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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018 @ 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 21, 2018, in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Bert (Dean) Pruett – here; Trustee Ramon (Ray) Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – here; Trustee Michael Heap – here; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 absent) Mayor Speiser announced there is a quorum.

### EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, May 7, 2018 for approval.

*Trustee Elizabeth Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, May 7, 2018 with corrections and Trustee James Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

### EXHIBIT B:

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer updated us on his ESDA Report:

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** (Under Recommendations of Boards and Commissions.)

### EXHIBIT C:

#### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Zoning Administrator's Report: Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his report. Hearing none we will move forward.

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**EXHIBIT D:**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** Mayor Speiser read the Recommendations of Boards and Commissions. Mr. Mike Braun's entered the Board Meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mayor Speiser asked if the board would like to let Mr. Braun speak.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to go back to Public Participation on the agenda to hear Mr. Braun's comments and Trustee James Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

After a discussion of questions and answers a motion was made.

*Trustee Elizabeth Meehling motioned to accept the recommendation of Combined Planning and Zoning Board to deny Mr. Mike Braun's request to rezone his property from Single Family Residential to Agriculture and Trustee Bert Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – aye; Trustee Bert Pruett – aye; Trustee Michael Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

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

**EXHIBIT E:**

**BIDS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have the MFT Acceptance of Proposal to Furnish Materials and Approval of Award

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the bid from Varlan Funk Truck Services, Inc. for Seal Coat Aggregate in the amount \$10,048.50 and Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – aye; Trustee Bert Pruett – aye; Trustee James Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**EXHIBIT F:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #18-04. A Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings

*Trustee James Blaies motioned to adopt Resolution #18-04 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee James Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Bert Pruett – aye; Trustee Michael Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**ORDINANCES:** None.  
**OLD BUSINESS:** None.  
**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**EXHIBIT G:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:**

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Surplus Equipment: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised us the Harley was the only item pending, and it has been picked up.
2. New Electric Customers: Trustee Blaies said nothing new on this.
3. Freeburg Country Mart LED Lighting Project: Trustee Blaies said we discussed the Freeburg Country Mart LED Lighting Project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. IMRF Resolution for Section 125 Plan: Trustee Blaies stated the Resolution for this was passed earlier on the agenda under Resolutions.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan and Head Lineman Shane Krauss participated in a webinar regarding the small cell bill that was passed regarding the 5g wireless initiative. Trustee Blaies said we will be mandated by this law on how much we will charge and where their equipment will be located. Trustee Blaies said there will be a new ordinance that will need to be adopted.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Trustee Blaies said Mr. Glaus has purchased the property at 9 North Main Street that had a leftover utility bill of almost \$1,000. Mr. Glaus said he has no problem with assuming that bill, but would like the late fees waived of \$117.00. Trustee Blaies said the committee agreed to waive the late fees.

**EXHIBIT H:**

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

Trustee Bert (Dean) Pruettt reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 6:05 p.m.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. New Sewer Plant: Trustee Pruett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg emailed the RFQ out and stated the dates could change depending on when it passes. Trustee Pruett stated Mayor Speiser heard back from Senator Duckworth's office stating they were going to talk to Representative Bost about our request. Trustee Pruett stated Mr. Todd Peek advised the rules are changing for the revolving loan fund requirements. If they do, it will be before municipalities that have a population under 5,000 could qualify for a grant up to 15%. Trustee Pruett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg asked the committee to review the RFQ before we send it out for bid and it will be advertised in Freeburg Tribune.

2. Sewer issues/Sewer Fuel Odors/Sewer Main Jack's Car Wash: Trustee Pruett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised us the odors are gone. Trustee Pruett said we discussed sinkholes that developed in some yards. Trustee Pruett said the areas were televised and cleaned and it appears both home owners' laterals which have shifted off. Since it is their laterals, it is not our issue.

3. West Apple Street/ Schiermeier Road/Old Freeburg Road Water Line Extension: Trustee Pruett said we discussed Schiermeier Road and Old Freeburg Road Water Line Extensions.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Local Debt Recovery Program: Trustee Pruett said Office Manager Julie Polson said we should determine the amount of time we are going to keep a renter in the Local Debt Recovery Program. Trustee Pruett stated the committee agreed to go through two tax seasons for a renter's debt.

Trustee Pruett stated we held an Executive Session to discuss Personnel. At this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Bert Pruett motioned to recommend Gregg Blomenkamp be promoted to Water/Sewer Department Leader retroactive to April 1, 2018 at a rate of \$31.20 per hour and Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Bert Pruett – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – aye; Trustee James Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

## **EXHIBIT I:**

### **Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)**

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

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

**POOL: OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Pool: Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised us we are waiting for the guy to come back and complete the rock work. Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said the new drain system has been put in. Trustee Matchett said we are filling the pool, the slide rails were replaced and we are going to get a new diving board.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Drainage Problem Areas (Hill Mine Road)/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised us we are going to dig out the area and IDOT will clean it out. Trustee Matchett said we are taking a slow approach to it and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg confirmed the school is willing to help out with this. Public Works Director John Tolan said we are keeping an eye on the drainage at the new daycare center. The culvert is 18” and we need to make sure it is the right size to work well.

2. MFT Bid: Trustee Matchett stated we took care of the MFT Bid earlier on the agenda under Bids.

3. Summer Hires: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan would like to hire 1-2 workers for the summer.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to hire Blake White for part-time public works help at \$12.00 per hour and Trustee Bert Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Bert Pruett – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael Heap – aye; Trustee James Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Matchett stated we will begin the mosquito spraying this week. Trustee Matchett said on the issue of the trees that are on South Edison, our Public Works Director John Tolan stated Deterding’s Tree Service recommendation is to trim out the tree in front and the other tree to the south is dead and they recommend it be cut down. Trustee Matchett stated the cost to trim the one tree is \$540.00, and \$2,900 to cut down the dead one, haul it away and grind the stump.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Freeburg Lockhart-Smith Post 550 Request: Trustee Matchett said the committee was in agreement with Post 550’s request to use the Village Park for the Memorial Day celebration.

Trustee Matchett stated Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said the Meadow Pines subdivision now has a timeline checklist for the items that need to be done. Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan, TWM and Zoning Administrator Matt Trout are reviewing the plans. The plans have to go to the Combined Board for review and recommendation, then to the Village Board for final approval.

Trustee Matchett stated he would like to make a motion on some property that the committee discussed.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to purchase the property at 6 North Railroad Street at the cost of \$15,000 and Trustee Bert Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Bert Pruett – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – aye; Trustee James Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY – Monday, May 28, 2018  
Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 30, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 30, 2018 – 5:45 p.m.  
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 30 25, 2018, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, June 4, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling** – No thank you.

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

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – Welcome Mike.

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – No thank you.

**Trustee Ramon (Ray) Matchett, Jr.** – Welcome Mike and congratulation's to all of the schools who had students graduated this year.

**Trustee Bert (Dean) Pruett** – Congratulations to Greg Blomenkamp on his new position.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – No thank you.

**Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – Good luck to Mike serving on the board

**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer** – He has worked with Mike on school safety and is looking forward to working with him on the village board.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Speiser called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:55 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk