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Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; ; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (5 present, 2 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, September 2, 2025 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene was not present to update us on his ESDA Report Monday, September 15, 2025. Mayor Speiser said everyone should have Gene's ESDA Report in their packet. If you have any questions, please call Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT C:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1803 An Ordinance Amending the Chapter 24 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg Traffic Schedule. (Stop Sign)

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to adopt Ordinance #1803 by title only, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trust; Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (4 ayes, 0 nay, 2 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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, September 10, 2025 at 5:32 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan stated he didn't get a chance to look at the outage book, but there was an outage on Woodview from a blown fuse on transformer.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said the park did apply for that grant. The board agree to gave the Park District \$11,055.28. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to give to Freeburg Park District \$11,055.28 for lighting project, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trust; Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (4 ayes, 0 nay, 2 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

NEW BUSINESS:

EXHIBIT G:

1. Michael Borkowski's Request to Carry over 4 Hours of Vacation Time: Trustee Blaies said we have a request from one of our officers. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the request Officer Michael Borkowski's to Carry over 4 Hours of Vacation Time, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trust; Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (4 ayes, 0 nay, 2 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan said Ameren fixed the broken cross arm on Cherry Lane today and we generated from about 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Paden and Scott have started their driving portion of the CDL. They had CPR training yesterday and smoke reading school is up for renewal. Village Administrator Matt Trout spoke about the health insurance renewal. The insurance committee has been meeting, since the Insurance Stability Fund is plummeting, the discussing moving to an HAS. We also have a meeting with Gallagher tomorrow to go over the liability insurance.

Village Administrator Matt Trout gave an update from the Combined Board meeting Tuesday night, that they turned down both of the variances.

John and Andy is doing locates and is taking Luke for a month and then will take Nolan, which is a good way to learn the system. The new cell tower is going in. Dairy Queen is moving along.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 5:32 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan stated there was an issue with a private lift station. He explained actions that were taken. Village Administrator Matt Trout said Village Engineer Tim Pruett received clarification regarding the manhole lining bid and has asked that we award the project to Vis-Sewer for the low bid price of \$64,380. At this time, he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to accept the low bid of \$64,380 from Visu-Sewer for the manhole lining, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trust; Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent; (4 ayes, 0 nay, 2 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. FSH Minutes: John said SLM switched over to the free chlorine residual on Monday. He said hydrant flushing will start next Monday through the middle of November.

3. Water Sewer Upgrades: Matt, John and Tim met with Chad Rice from IEP and their funding department to discuss the funding list and how we can improve our score. We received some good information and their recommendation was to do the bypass funding. They discussed that process. John said we need to get the loan application submitted even if we have to add a note indicating what we are missing such as the RR permit. Matt added part of the requirement is that we need an updated agreement with FSH that will run to the end of the loan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Matt discussed a change with the gas cards from Casey's.

Trevor and Eric have been disconnecting old abandoned galvanized services.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT J :

Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)

Trustee Matchett reported on reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 6:03 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

POOL: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Public Works Director John Tolan stated they are working on getting it all winterized.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: None.
2. Customer Issues: John said Village Engineer Tim Pruett talked to him about a few issues.
3. MFT: John said the oil and chip is completed and they have the sweeper set-up starting September 22nd to sweep up the excess rock.
4. Saturn Terrace: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Stop Sign on N. Edison at Meadow Lake Dr. & Meadow Ridge Dr.: Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer stated he would recommend putting a stop sign. This was taking care of earlier on the agenda.
2. Backhoe Purchase: Matt and Crew Leader Bob Jenkins brought the quoted. John Deere was the cheapest . Discussion on financing and warranties. Matt will check with Citizens and John Deere on financing and will bring to finance committee meeting.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, October 6, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.
Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – absent.
Trustee Dana Miller – No thank you.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – No thank you.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – absent.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.

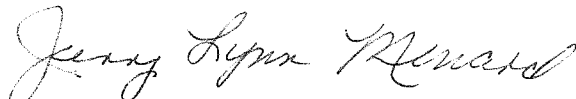
STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.
Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.
Village Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.
Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Not present.

Mayor Speiser asked Janet asked do you have anything to say. Janet asked if they were going to sale shirt at the Chili Cook Off. Matt said yes the ones from the golf tournament.

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

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, September 15, 2025 at 7:40 p.m. and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk