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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 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, August 19, 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 Dana Miller – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – 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, August 5, 2024.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday August 5, 2024 and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his August 19th ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR AUGUST 19, 2024. Nothing new to report.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.
CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.
BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #24-15 A Resolution Of The Village of Freeburg, IL. Authorizing the Village of Freeburg, IL. to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Freeburg School District #70 for a School Resource Program.

Trustee Roman Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #24-15 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 – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #24-16 A Resolution of the Board of Trustee of the Village of Freeburg, IL. Authorizing the Village of Freeburg, IL. to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Freeburg and the Board of Education of Freeburg Community Consolidated School District #70 for Police Coverage of After School Events.

Trustee Roman Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #24-16 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 – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXIBIT F:

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 5:33 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said, Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated during the storm we did have a partial outage at the AT&T building on St. Clair and Alton. He believes it was due to lighting. Also, a Waste Management truck pulled down a pole. Public Works Director John Tolan said there was an outage at SAVE site. It had blown a fuse.

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2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Public Works Director John Tolan spoke with Village Administrator Matt Trout and Head Lineman Shane Krauss and they plan to meet in the next couple of weeks as there is a decent balance in there and it needs to be used by May 2025.
3. Cemetery Road Line Extension: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee they hopefully by next meeting we will have it wrapped up.
4. Versalift Updated: Head Lineman Shane Krauss said we got it back and it is back in service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated they had Urge and NESHAP testing. NESAHHP compliance came back and everything tested good. That is the emission side of things. The Urge testing is the capacity of credits. We were a little bit short of where we were last year. It depends on Versa lift how the engines are running on that particular day. Everything is automated now.

EXHIBIT G:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 5:45p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee it is working very well. Haier is working on the punch list and they will be here to repair the road as we are going to oil and chip Wednesday. Village Administrator Matt Trout added he is working with IEPA to get some of the final documents they still need.
2. Sewer Issues: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan said during the storm there were a couple of residents that had sewer back up in their basements. It was discussed with the Board and Village Attorney Fred Keck that it was an act of God. Village Administrator Matt Trout said there was an issue on Sleeping Indian and it was decided to set-up a meeting with the residents to discuss.
3. FSH Minutes: Nothing.

4. Water System: Trustee Kaiser said Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we received plans. She did give us a couple of options and we are looking at them to figure out which one we want to go with. We will meet here next week and try to finalize these plans and get them to EPA for permits.

NEW BUSINESS: Village Engineer Tim Pruett gave an update on Covered Bridge.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H :

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, August 14, 2024 at 6:25 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Inspection Report: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said the inspection went very well. He said, they do very good job at the pool. He said they shut off the big pool and once they finish the oil and chip, they will close things up.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Village Engineer Tim Pruett gave an update on Barber Lane. He said they received and approved the shop drawing and released for fabrication. They are hoping the culvert will be delivered within the proposed 5 weeks.

Public Works Director John Tolan said we came out of the storm pretty good. There wasn't any major flooding. They did replace the culvert on Wolf Road and one on Cemetery Road. Also, from the storm we had three culverts on Country Side Lane at Schiermeier Road that was washing out.

2. Customer Issues: Nothing to report.

3. MFT Expenditure Statement: Public Works Director John Tolan said oil and chip is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. They have their routes set-up and have notified the schools and bus garage. On Wednesday, they are going to oil and chip the West Plant.

Tim said we can go ahead with the Savannah Oaks Resurfacing Project as we had open bids. We had two bidders; Christ Brothers Asphalt and The Kilian Corp. Christ Brother Asphalt was the low bid at \$293,237.77. This will be paid with Rebuild Illinois money and the rest will come out of MFT. Trustee Matchett said at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to Accept Christ Brothers Asphalt bid of \$293,237.77 pending IDOT approval for the Savannah Oaks Resurfacing Project, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – abstain; (5 ayes, 1 abstain 0 nays, 0 absent). **5 voting aye, 1 abstain motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Knights of Columbus Collection Request : Trustee Matchett said this is a yearly request from the Knights of Columbus. The committee agreed with their request.
2. Bill May End of Probation: Public Works Director John Tolan said Bill Mays probation ends August 17, 2024 and would like approval to take him off of probations.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned Bill May be taken off probation, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes, 0 abstain 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 28, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday August 28, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 28, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 3, 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 – No thank you.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.

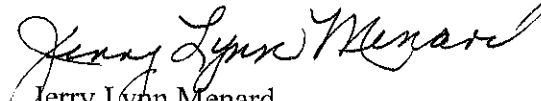
Village Administrator Matt Trout – He would like to thank everyone who helped out with the homecoming and the public works crew a well done job on the oil and chipping.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer –

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Now that the pool is completed, now our priority is to the schools.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Seth Speiser called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:51 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk