

VILLAGE PRESIDENT
Seth Speiser

VILLAGE CLERK
Jerry Menard

VILLAGE TRUSTEES
Denise Albers
Michael Heap
Robert Kaiser
Mike Blaies
Ray Matchett, Jr.
Lisa Meehling

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

FREEBURG MUNICIPAL CENTER
14 SOUTHGATE CENTER, FREEBURG, IL 62243
PHONE: (618) 539-5545 • FAX: (618) 539-5590
Web Site: www.freeburg.com

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Weilmuenster Keck Brown, P.C.

VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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, September 20, 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent)

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated the Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 16, 2021, minutes are unavailable.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Seth Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer for his ESDA Report for September 20, 2021. Gene updated us on his ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mayor Speiser thanked Janet for opening up the storm shelters.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT B:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S: Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his zoning report for September 20, 2021.

Village of Freeburg Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 20, 2021
Page 1 of 6

EXHIBIT C:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the FY 2021 Audit.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the FY 2021 Audit and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Mayor Speiser said he would like to thank Debbie for her years of services to the village. She has done a great job with the pass and present audits.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser stated he would like to set up an Executive Session at the Personnel Committee meeting Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT D:

Electric Committee Meeting:

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:31 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee there was a storm that knock down a large limb that fell around White/Vine Streets which shut down the line form Kennedi Auto Sale south to the park on Cemetery Road. There was a fuse issue between Meadow Ridge Drive and the Market Place center.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing new to report.
3. Generator Upgrades: Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Project #21-06 Power Pole Purchase for Stock Replenishment: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss received three quotes for the pad mount transformers. The committee agreed to go with Emerald.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to purchase of the pad mount transformers from Emerald Transformer at a cost of \$21,091, and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motions.

ROLL CALL: Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

2. Charter Communications Fiber Contract Renewal: Trustee Blaies stated Village Administrator Tony Funderburg has been negotiation with our Charter fiber bill to get the price lowed.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to the approval of the Charter communications (Spectrum Enterprise) Service Order in the amount of \$600 per month for 60 months, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

EXHIBIT G:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer)

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Sewer Plant/ Sewer Loan: Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee we have not received any payments from EPA on the sewer loan. Public Works Director John Tolan said they are putting in culverts and the formed wing walls. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said there has been a lot of rain lately and slowing them down. They are still waiting on the materials.

2. Sewer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan reported a sewer backup at the Industrial Park. With the help of Mascoutah, we got that cleared up.

3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee there was a water main break across from the nursing home, and commented our goal is to get everyone off that line. John talked to Hans from the Fire Department about putting in more FSH fire hydrants. FSH would pay for all materials and Freeburg would put them in.

4. Old Freeburg Road Water Line – TWM Invoice #70971 in the amount of \$2,109.25: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan reported the operating permit has been received, and we are good to go. There are 4 people that want to hook on, and maybe 1 or 2 to annex in. John talked with TWM about getting Haier Plumbing back out their to do final grading, seeding, etc. Public Works Director John Tolan said TWM is working with Haier Plumbing on the additional extension from Zimmerman to Turf Lane.

EXHIBIT H:

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay TWM Invoice #70971 in the amount of \$2,109.25 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

5. Water System Study–TWM Invoice #70877 in the amount of \$1,967.25: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan commented TWM is working on the project plan. Village Administrator r Tony Funderburg sent then the last 3 audits. When those are received, TWM will submit it to EPA for approval. Once we have the approval, we will decide which direction we want to go first and how we fund it.

EXHIBIT I:

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay TWM Invoice #70877 in the amount of \$1,967.25 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

6. Repair/Replace Sewer Main East and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan provided us with a project request form which includes sewer lining and replacement of a 12” main in the alley between State and Cherry Streets, replacing 180 feet of broken sewer main, line 1760’ of sewer main and grout 8 manholes at a projected construction cost of \$121,400 and engineering cost of \$24,280. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg confirmed there is money in the budget for this project. The committee asked for this to be placed on the next Finance Committee agenda.

8. West Street Resident's Sewer Issue: This project is on hold.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee there have been a couple of water main breaks, by the park and also by West Phillips Street.

EXHIBIT J:

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

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

POOL: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the pool has been drained and the ice machine winterized. Once the cover has been repaired, he will finish closing up the pool. The floor of the baby pool is fading, and there are some areas of the bathhouse that need to be addressed for next year's season.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. East Apple Street Proposed Repair
2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Nothing to report.
3. Customer Issues: None.

4. MFT: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan commented we are in the midst of oil and chipping. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said we need to talk about who is going to do MFT, and Public Works Director John Tolan advised us it come up in November.

5. RFQ for Water/Sewer/Streets: Trustee Matchett advised the committee he, Trustee Heap and Zoning Administrator Matt Trout met with Oates, HMG and Farnsworth on their RFQ Submittals. After the meeting were done, they agreed to give Oates and HMG a few small projects. Those two firms seemed a better fit for Freeburg. HMG stated they will not bill us for attending committee meetings and phone calls every time we talk to them. Oates has two employees that live in Freeburg and felt they have a vested interest in Freeburg. They were willing to be available and work with us. Trustee Matchett said HMG will handle the Cherry Street intersection, and Oates handle the sidewalk extension and replacing the crosswalk on Old Fayetteville Road. They also both offered to help obtain grants for the projects. Old Fayetteville Road crosswalk is definitely a safety issue, and hopefully we can use some of the grant money for that.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 29, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 29, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 29, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Combined Planning/Zoning Board Meeting – Monday, October 4, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, October 4, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – She would like to send congratulations to Debbie on all of the years she has serviced the village and wish her the best in her retirement.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Congratulations to Debbie on her retirement and hope everyone will come to the Chili Cook Off.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – Congratulations to Debbie on her retirement and everyone please attend the Chili Cook Off.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Congratulations to Debbie.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Congratulations to Debbie.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Congratulations to Debbie.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Congratulations to Debbie.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg –

Public Works Director John Tolan – *absent*


Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – Things are coming together for the Chili Cook Off. We are looking for a few more sponsor, and looking for some village help in the beer stand. Invite your family and friends to come out to the Chili Cook Off.

Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Congratulations to Debbie.

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, September 20, 2021 at 7:48 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk