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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 @ 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 20, 2024 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 Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – 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, May 6, 2024 Unavailable for approval.

FINANCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT A:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene was not present. Mayor Speiser said if you have any questions on Gene's ESDA Report please call him.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked about ADA. Village Engineer Tim Pruett answered Janet's question along with Village Administrator Matt Trout.

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EXHIBIT B:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR May 20th.

1. Mayor Speiser said, everyone should have a print out of the Village Engineer's Reports for May 20, 2024. Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Tim.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

COBINED PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMORANDUM: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1789 An Ordinance Entering an Agreement Between the Village of Freeburg, Illinois and St. Clair County Building and Zoning Department.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1789 by title only, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.; – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee; Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

EXHIBIT E:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1790 An Ordinance Amending Water Rates

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1790 by title only, and Trustee Dane Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.; – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

EXHIBIT D:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1791 An Ordinance Amending Electrical Fees.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1791 by title only, and Trustee Dane 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 Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.; – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS:

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT F:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 5:33 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss said we had a pretty active month. We had an outage on Rock Hill Lane that he believes was lightning related. We had 3 different transformers go bad. We had hit a pole; it didn't result in an outage but had to be replace.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said they did purchase the LED to switch out the decorative. They are a little more than halfway through the subdivision and then they will start on State Street. Once completed, they will submit for reimbursement.
3. Cemetery Road Line Grant: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said there is some concern about the construction easement, but they have been clearing it and staked it out last week. The road right way is so wide and we have another 20 feet after that so we should be fine.
4. Versalift Update: Trustee Blaies said. Village Administrator Matt Trout and Public Works Director John Tolan stopped by while in Springfield for IDOT meeting and they are still waiting on the one part.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G/H/I/J:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 15, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. New Sewer Plant: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Matt Trout stated Pay App 22, Pay App 23 and the recommendation of final completion are in the packet. He said at some point we will schedule an open house.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to recommend approval of Pay App 22 for the amount of \$884,791.21, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to recommend approval of Pay App 23 for the amount of \$566,947.20, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to recommend approval of the Final Completion, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. Sewer Issues: Village Administrator Matt Trout said per Public Works Director John Tolan, they ran a sewer jitter from East Philip to St. Clair between Edsion and Cherry St. The sewer main was partially clogged. There was a water leak at the Sugar Creek entrance. We received a water quality complaint from a resident on Emily Street. They said they were getting yellow/brown specks in their water from an outside picket.

3. FSH Minutes: Village Engineer Tim Pruett stated there are some preliminary discussions with Fayetteville. Basically, FSH has a feed at the SLM Water Plant. There is no line that goes from SLM to Freeburg, Smithton & Hecker. Part of the line goes through the Kaskaskia River bottoms and a lot of times it is under water.

4. Water System Upgrades: Nothing new.

5. Midwest Underground Invoice #3331 in the amount of \$6,970.25: Trustee Kaiser said we have an invoice #3331 in the amount of \$6,971.25 this is for the sewer video work that was done.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Midwest Underground Invoice #3331 in the amount of \$6,970.25, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FSH Water Commission Letter: Trustee Kaiser said John reported about a month and half ago that FSH is passing through the \$.40 per 1,000 gallons of water that SLM passed on to them.

GENERAL CONCERNS: Trustee Kaiser said they submitted all the lead inventory. They identified 27 galvanized service lines that they plan to have fixed withing the next 2 years. Typically, we go to the meter and they are responsible for the meter to the house. But in this situation, we are responsible for all.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT L/M :

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 15, 2023 at 6:02 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

Trustee Matchett said we amended the agenda to go new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident Request for Stop Sign at W. Phillips/S. Belleville Street: Trustee Matchett said we had a resident would like to see stop signs be put in place and questioned about the sidewalks in that area. Trustee Matchet said we will start by putting the radar sign and 2 speed limit signs on Phillips Street. If there is still an issue, we will consider a stop sign. This would have to go before the board.

Trustee Matchett said we had a resident asked about the sidewalks not being ADA compliant in the 300 block Silverthorne Drive. Village Engineer Tim Pruett said he would look into it.

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Parking lot & walking path: Trustee Matchett said Sonnenberg did a great job. The parking lot and walking trail back to visitor's bleachers are done. We will pay Sonnenberg and then we will submit the cancelled check to the county and they will reimburse us \$50,000.

Public Works Director John Tolan said the pool is very close to being ready for the upcoming season. A new sign has been installed on the front of the building, bathhouse has been painted, the previously brown stain concrete areas have been painted blue, the main pool ORP/PH controller has been replaced, deck scrubbed, slide waxed and bleachers painted. Also backfilling and seeding along new walking path and pool parking lot.

**STREETS:
OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Village Engineer Tim said we have had issues this year on Sleeping Indian. What has happened in the past 20 years that this has been developed, it that trees have been growing in this drainage ditch. Mayor Speiser asked if the ditch is on the Despain property, and so, someone needs to reach out to him. Village Attorney Fred Keck said he will reach out to his attorney.
2. Customer Issues: Nothing new.
3. MFT: Per report Public Works Director John Tolan, the oil dates have been set for August 19th & 20th as rain date. Village Engineer Tim Pruettt said he working on the Savannah Oaks plans and hopefully will get them done in the next couple of weeks.
4. St Clair County Parks Grant Update: This was discussed under Pool

NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Clair County Building & Zoning Department Agreement for Building Inspection Program: Trustee Matchett said we took care of this earlier on the agenda.
2. Industrial Park Lot – 1 Industrial Dr. Trustee Matchett stated they want to split the property. Are we okay with them splitting this.

GENERAL CONCERNS: Per report Public Works Director John Tolan, the Public Works crew have begun spraying right-of-way and village properties for weeds. Mosquito spraying as started this week. Monday they will do the east side, Wednesday the west side and Friday the outlying areas.

Trustee Matchett said Freeburg Locklar-Smith American Legion Post No. 550 has asked to use the Village Park on Saturday May 25, 2024 to place the crosses and on Monday May 27, 2024 for their Memorial Day Ceremony. The committee agreed to let them have use the park.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 29, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday May 29, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 29, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, June 3, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Thank you to Matt and police officer who helped with the Golf Tournament to make it a success.

Trustee Dana Miller – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Thank you to Matt , Chief and police officer who helped with the Golf Tournament.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Thanks to Matt and Chief who help with the Golf Tournament.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same here.

Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.


Village Administrator Matt Trout – Matt said it we made \$21,489.66. He would like to thank everyone who sponsored and everyone who help make this a success.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – He would like to thank Matt and the officers who help and everyone who participated. Everything went great. Also, the Country Mart raised over \$26,000 on their Triva Night. It showed how our community supported us.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – absent

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 20, 2024 at 7:48 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk