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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 @ 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 16, 2022, 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 Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – 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 28, 2022 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, May 2, 2022, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel reported things are moving along just fine. He should have some reports shortly.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer only to say Gene will not be here tonight. Mayor Speiser said if anyone has anything on his ESDA Report, please call him.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR MAY 2, 2022: Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have anything for the Zoning Administrator Matt Trout. Trustee Blaies asked about Meadow Pines. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout answered his question. Zoning Administrator Matt said he has started a list and sending letters or making phone calls.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-06 A Resolution for the Freeburg Park to Sponsor a Homecoming Parade in the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motion to adopt Resolution #22-06 by title only 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, motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-07 A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter Into and the Mayor to Execute Amendment No.1 (Revision No.1) to Task Order No. 1 Burns & McDonnell Engineer Owner Agreement.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motion to adopt Resolution #22-07 by title only and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #22-08 A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter Into and the Mayor to Execute Amendment No.2 Task Order No. 1 Burns & McDonnell Engineer Owner Agreement.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motion to adopt Resolution #22-08 by title only and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – 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, motion carried.**

ORDINANCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Speiser stated the appointments will be done at the next board meeting. He said, he does have one new appointment for the Combined Planning/Zoning Board. He would like to appoint Dirk Downen to the Combined Planning/Zoning Board for a 5-year term from 2022 to 2027.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to approve the appointment of Dirk Downen to the Combined Planning/Zoning Board for a 5-year term from 2022 to 2027, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT G:

Electric Committee Meeting:

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 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 advised the committee a resident drilled through one of our wires after hours. He confirmed the wire had been located correctly, and the resident has been billed for the work. We had an underground wire to a house go bad, and we were able to rectify that pretty quickly. We also had a semi-truck strike one of our decorative lights near the State St./Apple St. intersection. We are looking at different videos to determine the trucking company involved.

2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane has submitted the final paperwork for our last LED lighting project in the amount of \$1,500.

3. Generator Upgrades- BHM&G Service Corp Invoice 2185.SC. 303 in the amount of \$33,662.00 Trustee Blaies said Office Manager Julie Polson will advise BHM&G that we are using the remaining \$14,789.31 credit toward this invoice.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned for the approval of BHM&G Invoice #218.SC.303 in the amount of \$33,662.00 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

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4. IMEA – Ameren IL Power Supply Price Increase: Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan provided information from IMEA that encompassed rising energy costs, renewable energy and energy curtailments. IMEA leads the state in renewable energy at 11%.

5. Clearwave Fiber: Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg commented he will talk to them in the near future.

Public Works Director John Tolan wanted to talk about the fees we charge for electric services, and provided information to the board on how those charges have been billed. The board agreed to charging 100% of the material costs for nonstandard service.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Trustee Blaies said John Scaiefe and Chad Rhutasel were present to voice their concerns about Phil Sheets, Jr.'s dog.

EXHIBIT O:

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:40 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

New Sewer Plant/ Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said we have Haier Plumbing pay request #9 in the amount of \$496,644.55 and Burns & McDonnell Invoice #113084-18 in the amount of \$95,000.3. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Haier Plumbing & Heating Pay Request #9 in the amount of \$496,644.55, 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Burns & McDonnell Invoice #113084-18 in the amount of \$95,000.33, 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 Denise Albers – 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 said we also talked about the Revision No. 1. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised Jeff Barnhart was present at the last project meeting, and they had a long conversation about the project manager. The 4" pipe has been delivered, and they continue to work on the clarifiers and aeration basins. Matt advised the two amendments go back to the survey work that was discussed November. We were waiting on the Oates survey cost. The first amendment is waiving the \$10,000 IDNR fee for the riprap was extended. The second amendment was the \$950 to get the culvert staked so we could get the project started. With respect to the EPA consent order, John has provided them with a substantial amount of information. Attorney Keck said EPA's credit, they read through it, and their response was good. EPA is asking for some firm dates, and he and /Attorney Keck are going to meet and discuss them next week . December, 2023 is the drop-dead date on the plant. John is predicting July of 2023 to have it up and running. This summer and fall will be crucial to see where we are at. John commented we are in good standing with IEPA.

3. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported issues with a backup at Tequilas which was their issue. A resident on N. Main's sewer was clogged, and Journey Church had a broken sewer lateral also their issue.

3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee Smithton chose to add an additional charge onto the rate increase.

4. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported Village Administrator Tony Funderburg completed the financial status information. It will be submitted to EPA for approval, and we can then decide what areas to work on.

5. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser said Tim Pruett is preparing this project to go out for bid. He and Public Works Director John Tolan are going to visit another community to see the new technique on lining manholes.

Spring clean -up went well for the residents, and our employees did a good job.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXHIBIT P :

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 May 11, 2022 at 7:02 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the slide will be painted on the 16th, they will be washing the pool this week and filling it over the weekend.

They are working on some of the improvements that Pool Manager Scott has asked for. There will not be a new exhaust fan this year. John confirmed they will paint the baby pool floor and not the bathhouse. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said he is going to try and look for options on the bathhouse.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said we received another lifeguard application. Since two of our most experienced lifeguards are now managers. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to hire Chase Epperson as a lifeguard for the 2022 pool season at \$12.00 per hour, and Trustee Elizabeth 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. East Apple Street Proposed Repair: None.
2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said our guys are working on Edison/St. Clair and Phillips/Edison replacing an inlet. This may also help the drainage problem at Mr. Kemper’s home.
3. Customer Issues: None.
4. MFT: Trustee Matchett stated MFT has been approved, and we are ready to go.
5. RFQ for Streets: Trustee Matchett said Attorney Keck advised that Village Administrator Tony Funderburg provided him with the quote from Oates Associates for the Wolf Road Study. Tony advised Attorney Keck that this project is really needed. It will include studying existing site conditions, conceptual layouts and construction the Wolf Road improvements at an estimated cost of \$5,000. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr motioned to recommend Oates Associates Wolf Road Study not to exceed \$5,000 at the hourly rates specified, 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 – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Matchett said Attorney Keck advised the committee the high school sent him a 16-page contract separate from what he prepared which included many additional requests that were not included in our original agreement. They included additional record keeping, offsets for credits language, applying for grants, they want to come up with their own schedule on where the office will spend his days. Attorney Keck also stated some of the items they requested are not in line with the police union contract. He would like to review the new contract with Chief Schutzenhofer. The committee discussed this length, and agreed that it is our agreement or nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 25, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 25, 2022 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 25, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, June 6, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – No thank you.
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.
Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – 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.
Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – No thank you.
Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.
Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer –

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, May 16, 2022 at 7:45 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk