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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 @ 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, July 15, 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – 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, July 1, 2024.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 1, 2024 and Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT E:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his July 15th ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None,

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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**EXHIBIT C:
VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR JULY 15, 2024.**

1. Mayor Speiser said, everyone should have a print out of the Village Engineer's Reports for July 15, 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 #24-10 A Resolution for the Freeburg Chamber of Commerce to Sponsor a Christmas Lighted Parade.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr, motioned to adopt Resolution #24-10 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 Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #24-11 A Resolution Amending the Solid Waste Collections Fees.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to adopt Resolution #24-11 by title only, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: Village Administrator Matt Trout said, he did get a notification for the sewer plant letting us know when our 1st payment is due which is September.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser stated this is concerning District 70 School Resource Officer. Village Administrator Matt Trout said, they would like us to get something together by their school board meeting before their next board meeting. He would like to know if we need more discussion on it. Mayor Speiser asked is this their last year for the contract. Village Administrator Matt Trout said, he would like to see us do one year at a time for the contract. Trustee Meehling said, she thinks the one-year contract is the best way to go. She explained why it is important how we need to have this contract. We held a small discussion on how we should proceed with this issue about how it fits in our budget and the contract for one year.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to authorize Village Administrator Matt Trout and Village Attorney Fred Keck to work on negotiations on the contract for one year for the school for 87,500, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL: All voting aye, motion carried.***

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, July 10, 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 we had a pole beak in a backyard easement on Rogers Drive. It didn't cause an outage initially, but it was laying on the roof of the house so the crew did shut down the power for around 20 minutes. Around 10 customers were affected. Another issue was with a transformer that quit which affected around 12 customers, 3 were out for around 3 hours and the others around 20 minutes.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated there is nothing new to report. They are still working to complete the LED project with the street's lights.
3. Cemetery Road Line Grant: Trustee Blaies said they are still in the process of wrapping it up.
4. Versalift Update: Shane received a phone call that is ready to be picked up.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. SRO: Trustee Blaies said we had a discussion on this issue.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

Village Administrator Matt Trout and Mayor Seth Speiser met with the Wiegmanns union representative, both nationally and locally.

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, July 10, 2023 at 6:10 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 sent everything off today for the final pay app and everything has been submitted for the final disbursement.
2. Sewer Issues: No issues to report.
3. FSH Minutes: Nothing new
4. Water System Upgrades: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said he spoke with Serena. She said she would have 75%-80% of the plans to us next week. The July 1st list for the guaranteed funds came out and we weren't on it, which we expected. Working on getting these plans done and ready with the idea that there is going to be some funds either in December or early summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Unpaid Final Bills: Village Administrator Matt Trout handed out a list of the unpaid final bills in front of them. If someone moves out, more or less renters, we apply their deposits and send out their final bills. If they don't pay, we put them in a system call IDROP. We had decided to leave in IDROP for 3 years. If these have been in IDROP for more than 3 years. We can leave them in there or we can collect from the landlords.

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, July 10, 2023 at 6:29 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Crew Leader Bob Jenkins said there is an issue with one of the chlorinated pumps in the baby pool. Public Works Director John Tolan stated it has been replaced.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Crew Leader Bob Jenkins said, we haven't had any issues even with all the rain lately. There was one issue on the highway but was addressed by IDOT.

2. Customer Issues: None.

3. MFT Expenditure Statement: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we had passed the resolution for resurfacing Savannah Oaks and sent back to IDOT so we will get that out for bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution #24-10: Trustee Matchett said this was a Resolution for the Freeburg Chamber of Commerce to Sponsor a Christmas Lighted Parade. This was taking care of earlier on the agenda under Resolutions.

Village Administrator Matt Trout asked the board if they would be interested in bringing Laura McGarry back for around 10 hours spread out over a couple weeks to train Laura Gavin.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 24, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday July 24, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 24, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, August 5, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.

Trustee Dana Miller – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – He hopes we get things worked out with the school.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.

Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – He said we are right at 10,000 KW.

Village Administrator Matt Trout – He said we will have the life guards at our next board meeting to congratulate them on all of their effort in keeping our pool safe

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – No thank you.

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, July 15, 2024 at 8:02 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk