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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 @ 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 7, 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 Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent)

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 16, 2021, for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 16, 2021 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE:

Trustee (Chairperson) Denise Albers reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

- 1. REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** No questions.
- 2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers said we have one of our CD's expiring next month. Trustee Albers said Treasurer Vogel stated we are at 1% max on the interest rate and doesn't see that improving anytime soon. We will look at it again next month.

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3. INCOME STATEMENT: Trustee Albers said we reviewed the Income Statement. We were told the grade school only paid \$5,000 on the sidewalk project that was completed in front of the school. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said all projects under the American Rescue Plan will be tracked in line item 01-11-913, community relations.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Albers said Treasurer Bryan Vogel stated he will have the Treasurer's Reports through March, 2021 soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Albers said we reviewed our Attorney Invoices.
2. Newsletter: Trustee Albers said in our next Newsletter, we will include an article on the upcoming leaf pickup emphasizing that only leaves will be collected.
3. Loans for Police and Public Works Vehicles and CAT Generator Upgrades: Trustee Albers said one of the public works vehicles will arrive in December, and generator upgrades will be in January.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Albers said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg confirmed the Local Debt Recovery Program has been suspended by the Illinois State Comptroller Susan Mendoza for at least a year. The audit is in the final stages of completion. It will need to be approved by the board by the last board meeting in September. We are still waiting to receive our first payment from IEPA on the sewer plant loan.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT D: Mayor Speiser said we have Haier Plumbing pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$35,425.23.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to pay Haier Plumbing Request No. 2 in the amount of \$35,425.23 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 James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Seth Speiser called upon ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer for his ESDA Report for Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Gene is not with us this evening. If you have any questions on the ESDA Report please call Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Head Lineman Shane Krauss said he is here to voice his concerns on related to the COVID-19. How the COVID-19 has affected the absentees of employees.
2. Andy Tolan said he goes along with what Shane had to say. We need some kind of COVID-19 protocol on how to approach this.

Mayor Speiser and board members will be discussing this issue at the next meeting.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT E:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S: Mayor Speiser asked if anyone has any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout on his report for September 7, 2021 Shane asked has there been movement on the house at North State Street. Mayor Speiser answered yes.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said we need to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Litigations. Mayor Speiser stated we will do that after Committee Meeting Reports.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT F:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee (Chairperson) Michael (Mike) Heap reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 6:01 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap said Zoning Administrator Matt Trout reported he issued 12 occupancy permits. The following building permits were issued: 1 electric, 1 sign, 1 new sewer plant, 1 wrecking, 2 fence, 2 deck. 1 pool and 1 building remodeled. A handful of people were sent letters or received phone calls to mow their grass.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estate Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said there are 3 homes going in at Edison Estates.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Volkert, Inc.'s Engineering Master Services Agreement: Trustee Heap said we talked about Engineering Firms' Request for Qualifications. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, Public Works Director John Tolan and Zoning Administrator Matt Trout reviewed the submittals and ranked the firms. Mayor Speiser would like to have a couple of trustees interview the top 3 firms and make their recommendations.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised the committee a letter was sent out on the trailer that burned down in Cardinal Court asking what their plans were.

Zoning Administrator Matt Trout advised the committee Haier has started building the bridge with the culverts at the new sewer plant. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg has IML's Legislative Briefing in his office for anyone to review.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT G:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee (Chairperson) Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 6:29 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Certificate of Appreciation: Trustee Meehling said we discussed the 4 officers that were recognized for Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Certificate of Appreciations. Officers Joel Boeing, Jacob Hoffman, Tyler Howes and Clayton Proffitt, these officers were recognized for their exceptional efforts against DUIs.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg presented Chief Schutzenhofer's proposal to use the golf fundraiser proceeds to purchase four new radar units and also hand guns and mags at a total cost of \$11,314.75. He would like documentation from the union indicating they are agreeable to our officers using them. Our officers don't currently have the same caliber firearm. It was agreed that funding for the firearms won't happen unless the officers agree to sign off on using the firearm we issue.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised the committee memos have been distributed to the Administrator Department, Public Works Department and Police Departments regarding the Village of Freeburg's COVID-19 protocol.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning /Zoning Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, September 20, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Speiser asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:41 P.M.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2-(c)(1)]; Litigation 5 ILCS, 120/2-(c)(11)]; and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to go out of Executive Session at 8:03 P.M. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

RECONVENE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to reconvene the Regular Board meeting of Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 8:04 and Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:


Trustee Denise Albers – No thank you.
Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – No thank you.
Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – No thank you.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.
Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – No thank you.
Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.
Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – The money from American Rescue Plan, we will come up with a new name. This is so we don't get in trouble later on when we spend it. A check for \$215,000 showed up today.
Public Works Director John Tolan – John said we got notification that the electric department won the APPA Safety Award. We should be receiving a plaque from them.
Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – No thank you.
Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer No thank you.
ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – absent.

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

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 8:08 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk