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VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Keck Brown, P.C.

VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025 @ 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 4, 2025 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 Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Dana Miller – absent; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

Mayor Speiser stated the minutes for the Regular board meeting of July 21, 2025 are Unavailable.

EXHIBIT A:

FINANCE:

Finance Committee Meeting: Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Blaies questioned the following expenses; Display Sales, Flags; Regions Commercial Bank Card and Travel expense for IMEA Conference.

2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Carpenter said Treasurer Bryan Vogel was able to lock in the Electric CD as approved at the last minute.

3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Carpenter said Administrator Matt Trout said we should be around 33% this month. He said Laura is working with the auditors regarding the interfund transfer into Garbage. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like we are going to have as good of a year as last year with the swimming pool due to the weather we have had this summer.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

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5. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT: Administrator Matt Trout highlighted a few items.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.
2. Newsletter: Office manager Mary said the next Newsletter will go out in September.

NEW BUSINESS: Administrator Matt Trout said we are scheduled to start our liability insurance renewal and will begin the process if everyone is okay staying with Gallagher.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: 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 Monday, August 4, 2025 ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR AUGUST 4, 2025.

Mayor Speiser called on Village Engineer Tim Pruett. Mayor Speiser said does anyone have any questions for Tim. Hearing none we will move on to Resolutions.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser read two Proclamation. Honoring the FCHS Track Team for their accomplishments at that State Tournament. August 4, 2025 was proclaimed "2025 Freeburg Community High School Day"

EXHIBIT E:

In a separate Proclamation Mayor Speiser also declared August 4, 2025 “ State Champion Matt Pluff’s Day” honoring Pluff’s high jump state champion and long jump school record.

Swearing in K9 Officer: Our new K9 Officer Hunter Borger and Robi was sworn in by Village Clerk Jerry Menard.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT F:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Dana Miller (Chairperson) Trustee Meehling reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 5:46 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Meehling said, we’ve had 4 occupancy permits and 3 building permits which included 1 fence, garage addition and 1 sign. Tim Pruett said he discussed the nuisance properties and stated he has written several letters.
2. Development Updates: Village Engineer Tim Pruett discussed possible development. He said there will be a couple hearing on the September 9th with Combined Board Meeting.
3. FOIA Requests: Trustee Miller said, the FOIA Requests were reviewed by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Water/Sewer Adjustments Consideration: Village Administrator Matt Trout said we talked about this at the last meeting. He went over information that he gathered on what other communities do. The Board discussed different options and decided to table until the next water/sewer meeting.
2. Public Works Truck Damage: Trustee Meehling said the truck was hit while at the locksmith. Public Works Director John Tolan explained the situation and stated our attorney has sent a letter to the company.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling report on Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 6:15 p.m..

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. K9 Program: Trustee Meehling said Officer Borger brought in the new K9, Robi. He said training went well. Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer stated the dog is nationally certified and this Friday he will be certified by the State of Illinois.

Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 145 calls since our last committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Mike Schutzenhofer said they have a meeting tomorrow at the high school to go over crisis plan.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lineman Position(s): Public Works Director John Tolan said they both started Monday and have been going through orientation. He added they both were able to generate on Monday nights during the summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Swimming Facility Inspection Report: Village Administrator Matt Trout said there was our state inspection and we had no violations and they were very complimentary of our pool.

2. Freeburg Homing: Matt said the village board members are working the beer stand on Friday night at 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.. The parade is at 4:30 p.m. this year, so if you plan to ride on the float be there at 4:00 p.m.

Village Administrator Matt Trout stated the Monday night at the Board meeting we are going to have the track team proclamation and a separated proclamation for Matt Pluff who won the state championship.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting CANCELLED - Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 13, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 13, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 13, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, August 18, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

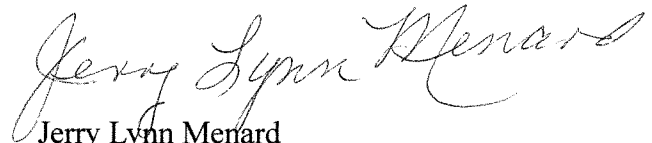
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Trustee Dana Miller – Absent
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STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – Same here.
Public Works Director John Tolan – Absent.
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Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Congratulations to the Track Team and Matt Pluff state champion also to Officer Hunter Borger becoming our K9 Officer
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ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Seth Speiser called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, August 4, 2025 at 7:50 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Merfard
Village Clerk