

VILLAGE PRESIDENT
Seth Speiser

VILLAGE CLERK
Jerry Menard

VILLAGE TRUSTEES
Tom Carpenter
Robert Kaiser
Dana Miller
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Lisa Meehling
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Matt Trout

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Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Keck Brown, P.C.

VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, May 19, 2025 @ 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 19, 2025 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

Mayor Speiser stated May 5, 2025 minutes are UNAVAILABLE.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT A:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his Monday, May 19, 2025 ESDA Report. Gene updated us on his ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Several residents from Saturn Terrace were present to presented their concerns of water issue. Mayor Speiser invited them to come to Streets Committee meeting.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT B:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR MAY 5, 2025.

Mayor Speiser called on Village Engineer Tim Pruett. Mayor Speiser said does anyone have any questions for Tim.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.
CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.
BIDS: None.
RESOLUTIONS: None.
ORDINANCES: None.
OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXHIBIT C:

1. **Leaf Machine Purchase:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Leaf Machine Purchase.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to purchase Leaf Machine from Armor Equipment for the cost of \$277,479.16, 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 Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – nay; (5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **5 voting aye, 1 nay motion carried.**

2. **Accept Request for Proposal for Copy and Printer Needs:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Accept Request for Proposal for Copy and Printer Needs.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the Proposal for Copy and Printer from Watts Company for the cost of \$447.93 a month, 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 Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT D:

3. **MFT Bids:** Mayor Speiser stated we have the MFT Bids’

*Trustee Ramon Matchett motioned to accept the Bids from Verian Funk Truck Service Inc. for \$24,327.00 and DMS Contacting Inc. for Seal Coat for \$62,640.00 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 Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Bryan Vogel as Village Treasurer for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustee Tom Carpenter. motion to approve the appointment of Bryan Vogel as Village Treasurer, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Matt Trout as Village Administrator for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – motion to approve the appointment of Matt Trout as Village Administrator, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. Trustee James (Mike) Blaies- aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter– aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Matt Trout as Village Administrator for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motion to approve the appointment of John Tolan as Public Works Director, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter– aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Mike Schutzenhofer as Chief of Police for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to approve the appointment of Mike Schutzenhofer as Chief of Police, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter– aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Gene Kramer as ESDA Coordinator for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to approve the appointment of Gene Kramer as ESDA Coordinator, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter– aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Fred Keck from KeckBrown P.C. as Village Attorney for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motion to approve the appointment of KeckBrown P.C. Law Firm as Village Attorneys, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter– aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Tim Pruett as Village Engineer/Zoning Administrator for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to approve the appointment of Tim Pruett as Village Engineer, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tom Carpenter– aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Lee Smith to the Combined Planning and Zoning Board for the 2025-2026 year.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motion to approve the appointment of Lee Smith to the Combined Planning and Zoning Board, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter– aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated effective of April 1, 2025 a 2 ½% pay increase for full time staff Matt Trout, John Tolan, Mike Schutzenhofer & Tim Pruett.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to Recommend to pay the increase of 2 ½% to full time staff Village Administrator Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan, Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer and Village Engineer Tim Pruett, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Electric Committee Meeting – **UNAVAILABLE**

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – **UNAVAILABLE**

Streets Committee Meeting – **UNAVAILABLE**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY – May 26, 2025
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 28 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, June 2, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.
Trustee Dana Miller – 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.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.
Mayor Seth Speiser – There will be a Memorial Service in the park Monday at 9:00 a.m.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – Thank you for the appointment.
Public Works Director John Tolan - Thank you for the appointment. He said he is looking into the issue out at Satin Terrance.
Village Administrator Matt Trout – Thank you for the appointment.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Thank you for the appointment. Thank you for the plant.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Thank you for the appointment.

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 19, 2025 at 8:09 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk