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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021 @ 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 2, 2021, 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 Denise Albers – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent)

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Public Hearing Appropriation Ordinance Meeting Monday, July 19, 2021 for approval.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to accept the minutes from the Public Hearing Appropriation Ordinance Meeting, July 19, 2021 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 19, 2021, for approval.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 19, 2021 with corrections and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT C:

FINANCE:

Trustee (Chairperson) Denise Albers reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said we reviewed the Board List in our Finance Committee meeting. Trustee Albers said on the board lists there were some questions: Gateway Dealer Network, \$3,161.00 this was for the new tracks for the Bobcat; T&R Service, \$6,524.00 for transformer that contained PCB that was disposed; and Collins & Hermans, \$520.00 for Cemetery Road guardrail.

2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers said nothing new.

3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Albers said we are already at 84% for the year on police overtime, and Chief Schutzenhofer commented that is because of everything going on, training, extra investigations, COVID. We also discussed the sidewalk expensive and we will receive money back on that.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None available.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Albers said we reviewed our Attorney Invoices.

2. Newsletter: Trustee Albers said the Newsletter was mailed out to the residents.

3. Loans for Police and Public Works Vehicles and CAT Generator Upgrades: Trustee Albers said regarding the loans on the police vehicles two of the three bids previously obtained for this expired June 30th. Since rates are still low the committee agreed to go back out for bid. The parts have been ordered for the CAT upgrades, and we are looking to start that work in September.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Haier Plumbing's Pay Request No.1 in the amount of \$567,450: Trustee Albers said we received Haier Plumbing's pay request for the amount of \$567,450. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg commented this invoice is 100% mobilization, and there is no backup for that. Also included in that amount is the money used to buy their materials. Trustee Albers said if the EPA is okay with it minus the 10% contingency, we are okay with it too. Village Administrator Funderburg said part of the agreement with Burns & McDonnell is that they don't submit the invoicing to the state, we do. Haier has said they are waiting on delivery dates for parts and won't start until they can stay at the site. EPA requires using equipment/parts from American companies, and that is causing a delay because some of the parts needed are made in other countries.

2. Guarantee Electrical Construction Material Escalation Letter: Trustee Albers said that asked for an extra \$60,000. Trustee Albers said Guarantee Electricals' portion of the contract is \$1,700,000 and we decided to stand firm on the quoted contract.

3. American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Village of Freeburg: Trustee Albers said we have not received the money yet because we were on the no-pay list.

EXHIBIT D: Mayor Speiser said we have Haier Plumbing pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$567,450.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to pay Haier Plumbing Request No. 1 in the amount of \$567,450 and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT E:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Seth Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer for his ESDA Report for August 2, 2021. Gene updated us on his August 2, 2021 ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Janet Baechle asked about the new police cars, Trustee Albers answered her question.
2. Stan McDonald asked about closing the recycle center. Mayor Speiser and Village Administrator Funderburg answered his questions.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT F:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S: Mayor Speiser stated have the Zoning Administrator Report from Matt Trout, does anyone have any questions.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT G:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #21- 10, A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Purchase and the Village President to Accept a Permanent Easement from the Freeburg Library District.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept Resolution #21-10 by title only and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT H:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee (Chairperson) Michael (Mike) Heap reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 6:01 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 he issued 2 solar, 1 pool, 2 fence, 1 garage addition, 1 home, 5 occupancy permits. Matt reported the home on Barber Lane has been completed. Matt talked to Dori Marine and Herr property owners to get the properties mowed. Trustee Heap said Matt also talked to the people who owns the lot out at the Industrial Park that has not been developed. Trustee Heap said Attorney Keck will follow up with the owner of Star Cushion on selling the lot back to the village.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estate Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said nothing new on Meadow Pines and Edison Estate Subdivisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Volkert, Inc.'s Engineering Master Services Agreement: Trustee Heap said we discussed regarding Volkert contract and this will be discussed at the next Street and Sewer meeting. With regard to the Open Meetings Act, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said the portal on the state website is not working. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg has a comprehensive document on this that he will email to everyone so it can be discussed in an upcoming committee meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Trustee Heap said Janet Baechle commented about the sewer rate increase.

EXHIBIT I:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee (Chairperson) Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 6:29 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer said he and our fellow police officers would like to thank the mayor and board for everything they do for our police department. Chief Schutzenhofer also thanked Matt Trout for all of his work on the police fundraisers. Trustee Meehling said Chief Schutzenhofer advised the committee the new vehicles are in and he will get them pickup and in service.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Meehling said the monthly limb pickup has become a problem. We are having trouble finding places to take them. It is taking our Public Works Department up to 3 days to get it done. The committee agreed to limit limb pickup to after storms only.

GENERAL CONCERNS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning /Zoning Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 10, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, August 16, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:


Trustee Denise Albers – No thank you.
Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – No thank you.
Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – No thank you.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – No thank you.
Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.
Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – Just another reminder before the Chamber meeting, we will be sitting up the homecoming stands. Please try and come out and help.
Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – 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, August 2, 2021 at 7:55 p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk