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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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**VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 3, 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 3, 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 James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes from the previous Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 19, 2021 - Unavailable

## **EXHIBIT A:**

### **FINANCE:**

Trustee (Chairperson) Denise Albers reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

**1. REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said we reviewed the Board List in our Finance Committee meeting. Trustee Albers said on the board lists there were some questions: Municipal Equipment \$5,114.13 this was for two high tide alarms we installed on the Pitts and N. Edison lift stations; Bel-O-Man, \$1,605.14 this was for the ambient control that was installed to help the heat pump switch ; Midwest Underground, \$3,720 there was an issue at the Palomar lift station and had to have camera to find the problem; Omnigo Software \$17,806.88 we had to upgrade our system with digit ticket and become complaint with the mandates; \$3,490 too repair leaks at the S.A.V.E. site standpipe.

**2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers said we have nothing due until October 2021. The funds continue to sit in the money market account.

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3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Albers said Chief Schutzenhofer confirmed the \$18,722.62 expense in other professional services was for the CENCOM agreement. In electric, the \$7,398 expense under infrastructure was for breaker repair.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** See new business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Attorney Invoices:

2. Newsletter: Trustee Albers said the news letter went out 2 weeks ago and there is nothing new at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. CAT Generator Control System Upgrade: Trustee Albers said we did discuss the proposal for the CAT Generator Control System upgrades. This upgrade will run close to \$4,000. Our generators are aging and trying to find parts to replace is becoming an issue. Our electric bonds will be paid off in 2025 and these payments run between \$360,000 - \$395,000. Trustee Albers said she doesn't feel comfortable waiting on this, Public Works Director John Tolan recommended we do this. Finance rates are low right now. It would be more costly if we go down and lose our IMEA credits. The committee recommended Village Administrator Tony Funderburg to work with Treasurer Bryan Vogel on getting information on financing this project. If we move forward with this and the board agrees to do the entire project at once, we will try to schedule this in the fall. We will discuss this at the next Electric committee meeting.

2. Loans for Police and Public Works Vehicles: Trustee Albers said we discussed the financing of the police and public works vehicles. Trustee Albers said Treasurer Vogel provided an informal loan quote from Citizens Bank at 1.5% for the vehicles. The committee did ask Treasurer Vogel to check with Bank of Belleville and First National Bank of Waterloo for bids.

3. Waste Management: Trustee Albers said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg provided us with two proposals from Waste Management for our trash and recycling renewal. They range in price from \$14 - \$20 per month for residents. We are going to have a Committee As A Whole meeting to discuss the renewal in depth, and at that time we will also include RFQs.

4. 2021 MFT Bids: Trustee Albers said Village Administrator Funderburg advised the committee Beelman and Don Anderson were the low bids.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Vogel said he will go out for bids here shortly to the 3 banks that we discuss at the Finance meeting.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**EXHIBIT B:**

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Seth Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Mayor Speiser said Gene is not able to be here this evening. If anyone has any questions for Gene on his ESDA Report please call him.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR:** Unavailable.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

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

**EXHIBIT C:**

**BIDS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have the MFT Bid Tabulation. Trustee Matchett said we have the low bids

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept low bids for the Seal Coat Prime from Don Anderson at the cost of \$43,144.32; Seal Coat Aggregate from Beelman Trucking Company at the cost of \$24,962.85; for the Aggregate from Beelman Trucking Company at the cost of \$4,269.50 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Speiser stated he has the appointed positions for 2021-2022- year and the 5-year position on the Combined Planning/Zoning Board.

