBIT D:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 10, 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 a village -wide outage with the storm that produced tornados in Hecker and surrounding communities. Ameren lost 15-20 poles, and we generated for almost 5 hours. VI Power noticed we were generating and contacted Shane because some of the fixes they made had caused issues in other communities but not us. It would only affect us in a black start. Shane commented the new system is pretty smooth.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we have received our allotment of \$13,600 for the grant. Shane stated we are almost done with our streetlight program and asked if we have any other village properties that could be upgraded.
3. New Transformer at 804 N. State St.: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss has met with the contractor and their electrical contractor, and the temporary service has been set. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said he is waiting on IDOT approval before he issues the building permit.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Cemetery Road Line Extension: Head Lineman Shane Krauss would like for us to come up with a plan for properties like this one on dividing the infrastructure cost. Our code states line extensions will be subject to labor and material costs. The committee agreed that we would be responsible for the primary, and the customer would be responsible for their line hookup.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said he received IDOT building permit on 807 N. State St., and they are ready to go.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**EXHIBIT E/F/G:**

**Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer)** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 5:50 p.m. Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) was on zoom by voice.

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

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Matchett said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout stated the plant is coming along. He met with Jeff Barnhard and Adam last week, and they are confident we should be going live in mid-June. Next week is the beginning of many startups, then training. The plant will be operational but many items will need to be completed after that. He received a pay request #19 in the amount of \$960,413.92 for two months and also a change order #5 in the amount of \$38,307.81.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to the approval of change order #5 from Haier Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$38,307.81, and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Mayor Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to the approval of Haier Plumbing and Heating's pay request #19 in the amount of \$960,413.90, 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 Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee a resident contacted him that lives on N. Walnut between Philps and W. St. Clair with sewage in their yard. John said that area used to be mobile homes that shared a community private sewer and line and has since been sold. He talked 2 of the other 3 owners that are now all agreeable to help with the issue.

3. FSH Minutes: Public Works Director John Tolan commented we have switched three more customers off our old line onto the FSH line on Route 15. We are going to add a hydrant and remove the old one in the Freeburg Care Center field.

4. Water System Study: Trustee Matchett stated Public Works Director John Tolan and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg met with Scott and Vicki to discuss the project they are working on.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the THM samples were collected today. The SAVE SITE pump station was crushed by another vehicle again.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**EXHIBIT H/I/J :**

**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, May 10, 2023 at 6:22 p.m.

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

**POOL: OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Pool Safety Cover Estimate: Trustee Matchett said Julie reported we have a lifeguard that would like to work at the pool and aquatic fitness instructor.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to recommend Madalyn McMurray be hired as a lifeguard at \$13. Per hour for the 2023 pool season, and Tammy Hotchkiss be hired as an aquatic fitness instructor, and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL*

**CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Mayor Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent).

**All voting aye, the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Maddison Rodriguez Memorial Foundation Donation Request: Trustee Matchett stated the committee agreed to donate a 10-day pass to the event.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan stated they are working on a culvert and Cherry/High, and the customer paying for culvert. There is a lot of drainage coming off the parking lot on Southgate Drive. The culvert was clogged, and there was a lot of debris on road. Matt sent an email to Bel-Clair Electric to get it taken care of.

2. Customer Issues: None.

3. Wolf Road Project: Trustee Matchett, Jr. said East/West Gateway said IDOT has to review the request.

4. MFT- Oates Associates Invoice #36993 in the amount of \$1,050.00: Trustee Matchett said we have Oates Associates Invoice #36993 in the amount of \$1,050.00.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to the approval of Oates Associates Invoice #36993 in the amount of \$1,050.00, and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion.*

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Mayor Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Project #23-03: Purchase of 4 Police Interceptors at a cost of \$211,540: Trustee Matchett said under new business we have Project #23-03 to purchase of 4 Police Interceptors. Trustee Matchett said at this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to purchase four 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Vehicles at a cost of \$52,885 each for a total of \$211,540.00 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Mayor Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY – Monday, May 29, 2023

Board Meeting – Monday, June 7, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Trustee Denise Albers** – absent.

**Trustee Elizabeth Meehling** – absent.

**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – No thank you.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – No thank you.

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – He would like to thank Zoning Administrator Matt Trout and Chief Mike Schutzenhofer for all the work they did on the Golf Tournament

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – He would like to congratulate all of the 2023 graduating students.

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – No thank you.

**Mayor Seth Speiser** – There will be a Memorial Service at 9:00 a.m. Sunday in the Park. Please try to attend. Mayor Speiser stated Village Clerk Jerry handed out the St. Joe's Mayor's awards this evening before board meeting and he will be at the grade school to present the awards.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – Same as Ray's comment.

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – The sewer issues on N. Walnut have been fixed and all the other issues has been taking care of.

**Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – He would like to thank everyone who participated, donated and volunteer on the golf tournament on May 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a little rookie in the afternoon with the rain. He would like to thank Chief Schutzenhofer, Mike Blaies and Lisa Meehling they really help out. He will write a report on it sometime this week.

**Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer** – He would like to thank Matt he put a lot of work into the golf tournament. Matt did a great job for us.

**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer** – absent.

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

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of May 15, 2023 at 7:45 p.m., and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk