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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 @ 7:30 P.M.

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.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2020, presentation of the meeting was 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) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes from the previous Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2020 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2020, with corrections and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Seth Speiser stated ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer is not with us tonight. If you have any questions on the ESDA Report please call Gene. Mayor Speiser said he would like to thank Gene and Matt for all of their help on giving out mask.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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EXHIBIT C:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2020:

1. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout. Hearing none, we will move on to Resolution #20-11.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #20-11, A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Village President Seth Speiser to Accept a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and Deed of Easement & Right-of-Way for Water System from John and Janet Zimmerman on behalf of the John and Janet Zimmerman Trust.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #20-11 by title only and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

EXHIBIT E:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1702, An Ordinance Pertaining to Local Cure Program.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1702 by title only and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT F:

Electric Committee Meeting:

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies (Chairperson) reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Customer Issues: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss reported we had a transformer hit and knocked off the pad on Jefferson Road on Sunday, and the homeowner didn't realize it until the next day. It was a dangerous situation because all the grounds were broken off. Our crew fixed the problem and the resident has been billed for the time and materials.
2. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Trustee Blaies said we are waiting to hear back from Eric Trentnam. Trustee Blaies said Mike Genin from IMEA visited us last Tuesday on his way to Redbud. Regarding solar, Public Works Director John Tolan very emphatically expressed how important it is to hold the line at 2%.
3. Unit #6 Circuit Breaker Repair: Trustee Blaies said the generator work is done. Industrial Diesel Service looked at the engine itself. They will be coming back to inspect the rear bearing on Monday. Head Lineman Shane Krauss believes we will be in good shape getting that unit back on. Head Lineman Shane Krauss commented the letter from IMEA confirms we will save our credits for next year because of our previous run earlier this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FY2020 Audit: Trustee Blaies said we discussed the physical 2020 year audit.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the physical year 2020 Audit and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – 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.**

Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Shane Krauss advised the committee the Altofer maintenance contact will be coming up for renewal in May of 2021. We will most likely sign a contract with them for 5-6 years when we are ready. Trustee Blaies said the transformers for Edison Estates have been ordered just waiting for them to come in.

EXHIBIT H:

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

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser (Chairperson) reported on the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held on Wednesday September 16, 2020 at 5:46 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 said since we last met, he has compiled some numbers and would like to hold a Committee As A Whole meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd at 5:30 p.m. to review them more in depth. Public Works Director John Tolan reported there were some minor changes with the draft CMOM report. He will bring the final report to the committee.

Trustee Kaiser said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised we are at our limit of \$1,000,000 to be borrowed. Tony said at this time, it would be easier to extend our current loan another \$100,000, and Treasurer Bryan Vogel got it put in the contract today for us to do that. Trustee Kaiser said the committee was in agreement with the additional \$100,000 added to the existing loan.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned the \$1,000,000 loan with Citizen's Bank for the Sewer Project be amended to \$1,100,000 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion.

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

2. Sewer Issues: None.

3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Kaiser said Public Works Director John Tolan has a meeting on September 22nd. Hydrants are being flushed by FSH and us.

4. Old Freeburg Road Water Lines: Trustee Kaiser said we took care of this earlier on the agenda tonight.

5. Water System Study: Trustee Kaiser said he has an invoice from TWM.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay TWM's Invoice #66861 in the amount of \$381.00 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

6. Repair/Replace Sewer East Main and West Apple: Trustee Kaiser said Trustee Meehling asked if we wanted to look at Rhutasel for this project and the committee agreed. Public Works Director John Tolan and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg will have a conversation with them. Public Works Director John Tolan has told the EPA we are going to move forward with this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kaiser said Water/Sewer Leader Gregg Blomenkamp said the EPA is coming to inspect the west plant on September 17th. Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee several water services were installed in the last two weeks. We have a water main leak across from the Care Center. That was fixed on Thursday. Gregg did have another inspection on the lagoon last month that went well.

EXHIBIT J:

Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation) Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. (Chairperson) reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:20 p.m.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Matchett said the two ripped umbrellas and pool cover has been repaired.

NEW BUSINESS: We will winterize the pool soon.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. East Apple St. Proposed Repair: Trustee Matchett said nothing to report.
2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee they have installed a few culvert extensions.
3. MFT: Trustee Matchett said we have an invoice from TWM is for the close out of last year's MFT. At this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to pay TWM's Invoice #66777 in the amount of \$2,500.03 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee with the oil and chipping, they did oil and chip three residents per their annexation agreements. They have been billed for the oil and rock.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Village of Freeburg Meetings- Zoom/In person Attendance: Trustee Matchett said Mayor Speiser would like to continue Zoom meetings until return to some kind of normalcy. Tony requested the Committee As A Whole meeting be attended in person.
2. Brad Towers' Request: Trustee Matchett said we had a traffic light crossing request from Brad Towers. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said Mr. Towers couldn't make the meeting. Attorney Keck deals with IDOT quite often, and IDOT has control over what Mr. Towers is requesting. Trustee Albers will talk to Mr. Towers to advise him his request was discussed during meeting. We also had a talked with Tom Reaka about limbs that came down from the storm damage. Trustee Albers will talk to Tom and explain to him.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee As A Whole Meeting – Tuesday, September 22, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.
Combined Planning/Zoning Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 29, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Legal/ Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 2020 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, October 5, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – No thank you.
Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – No thank you.
Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – She would like to point out if you haven't been to the park yet to see the new playground make sure you get out there to see it. It is an awesome addition to our park. Thanks' to the Park Board and to those who contributed to make this happen.
Trustee Denise Albers – No thank you.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.
Mayor Speiser – Lisa, Matt and himself want out there for the ribbon cutting. It was very impressive.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – No thank you.
Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.
Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – We talked to the developer from Meadow Pines they are supposed to be submitting three more for out there tomorrow.
Police Chief Michael (Mike) Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

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 21, 2020 at 7:46p.m. and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk

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