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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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 5, 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.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 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 15, 2023 for approval.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, May 15, 2023 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

### EXHIBIT B:

#### FINANCE:

Trustee James Blaies (Mike) acting (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

- REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Blaies said we reviewed the Board Lists and discussed specific listings: Freeburg Township; Insurance stability fund; Leon Uniform Co.; SWICOM.
- REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Blaies said we have no CD's maturing until June of 2024
- INCOME STATEMENT:** Village Administrator Tony Funderburg confirmed we should be around 16% (about 8% a month.)

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**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Blaies said we Treasurer Bryan Vogel had the Citizen's bid for the police SUVs which will be discussed later.

**FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Blaies said attorney's invoice was provided for the committee to review.
2. Newsletter: Trustee Blaies said Julie asked for any events or article suggestions be sent to her as soon as possible. The next edition will include oil and chipping, homecoming, maintenance of yards.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Moody's Investor Service Annual Comment Report: Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said we will not get a better rating than A-since we are in the state of Illinois. Moody's looks at the state to see how we are doing.
2. Ordinance #1762- An Ordinance Appropriation Procedure: Trustee Blaies stated the Ordinance Appropriation Procedure will be recognized on June 19, 2023 at our next board meeting.

Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg stated Citizen's Bank provided a bid of 5.78% for 36 months on the police vehicles with no fees or conditions. Trustee Blaies said at this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motion to recommend Citizen's Bank bid of 5.78% for 36 months for the four police vehicles and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion.*

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg updated us on our website provider was sold to Catalis, and our renewal has increased from \$2,400 to \$6,000. He would like to look around at other providers.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**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 call him.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet Baechle said she see that Tom Carpenter will be fill the vacancy chair as a trustee. Who is going to cover board meeting for the paper. Tom Carpenter did reply there will be someone that will replace him.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EXHIBIT E:**

**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 passed out a copy of the golfing outing to be reviewed. Matt said the total fundraised is \$18,710.08. Matt said the Chamber BBQ is set for June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Freeburg Sportsman's Club. Please let Matt know if you are coming. Matt also stated he is attending City Police Board training in Red Bud. Trustee Blaies asked if we our going to have a tour of the new sewer plant. Matt said we will when it gets a little closer, maybe sometime late in July.

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

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

**BIDS:** None.

**EXHIBIT F:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #23-07 A Resolutions Authorizing the Village of Freeburg to Enter into and the to Mayor Execute an Agreement between the Village of Freeburg and the New Athens Police Department for the Purchase of a Light Bar at a cost of \$200.00.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to adopt Resolution #23-07 by title only and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent, (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**EXHIBIT G:**

**ORDINANCE:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1762. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg (Administration – creation of Assistant Village Administrator Position) .

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to adopt Ordinance #1762 by title only and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent, (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have a letter of resignation of Trustee Denise Albers.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to accept the resignation of Trustee Denise Albers and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – absent, (5 ayes 0 nays, 1 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Tony Funderburg as Village Administrator.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to approve the appointment of Tony Funderburg as Village Administrator and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (5 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Speiser stated he would like to appoint Tom Carpenter as Village Trustee to Fill Vacant Position.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motion to approve the appointment of Tom Carpenter as Village Trustee to Fill Vacant Position and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (5 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

##### **EXHIBIT G:**

##### **Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 5:54 p.m.

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

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout reported 12 building permits 1 sign, 1 electric, 3 commercial, 2 homes, 1 mobile home, 1 fence, 1 pool, 1 patio, 1 agriculture building. Matt has sent out over 10 letters went on various issues. He has talked to Herr's about their property. He has also spoke to the county about a property not being maintained. He discussed the number of cars with Dave Beshears at his residence.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estates Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said Matt advised the committee Meadow Pines is running out of lots. Public Works Director John Tolan and Zoning Administrator Matt Trout are working on the punch list for Edison Estate.
3. Despain Property: Trustee Heap said Attorney Keck advised the committee that Attorney Hoerner has filed the Petition to Disconnect with the Village of Freeburg. Attorney Keck will be working on the release agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**EXHIBIT H:**

**Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:11 p.m.

**POLICE:**

**OLD BUSIENSS:** Trustee Meehling said Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Officers Stan Ruhmann, Brittney Borkowski and Scott Stroud completed a training class at the Firehouse for active shooting incidents and how to manage them. Officer Dumstorff is up to date with training standards. We took care of the emergency lights earlier on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer updated on calls.

**PERSONNEL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1: CDL: Trustee Meehling said Attorney Keck advised the committee he reviewed the laws and is not familiar with all these laws. This is a federal law and our state adopted a subsequent version of that law. It is extremely difficult to do this in house, and all municipalities are faced with the same dilemma on how to accomplish this. He is going to try and come up with a solution.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Hire of Lifeguards:**

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to recommend the hire of the new lifeguards, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett ,Jr. – aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

2. Appointment of Tony Funderburg as Village Administrator: Trustee Meehling said we took care of the appointing of Tony Funderburg for Village Administrator earlier on the agenda.

**GENERAL CONERNS:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Combined Planning/Zoning Board – Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, June 19, 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 thank Matt for all of his good effort for the success of the golf tournament. Welcome back Tom.

**Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap** – Same thing.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – same thing.

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – Her would like to thank Denise for good job serving on the board, and welcome back Tom.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – same thing.

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – same thing.

**Mayor Seth Speiser** – He would like to thank Denise for her serve on the board, and he wish her well.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – same thing.

**Zoning Administrator Matt Trout** –

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – Welcome Tom. He thinks you were serving on the board when he got hired by the village.

**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 5, 2023 at 7:50 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk