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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 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 5, 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 Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – 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 15, 2024.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 15, 2024 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE

Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

1. REVISE OF BOARD LISTS: The following expense were questioned: City of Belleville; Freeburg Printing & Publishing; Annual Drinking Water Quality Report; State Fire Marshall BHMG Engineers.

2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:

Trustee Carpenter said, we have one CD coming due on August 9th. Tom said that short term interest rates are creeping down. Right now, they are at 4.75%. If the board is comfortable with knowing the rates are going to fluctuate. He would like to make a motion.

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Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned CD for \$56,625.00 maturing on August 9, 2024 to be moved to a 6-month CD at the best available rate at Citizens Community Bank, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

3. INCOME STATEMENT: Village Administrator Matt Trout stated for the most part everything is on track.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT: Nothing to report.

5. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT: Village Administrator Matt Trout commented on the water is down and will continue to watch that fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.

2. Newsletter: Nothing to report.

3. IML: Village Administrator Matt Trout said he sent out information and registration are open. The conference is the weekend of September 19th-22nd. If interested in going, get in touch with him.

Village Administrator Matt Trout said he received the document for the sewer plant and we did end up getting 1.95 million in loan forgiveness through the IEPA. The total amount financed will be around 11 million. The first payment will be due in September.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Surplus Vehicles and Equipment: Trustee Carpenter said Public Works Director John Tolan stated he has several items to surplus. Two Dodge Dakota’s , two Billy Goats and a 2008 Impala police car.

Trustee Tom Carpenter, motioned to Surplus the two 2006 Dodge Dakota’s, two Billy Goats, 2008 Chevy Impala, two Lamson Blowers and motors; and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene was not present. Mayor Speiser said everyone should have their ESDA Report in their packet. If you have any questions, please call Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT D:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR AUGUST 5, 2024.

1. Mayor Speiser said, everyone should have a print out of the Village Engineer’s Reports for August 5, 2024. Village Engineer Time Pruett was not present to give his report. Village Administrator Matt Trout filled us in on Tim’s report.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #24-13 A Resolution Adopting the St. Clair County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Village Administrator Matt Trout explained what this Resolution is about.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to adopt Resolution #24-13 by title only, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

EXHIBIT F:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #24-14 A Resolution Authorizing a Representative to Sign Loan Documents.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies, motioned to adopt Resolution #24-14 by title only, 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 Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

OLD BUSINESS:

Village Administrator Matt Trout stated IML said that the Municipalities that wish to implement the local grocery tax effective on January 1, 2026, should adopt IML's model ordinance now to ensure timely filing with the Illinois Department of Revenue. We will discuss this later on.

EXHIBIT G:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2024 Lifeguard Day Proclamation: Mayor Speiser read 2024 Lifeguard Day Proclamation for everyone who was presented. Mayor Speiser presented a plaque to Pool Manager Scott Schulz to hang at the pool.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT H:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Dana Miller reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 5:55p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Miller said, Village Engineer Tim Pruett said he receives calls daily regarding high weeds and grass.

2. Development Updates: Trustee Miller said, Village Engineer Tim said we are still waiting on the building permit for Scooters. He and Matt had a meeting with Covered Bridge. He said Coverage Bridge is scheduling a meeting to discuss this issue further and they have received a couple prices from water line contractors so they have a better idea of what is going to cost them.

3. Despain Property: Trustee Miller said, Attorney Fred Keck and Village Engineer Tim Pruett are to meet with the attorney that was appointed by the insurance company.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FOIA Request: Village Administrator Matt Trout stated there have been FOIA request for the last two months.

2. Annual Water Play Day: The Fire Department is having their annual water play day on August 4th. They asked to close down Main Street by the fire house for safety reasons. The committee agreed to closing down Main Street by the fire house.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT I:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 6:19 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. SRO: Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Matt Trout stated they did agree to move forward with the full-time SRO at \$87,500. Matt doesn't think there will much to change with the contract. We will start the hiring process with posting in-house and then in the Tribune .

Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 99 calls since our last committee meeting.

Chief Schutzenhofer said they are doing some training for active shooters with the teachers, which will be an annual thing. He also mentioned the legislation regarding cell phones in schools, the safety and mental health aspect of it. Freeburg has kind of been the spearhead of this and they are going to have an awareness night in September.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Office Staff and Public Works Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Vacation: Trustee Blaies stated they are still working on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Blaies said earlier on the agenda under Resolutions we adopted the St. Clair County Multi-Hazard Mitigation.

Village Administrator Matt Trout said he did update the contract for Fred and the school to review it.

GENERAL CONERNS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday August 14, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, August 19, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES’ COMMENTS:

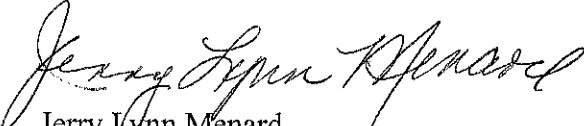
Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Thanks to our lifeguards and pool manager for what a great job they have done.
Trustee Dana Miller – She appreciated Scot Schul and the other pool manager for their hard work along with the lifeguards.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – She would like to congratulate all of the lifeguards and pool managers on a great job they have done this year. It so nice to see what great turnout we had tonight to except the plaque and letting them know how apricated they are.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Same thing. You all did a great job.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – He would like to thank the lifeguards and pool managers and John and his crew to keep the pool operating.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same thing everyone else has said.
Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – absent
Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.
Village Administrator Matt Trout – He said it is nice to have pool manager like we have and lifeguards that take their job serious.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Congratulations to the lifeguards. It is a great feeling when you save a life. So, they should be proud of themselves and what a great job they all have done.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer –

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 7:48 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk