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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 17, 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, May 17, 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 Denise Albers – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – 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 19, 2021 and for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 19, 2021 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Seth Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene is not with us this evening. If you have any questions on the ESDA Report please call Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet Baechle thanked the village for taking out the brushes.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR: Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said the golf tournament everything went well. He would like to thank everyone that help out that day.

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All the help was much needed that day, for we had a double shot gun with total of 50 teams. Matt said he would like to recognizing Officer Profitt he made and donated a corn hole set that we raffled off. We made over \$700.00 just alone on that raffle. Please thank him if you see him. Most of my expensive and revue are in. He is gong to buy little window stickers to send to all of the sponsors. Matt said still has a little revue source coming in. Matt said it looks like we made a little over \$18,000 on the golf tournament. Once he gets everything in and finalizes, he will send a spread sheet out to ever body. Again, thanks to everyone who worked, who did a sponsorship, and everyone who played.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS:

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1713, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, Administration – Article II - Village Officials- Division XII – Village Engineer - of the Revise Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1713 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

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, May 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 updated us on few issues. A customer with a weather head connection on their house, and pole leaning on Park Street.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said SAVE Site is working with them on their project. There is a new business coming into the old Towers building. They are wanting to use some of the grant money for their lighting projects, once they get the utilities transferred into their name.

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3. North Substation CAT Work/PLC unit #12 Fail Repair/Replacement: Trustee Blaies said the North Substation CAT work, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Treasurer Bryan Vogel are working on this to get it financed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project #21-05: Stock Transformer Purchase: Trustee Blaies said Shane said we need replace some stock on some transformers that will be used for poles on business and also for replacements.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to purchase eight 25 Kva and four 37.5 Kva transformers at a cost of \$14,700 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan and Head Lineman Shane Krauss said Paden went to another schooling in Kentucky and did very well and his grades were very good.

EXHIBIT F:

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:50 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 confirmed the paperwork has been turned in. We have an internal meeting on the 18th with Burns & McDonnell and then another one with Haier.
2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported no residential issues. They continue to monitor Meadow Pines. There is an issue on the sewer line at Joseph Brown's property. John will have Midwest Vac come in next week to see if there is an issue with the pipe
3. FSH Minutes: Nothing.
4. Old Freeburg Road Water Lines: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan stated TWM can't find the signed contract. We believe it is in Haier's hands. Attorney Keck commented he had asked for more time than the 90 days TWM included in their proposal.

5. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser stated TWM will present their study in June.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay TWM's Invoice #69336 in the amount of \$1,079.25 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

6. Repair/Replace Sewer East Main and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised once the funds come in and we get an engineer, we will have a plan to fix the sewer mains and manholes. We will put a package together that will address this year's issues.

7. West Street Resident's Sewer Issue: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan asked the status of the Carpenter bill. Attorney Keck informed us the statute has run out on this and doesn't believe we have an obligation to pay it.

Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan commented the spring clean up went very smoothly. Trustee Albers asked about the water situation at the Industrial Park, and John said we are down to almost no water loss. John will have Haier give us an estimate on West Apple.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kaiser said Attorney Keck said he and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg have reviewed numerous engineering agreements. As far as scope of work, that is beyond his expertise. Under our code, the village engineer is singular, not plural. He advised we can either amend the code change engineer to plural, or agree as a board that these are the firms that Public Works Director John Tolan is authorized to call. Trustee Kaiser said Trustee Meehling said we need to have a previous relationship with the engineering firm. It was decided Attorney Keck will work on a code revision for Monday's board meeting. We will also move forward with working on the RFQ for engineers on everything except Burns & McDonnell.

Public Works Director John Tolan said they are flushing and collecting samples. Wiegmanns has been testing and monitoring their discharging, and are finishing up their EPA audit. Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan met with the contractor on the high school addition. They are going to upgrade one of the water meters in the building.

Trustee Kaiser said Gregg thanked everyone on what they've done for the new plant.

EXHIBIT J:

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 12, 2021 at 6:29 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 some more hires. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to hire Lee and Ella as returning lifeguards, and Jacob Carmack and Alaina Levy be hired as new lifeguards at a rate of \$11.00 per hour and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

1. Pool Pass Sale: Trustee Matchett said daily session passes will be sold on May 24th and May 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Trustee Matchett advise the committee Public Works Director John Tolan said the crews are out working, and the pool will be filled on Sunday and Monday.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. East Apple Street Proposed Repair: Nothing new.

2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised they are working on a few culverts, and also the washout on Wolf Road.

3. Customer Issues: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said we continue to work on work orders, one crew is patching and preparing streets for MFT, the other crew is at the pool. When they are done there, they will go back to sidewalks.

4. MFT: Trustee Matchett said we have an Invoice from TWM.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to pay TWM's Invoice #69401 in the amount of \$764.00 and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan confirmed we have approved the MFT bids. He will look to get dates set late summer.

5. Surplus 2. N. Railroad HVAC: None.

6. RFQ for Water/Sewer/Streets: This will be discussed in the Committee As A Whole meeting.

Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan stated the sidewalk replacement on the north side of East High Street is completed along with a few other areas. They will now work on the south side of East High Street. They are also grading, ditching and correcting drainage during the sidewalk replacement. We also mulch around the village park and village hall. Weed and mosquito spraying will begin in the next couple weeks. Burns & McDonnell previously worked on the MS4 storm water permit waiver. They completed the recent request for continuation of the waiver and have received a verbal approval of our request.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Grade School Crosswalk: Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated we have residents talking about issues with grade school crosswalk. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg recommendation is to move the crosswalk to the west on the other side of the library entrance.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Speiser said we scheduled A Committee As Whole meeting for June 1st at 5:30. If this changes, we will let you know.

Board Meeting – Monday, June 7, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Speiser stated we are going to go back in person for the meetings in June.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Mayor Seth Speiser –

Trustee Denise Albers – She would like to welcome the new lifeguards. Thank you, Matt, and everyone who help with the golf tournament, you did a great job.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – She would like to welcome the new lifeguards. Great job Matt and everyone who help with the golf tournament. This was another amazing year.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Same as what the ladies said.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – She would like to thank Matt and everyone who help with the golf tournament, you did a great job.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Great job Matt. There was a good turnout. You made a lot of money for the police department.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Thank you Matt and everyone who help with the golf tournament. We had a great time. He would also like to welcome the new lifeguards, and would like to send out congratulations to all of the graduates for the 2020-21 year.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Thank you Matt and everyone who help with the golf tournament and welcome to the new lifeguards.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer – Thank you Matt on the great job you did on the golf tournament.

Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – He would like to thanked everyone who help make the golf tournament a very big success.

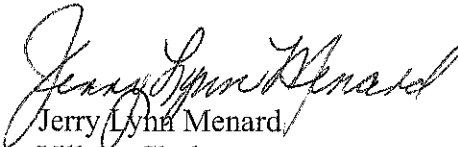
Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you, but we did win.”

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Not present.

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 17, 2021 at 7:45 p.m. and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk