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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS **BOARD MEETING MINUTES** **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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, September 16, 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 Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; (present by zoom) 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 Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, September 3, 2024 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his September 16th ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked a question about the Chili Cook Off. Village Administrator Matt Trout replied with an answer.

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EXHIBIT C:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2024. Village Engineer Tim Pruett said you can see on his report we are moving forward with everything. Things are moving fast. No questions were asked.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

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 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said, Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated there were a couple issues. We had a riser blow in the Meadow Brook area which affected around 26 customers for about 50 minutes. Also, a truck took out a pole causing the entire circuit to go out on South State Street affecting quite a few customers with about 2 ½ hours outage.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing new.
3. Cemetery Road Line Extension: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee this project has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Civic Plus Agreement: Village Administrator Matt Trout said they are changing their billing. They are going to an annual rate as opposed to per page rate. They updated our code book online and hard copy when we add or change ordinances. Trustee Blaies said the committee approved.

Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss is working on a project regarding meter testing. It is called CT metering. This is when you have current transformers that send data to the meter. We have about 65 customers that have company to test the equipment for accuracy. Shane said once he receives the quotes he will present for approval.

EXHIBIT E:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer) Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 5:46 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Sewer Plant/Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Matt Trout said we received final disbursement check today. Public Works Director John Tolan said they oil and chipped the road and it turned out very well.
2. Sewer Issues: Nothing to report.
3. FSH Minutes: Public Works Director John Tolan said FSH is looking to replace their main waterline that comes from the SLM plant to Route 4.
4. Water System Upgrades.: Trustee Kaiser said Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we are still reviewing TWA's plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Director John Tolan said Haier Plumbing replaced the 320 ft. of 8" line on Barber Lane where the culvert is going. The water was shut -off from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. They dropped off samples today and hopefully get the results back by tomorrow.

Public Works Director John Tolan said we had a big water main break on West Apple near Dressler's. they were there until 12:30 a.m. Village Administrator Matt Trout told the committee that Domino's donated and delivered pizza to the crew.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT F :

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, September 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett stated Public Works Director John Tolan reported the pool is officially winterized. They plan to get the base of the diving board powder coated on the off seasons and one of the umbrella’s cables broke.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan said the crews have been out on a couple of different projects.

Village Administrator Matt Trout said he sent letters regarding the residents on Sleeping Indian Drive to coordinate a meeting with them.

Village Administrator Matt Trout said he and Village Engineer Tim Pruet met with Haier Plumbing on the Barber Lane culvert replacement and received an estimate. They discussed ways we can save money. The culvert will be here on a Friday and they plan to start the project Monday.

2. Customer Issues: Nothing to report.

3. MFT Expenditure Statement: Trustee Matchett said Village Engineer Tim Pruett stated they will be here early October to start the Savannah Oaks resurfacing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Professional Metal Works Expansion : Trustee Matchett said Dennis Kaiser from Professional Metal Works came to discussed their plans of a pretty sizable expansion of their facility at the Industrial Park. With that they will need to change their entrance. Dennis asked the Village if they could help them out with it. He explained why the need for the new entrance. The board discussed and approved to do so.

2. Audit: Trustee Matchett stated everyone should have a copy of the audit. Trustee Matchett stated at this time he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. recommend to the approval of the of FY 24 Audit, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – 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, September 25, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday September 25, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 25, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, October 7, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Thanks to the crew that worked on water line break. It was a long day for them.

Trustee Dana Miller – Thanks to the crew that worked on water break. Also, to Domino's for donating and delivered pizza.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – No thank you.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Same here. It was a long day for the guys.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same here.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – We did have an outage when lighting hit a house. Our crew got it taking care of quickly.


Village Administrator Matt Trout – He said we still looking for more sponsorships for the Chili Cook Off and we could use more volunteers for the beer stand. We will be sitting up for the Chili Cook Off Friday evening from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. there will refreshments provide.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – No thank you.

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 16, 2024 at 7:51 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk