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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024 @ 7:30 P.M.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

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, June 17, 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 Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Dana Miller – 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 20, 2024.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, May 20, 2024 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, June 3, 2024.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, June 3, 2024 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene wasn't present to give his ESDA Report. Mayor Speiser said everyone should have Gene's ESDA Report in their packet. If you have any questions on his report, please call Gene.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Andy Bittle was present to talk about the SAVE Site. Andy said the County has assured us that the SAVE Site will not be hosting migrants from Chicago. The plan for the SAVE Site moving forward is to use it primarily as it has been used in the past. The County will be using U.S. Housing and Urban Development funds to help revie fourteen of the homes. These homes will be used to provide supportive housing to eligible families in need of assistance. This includes victims of domestic violence, fire victims, loss of employment etc.

Mayor Speiser read a letter from St. Clair County assuring us that the SAVE Site is being use for this purpose. Mayor Speiser thanked Andy for coming and talking to the board.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR JUNE 17, 2024.

1. Mayor Speiser said, everyone should have a print out of the Village Engineer's Reports for June 17, 2024. Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Tim. Hearing none we will move on.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #24-07 A Resolution for the Freeburg Park District to Sponsor a Homecoming Parade.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr, motioned to adopt Resolution #24-07 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – absent; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT F:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1792 An Ordinance Specifying Appropriations Procedure.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adopt Ordinance #1792 by title only, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee; Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.; – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

EXHIBIT G:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1793 An Ordinance of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County Illinois Authorizing the Execution of a New Power Sales Contract and a New Capacity Purchase Agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the Delivery Period Commencing October 1, 2025.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1793 by title only, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee; Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – 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: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT F:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss said had not issues to report.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated they are half way done with the street lights.
3. Cemetery Road Line Grant: Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated they are a little more than half way done and are making good progress.
4. Versalift Update: Trustee Blaies said Shane called and was told they've received the part and will start assembling this week.
5. IMEA Power Sales Contract: Trustee Blaies stated we took care of this earlier on the agenda under Ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS: Public Works Director John Tolan said the first of the month they tested the sirens and the one at the Sportsmen's Club didn't work. It has been replaced.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT I:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, 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 he submitted the 2 Pay Apps to the EPA. They are processing the first one but holding the second one as they are waiting on final bill from Burns & McDonnell. Public Works Director John Tolan added the plant is operating very well
2. Sewer Issues: No issues to report.
3. FSH Minutes: Nothing new
4. Water System Upgrades: Village Engineer Tim Pruett stated he talked to Serena and they are hoping to have 60% complete for Phase 1A. They will get costs for different types of water towers for us to look at and make a decision on.

Tim stated he received a call from some people from Covered Bridge and things are moving again.

John stated with televising project they found quite a few manholes that were buried. He has received the risers and plans to have them raised to grade and accessible.

NEW BUSINESS: John stated he got the May THM results and they were the lowest he has ever had. He thanked the crew for a great flushing program. He added they are doing quite a bit of new services.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT J :

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, June 12, 2023 at 6:02 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Public Works Director John Tolan stated things are going well out at the pool.

NEW BUSINESS: Village Administrator Matt Trout said he spoke with Scott Schulz pool manager and throughout the year pretty much all the lifeguards make a save in some fashion. At the end of the year would like to bring in all the lifeguards and recognize them for their dedication. We can acknowledge all the lifeguards at the end of the year.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Crew Leader Bob Jenkins stated no major issues to report. Village Attorney Fred Keck will follow-up regarding issues on Sleeping Indian.
2. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan stated Bob and his crew were working on West Mill Street, reworking the whole street and got it to flow nicely, a resident asked us to ditch out on Old Fayetteville Road by Meyer Dr. where it was holding water.
3. MFT Expenditure Statement: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said at the beginning of the year we give an estimate and at the end of the year we reconcile what we actually spent. This is for April 2023-2024.
4. St Clair County Parks Grant Update: Tim stated we received the check for \$50,000 and project is complete.

John stated Bob and his crew put up the speed limit signs and the radar sign on Phillips St. Bob stated the resident has seen some improvement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SRO: Trustee Matchett said there was a discussion on this subject. We will invite Dr. Brink to the Police & Personnel meeting.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday June 26, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, July 1, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.

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VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – He said glad the we clear-up that was in the newspaper about the SAVE Site.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – She thanked Andy for coming tonight.

Trustee Dana Miller – She thanked Andy for coming tonight.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – She thanked Andy for coming tonight.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – He thanked Andy for coming tonight.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – He thanked Andy for coming tonight.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – He thanked Andy for coming tonight.

Seth Speiser – He thanked Andy for coming tonight. We need to put that letter in the paper to let everyone know that Frank was inaccurate what he said. Andy has been here for several board meeting. He is our County Board Representative, if you ever need Andy, he is always available.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – He thanked Andy for coming tonight.

Public Works Director John Tolan – Thanked the board for signing the contract and thank you Andy for coming tonight.


Village Administrator Matt Trout –

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer –

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer –

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, June 17, 2024 at 7:49 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Menard

Village Clerk