Mayor Speiser stated we will start with the Treasurer position for the 2021–2022-year Bryan Vogel.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to approve the appointed position of Bryan Vogel as the Village of Freeburg Treasurer for 2021-2022 year and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated for the Village Administrator position for the 2021–2022-year Tony Funderburg.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to approve the appointed position of Tony Funderburg as Village Administrator for 2021-2022 year and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated for Chief of Police position for the 2021–2022-year Mike Schutzenhofer.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to approve the appointed position of John Tolan as Village Public Works Director for 2021-2022 year and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated for Public Works Director position for the 2021–2022-year John Tolan.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to approve the appointed position of Chief of Police Mike Schutzenfer for 2021-2022 year and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated for ESDA Coordinator position for 2021–2022-year Gene Kramer

*Trustee Elisabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to approve the appointed position of ESDA Coordinator Eugene Kramer for 2021-2022 year and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elisabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated for Village of Freeburg Attorney position for 2021–2022-year Weilmuenster Law Group, Weilmuenster, Keck and Brown

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to approve the appointed position of Weilmuenster Law Group, Weilmuenster, Keck and Brown for 2021-2022 year and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elisabeth (Lisa) Meehling – 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.**

Mayor Speiser stated for Village Zoning Administrator position for 2021–2022-year Matt Trout.

*Trustee Elisabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to approve the appointed position of Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout for 2021-2022 year and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elisabeth (Lisa) Meehling – 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.**

Mayor Speiser stated for Combined Planning/Zoning Board position for a 5-year term Terry Gamblin.

*Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to approve the appointed position of Terry Gamblin on the Combined Planning/Zoning Board for a 5-year term and Trustee Elisabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elisabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – 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.**

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**EXHIBIT E:**

**Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:**

Trustee (Chairperson) Michael (Mike) Heap reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5:56 p.m.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap said we discussed the Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties. Trustee Heap said the Herr property continues to be cleaned up. Trustee Heap said also the home on State Street is showing signs of work being done.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estate Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said on Meadow Pines they found sewerage-type debris in the manhole. They have cleaned it out and will keep an eye on it. Trustee Heap stated there are 2 homes being built at this time.

**EXHIBIT F:**

**Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:**

Trustee (Chairperson) Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:04 p.m.

**POLICE:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PERSONNEL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Lifeguard Hires and Pool Manager: Trustee Meehling said we did discuss lifeguard hiring for the upcoming pool season. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Pool Manager Scott Schulz have reviewed the applications, for lifeguards, concession stand workers and a pool manager. We are hiring a bigger member of pool staff this year so we have more flexibility to work around their personal schedule to be able to help fill the pool schedule. At this time, she would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to hire Carrie Green as pool manager at the cost of \$4,097.26, Lifeguards Alysa Bias, Jennifer Spangle, and Grace Vahlkamp be hired at the rate of \$11.00 per hour and Concession Stand Works Samantha Boeving, Luke Brandt, Abby Holcomb, Otto Hurst and Jerry Smith-Johnson at \$11.00 per hour and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

Trustee Meehling said under other business Village Administrator Tony Funderburg address the status of the sewer plant. At the time of our meeting, we were waiting for IMEA to sign loan documents, which was completed following the meeting. After that documents were issued to Haier for their review and signatures. That is great news for us for we have completed this portion. Trustee Meehling said Matt Trout did asked for volunteers for the golf outing coming up on May 15<sup>th</sup>..

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Combined Planning and Zoning Meeting – Canceled

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, May 17, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Mayor Seth Speiser** – He stated hopefully we will be able to meet in person here for the next Board Meeting.

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – Welcome to the new pool staff.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – Welcome to all of the new pool hires, lifeguards, concession works and pool manager and congratulations to all of the appointees.

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – Congratulations to all of the appointees and pool staff.

**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – Congratulations to the new pool staff and all of the appointees.

**Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling** – Same here, congratulations to the new pool staff hires, and the reappointed to the village. She thinks the village is in good hands.

**Trustee Denise Albers** – Same thing here.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – Same thing here.

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**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – Thank you.

**Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer** – He would like to thank everyone for their support.

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – Thank you for your continuing support.

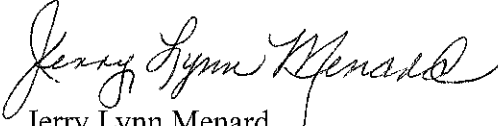
**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer** – Not present.

**Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** – He would like to thank everyone for their support. Matt stated if you know anyone who would like to be a hole sponsor or know anyone who would like to be a hole sponsor, please get them in to him.

**Treasurer Bryan Vogel** – Thank you for the reappointment.

**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 3, 2021 at 7:47 p.m. and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk