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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022 @ 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 6, 2022, 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 Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

Mayor Speiser stated the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 16, 2022 are unavailable.

EXHIBIT A:

FINANCE:

Trustee Denise Albers (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said we reviewed the Board Lists and discussed specific listings: Midwest Underground; Stericycle; Alton Project Alert DARE Cardinals game, Laura advised we were reimbursed for that amount. TWM, \$1,360.00 this is the total due for MFT engineering. Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee no, the total should be about \$3,500.00. We will verify what work was done on this invoice.

2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers said Treasurer Bryan Vogel advised the committee there is not much improvement on interest rates. Trustee Albers stated we will look at this again in July.

3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Albers said we discussed \$10,000 donation and how it should be spent. Chief Schutzenhofer has asked the donation be used to update the laptop computers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Albers said attorney's invoice was provided for the committee to review.
2. Newsletter: Trustee Albers said we discussed the next newsletter. We would like this topics to be included in the next newsletters information on campers and boats being parked on the streets in front of properties, the lighted Christmas parade, gunlocks, trash cans, and cars being parked the wrong way on streets.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his June 6, 2022 ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 6, 2022: Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have anything for the Zoning Administrator Matt Trout. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said the Chambers B-Que will be Monday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. You still have time to RSVP. The police golf tournament has been rescheduled for August 13, 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1743 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 33 of the Revised Code regarding the Addition of the Application for Right-Of-Way Access Permit.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to adopt Ordinance #1743 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1).

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to go into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120-2-(c)(1), and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

RECONVENE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to reconvene the Regular Board of June 2, 2022 at 8:07 p.m., and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT E:

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Speiser stated he has the appointed positions for 2022-2023 year. Mayor Speiser stated we will start with Treasurer position for the 2022-2023 Bryan Vogel.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to approve the appointment of Bryan Vogel as the Village of Freeburg Treasurer for 2022-2023 year, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated for Village Administrator position Tony Funderburg for the 2022-2023.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to approve the appointment of Tony Funderburg as the Village Administrator for 2022-2023 year, and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated for Public Works Director position John Tolan for the 2022-2023.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to approve the appointment of John Tolan as the Public Works Director for 2022-2023 year, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 aye). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser stated for Chief of Police position Michael (Mike) Schutzenhofer for the 2022-2023.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to approve the appointment of Mike Schutzenhofer as the Chief of Police for 2022-2023 year, 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 Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 aye). All voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Speiser stated for ESDA Coordinator position Gene Kramer for the 2022-2023.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to approve the appointment of Gene Kramer as the ESDA Coordinator for 2022-2023 year, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 aye). All voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Speiser stated for Village of Freeburg Law Firm Weilmuenster, Keck, & Brown for the 2022-2023.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to approve the appointment of Weilmuenster, Keck, & Brown for 2022-2023 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 aye). All voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Speiser stated for Zoning Administrator position Matt Trout for the 2022-2023.

Trustee Michael (Mike) motioned to approve the appointment of Matt Trout as the Zoning Administrator for 2022-2023 year, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 aye). All voting aye, motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT F:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout reported 12 building permits and 11 occupancy permits.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estates Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said Meadow Pines and Edison Estates Subdivisions are continuing to build homes.
3. Review of Fees Charged by the Village: Trustee Heap said we had a discussion regarding the fees charged by the village. We will be discussing these issues in a future committee meeting.
4. Westview Drive Right-of-Way: Trustee Heap said we discussed Westview Drive Right-of-Way and we are still working on this.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said Parrish has knocked down the block building on Urbanna Drive. Matt advised the committee Mr. Luge annexed his property on Old Fayetteville Road in 2001 with an annexation agreement that gave him free taps for 10 years. He is just now developing that property and asked if we would honor the free taps. The committee felt 21 years was too long to extend those free taps, and are not going to offer them now. Attorney Keck and the board had a discussion regarding the Clearwave fiber project. We passed the ordinance on Right-of-Way earlier on the agenda.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

EXHIBIT G:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:21 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. School Resource Officer for Freeburg High School: Trustee Meehling said Attorney Keck advised the committee he met with Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Chief Mike Schutzenhofer to review the schools' proposed agreement. They all agreed there are several areas that needed to be revised so they conform to our collective bargaining agreement and the law.
2. Part-Time Police Officer Hire: Trustee Meehling stated we are continuing to look for part-time officers.

3. Sale of Police Cars: Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer confirmed the first car has been completed and has been delivered to the Public Works Department. He will send the next one to Freeburg Auto Body when they are ready.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Meehling said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout has reschedule the golf tournament for August 13th. Most of the teams are still on, there are a few teams that can't make it, so if you know anyone who would like to play let Matt know.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Meehling said she wished to recognize Officer Tyler Howes for his assistance in helping a victim of fraud recover his funds, and also Officer Stan Ruhmann who helped a family with a relative's death. She would like to find a way to recognize our officers, and Mayor Speiser suggested having them recognized at a board meeting. We need to show our appreciation for what our officers do. We will ask the officers to come to the next meeting when we have a situation again to be recognized, so we can express our thank you as a board.

GENERAL CONERNS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning/Zoning Board – Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, June 20, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – Congratulations to the girls' softball team.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Same.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Same.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Same.

Mayor Seth Speiser – He and John went up to Springfield on Thursday night to receive our Safety Award for the Electric Department for the 3 years in a roll. Which is quite an honor to be recognized three years in a roll.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Congratulations to the girls' softball team.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Same here.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same here.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – Congratulations to the girls’ softball team.

Public Works Director John Tolan – Congratulations to the girls’ softball team and thanks to the board for reappointing him.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – Congratulations Girls Softball Team and thanks to the board for the reappointing him.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Congratulations to the girls’ softball team and thanks to the board for reappointing him.

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 6, 2022 at 8:15 p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk