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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023 @ 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, June 19, 2023, 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.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to amend the agenda from 17-1 to go to the Swearing in of Tom Carpenter and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Mayor Speiser stated 17-1 the swearing in of Tom Carpenter as Trustee. Village Clerk Jerry Menard took the floor to swear in Tom Carpenter new Trustee.

ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent)
Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

MINUTES: Unavailable.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: Unavailable.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet Baechle asked are you going to open the Village Administrator position up to the public. Mayor Speiser said we are going promote within and at this time we will not have a Zoning Administrator.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT A:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 5, 2023: Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have anything for the Zoning Administrator Matt Trout. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout stated he the Murphy project up north is moving forward and they are a little ahead of schedule.

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Mayor Speiser said we had the Chamber BBQ last week and a lot of people attended. It was very much a success.

EXHIBIT B:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Mayor Speiser said we have the Village of Freeburg Memorandum from the Combined Planning and Zoning Board. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said we had two Variance Request and both were denied by the Combined Planning and Zoning Board.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1763. An Ordinance Specifying Appropriation Procedure.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motion to adopt Ordinance #1763 by title only and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT D:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1764. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement for the Annexation of 43 Acres, more or less, of Real Estate Owned by Coast-to-Coast Business Equipment, located in the County St. Clair, State of Illinois.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1764 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT E:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1765. An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Commonly Known as the “Coast to Coast Business Equipment, Inc. , Property” and in the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1765 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT F:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1766. An Ordinance Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of Rezoning Certain Property Commonly Known as the Coast-to-Coast Business Equipment, Prop.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1765 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser stated we have a letter of resignation of Village Administrator Tony Funderburg.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to accept the resignation of Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, 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 Tom Carpenter - aye, Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Matt Trout as Interim Village Administrator.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to approve the appointment of Matt Trout as Interim Village Administrator 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 Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXIBIT G/H:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 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 had no issues to report.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we have not received any new applications.
3. Cemetery Road Line Extension: Trustee Blaies said we did discuss the Cemetery Road Line Extension for electric out there. Head Lineman Shane Krauss submitted a project form which includes materials for the line extension.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to recommend Project #23-07, Purchase of Cemetery Road Line Extension Infrastructure and Materials in the amount of \$18,891, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – ay Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said our urge testing was conducted on the 7th and everything went fairly well. Shane said we had an issue with unit 8 and adjustments were made and it is running fine. Paden will be going to school in July for his last lab training.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said he and John met with Verbal regarding a rate study. Which will be updated in the future.

EXHIBIT 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, June 14, 2023 at 5:49 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser stated Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said the punch list is schedule for the 3rd week in July. We received some values this week; conducting some tests; met with Burns & McDonnell, Haier and Guarantee regarding an issue with the clarifier and this has been figured out.

Public Works Director John Tolan is waiting on the sales rep to start up the aeration pump. The painters over sprayed onto our vehicles. We took them to Freeburg Auto Body for a repair estimate. John has our guys out at the plant to get them familiar with everything. We are still on target to finish in July. The plant won't be done, but we will be running sewage through it.

2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported no issue. Our crew are cleaning the normal trouble spots and few new ones.
3. FSH Minutes: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the equipment is in to install hydrants on the FSH line.
4. Water System Study: Public Works Director John Tolan said they are working on the design.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project Request #23-04: Elevated Storage Tank Cleaning: Trustee Kaiser stated he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to the approval of Project Request #23-04, Elevated Storage Tank Cleaning not to exceed \$13,615.00 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee we had a water main leak on Old Fayetteville Road. We also had a resident on South Vine that was replacing an old cast iron line and found it had lead service line, and we repaired that.

EXHIBIT K/L/M :

Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pool Employee Hires: Trustee Matchett said Office Manager Julie Polson believes we are done with pool hires and this will be taking off the agenda. Public Works Director John Tolan advised the new umbrella have been installed. Manager Scott from the pool reported a record attendance of 325 earlier this year. We had Surety repair one of coolers at a cost of \$1,600.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Food Established Inspection Report: St. Clair County Health Department conducted their inspection, and everything went fine. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said lockers are now available at the pool for a \$5.00 deposit.

**STREETS:
OLD BUSINESS:**

1. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan the owners of Bel-Clair Electric and Trentman's Storage did an excellent job on the repair on Southgate Drive. Our crews are ditching and reworking the drainage on Barber Lane and also the road to the cemetery.
2. Customer Issues: Trustee Matchett said we replaced a sidewalk on W. Temple, and also repairing some bad spots in the concrete streets in Sugar Creek.
3. Wolf Road Project: We are still waiting on IDOT.
4. MFT-TWM Invoice #79406 in the amount of \$1,994.50: Trustee Matchett said we received an Invoice from TWM. At this time, he would like to make a motion to pay TWM Invoice.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to pay TWM Invoice #79406 in the amount of \$1,994.50 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 Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

NEW BUSINESSW:

1. Project #23-05: IPRF Safety Grant Taser Purchase: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated with the new laws coming in, we need new taser. We have IPRF grant money that will be used for this year's allocation. Tony recommends using the IPRF money for the next 4 years to help fund the purchase of the tasers.

*Trustee Raman Matchett, Jr. motioned to purchase of 10 tasers with the first payment from the IPRF Grant of \$13,000 and the next 4 years with payment of \$3,888.82 each year, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser second the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

2. Project Request #23-06: In-Car and Body Camera Purchase: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated we are getting close to the 2025 deadline to have these. This will be sent to the Police/Personnel committee.

The Fire Department is holding their Kids Water Day on August 13th and would like to close Main Street for the event. The committee agreed with the request.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 28, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 28, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 28, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 5, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – Thank you for voting me in.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – She would like to express best wishes to Tony on his new job. Thank you for all you have done for the Village within the 10 years as Village Administrator. It has been a pleasure working with you and she is going to miss him. Congratulations to Matt in his new position and she is looking forward to working with him.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Same thing.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Congratulations Tom as being voted in as a Trustee, congratulations Matt on your new position with the village, and congratulations Tony on your new job.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Same thing and welcome back Tom, congratulations Matt and good luck Tony.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Same thing and welcome back Tom, congratulations Matt and best of luck Tony. Thank you for everything you have done for the village.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Welcome back Tom, congratulations Matt and best of luck Tony.

Mayor Seth Speiser – Thank you Tony for all you have done for the village. You have always been there for him. Hate to see you go, but am sure Matt will be able to step up to his position with your help.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – Thank you everyone for supporting me in these 10 years as Village Administrator.

Public Works Director John Tolan – Welcome Tom. Congratulations Matt and Tony best to you on your new job.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – Thank you all for believing in me to do the job. It has been a good 10 years with the village. He would like to thank Tony for everything he has taught him.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Welcome Tom and Tony your surely are going to be missed.

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 19, 2023 at 7:52 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk