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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 @ 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 8, 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 Michael (Mike) Heap – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – 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 Monday, August 17, 2020 for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 17, 2020, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE:

Trustee Denise Albers reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

- 1. REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Albers said we did reviewed the Board Lists in our Finance Committee meeting. Some of the board members questioned some of the entries that were listed on the Board Lists. Trustee Albers said our police department received a \$1,500 donation from Country Companies and \$985 in unclaimed property seizure.
- 2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Albers stated no CD's are due at this time. Trustee Albers said Treasurer Bryan Vogel is watching rates on reinvesting the expired CD.
- 3. INCOME STATEMENT:** None.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Albers stated Treasurer Vogel advised the committee he is getting caught up on our monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: None
2. Newsletter: None.

Trustee Albers said she asked about the easement for the Zimmerman property. Public Works Director John Tolan advised the committee the Zimmermans have the paper work, and have questions about the easements. TWM provided an aerial which shows where water line will be on the property, and also show where the construction and permanent easements will be. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said he will discuss this issue with them.

Trustee Albers said Village Attorney Fred Keck advised the committee he has a call scheduled tomorrow with Ms. Schaffner and will move forward with the previous instructions by the board.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Albers said we discussed Invoices for TWM and Invoices for Burns & McDonnell for the sewer plant work, and Invoices for purchases of equipment for Edison Estates infrastructure work. We also discussed the Piper /Sandler Agent engagement letter for outstanding bonds with Attorney Keck. He did take issues with a couple of paragraphs in the agreement. He reached out to the bond council and was able to agree on new terms. We are going to proceed issuing new bonds.

Trustee Albers said Village Administrator Tony Funderburg has been approached by several insurance brokers for quotes. Trustee Albers stated she propose that we stay with our current insurance broker at this time due to the service they have provided us in the past, and to the fact the timing is not right for searching for a new broker and the board agreed.

EXHIBIT C: Mayor Speiser stated we have the Recommended Payment of TWM Invoice #66651 in the amount of \$2,698.75.

*Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to recommend to pay TWM Invoice #66651 in the amount of \$2,698.75 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

EXHIBIT D: Mayor Speiser stated we have the Recommended Payment of Burns & McDonnell Invoice #113084-13 in the amount of \$279,276.16.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to recommend to pay Burns & McDonnell Invoice #113084-13 in the amount of \$279,276.16 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

EXHIBIT E: Mayor Speiser stated we have the Recommended Payment of Burns & McDonnell Invoice #113084-10 in the amount of \$36,972.34.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to recommend to pay Burns & McDonnell Invoice #113084-10 in the amount of \$36,972.34 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

EXHIBIT F: Mayor Speiser stated we have the Recommended Payment of Burns & McDonnell Invoice #113084-11 in the amount of \$29,076.14.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser motioned to recommend to pay Burns & McDonnell Invoice #113084-11 in the amount of \$29,076.14 and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

EXHIBIT G: Mayor Speiser stated we have the Recommend Project #20-07, to purchase 20 Transformers at a cost of \$18,405 from Emerald Transformer.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to recommend to purchase 20 Transformers at a cost of \$18,405 for Project #20-07 from Emerald Transformer 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.**

EXHIBIT H: Mayor Speiser stated we have the Recommended Project #20-06, Edison Estates Infrastructure at a cost of \$35,000.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to approve the Edison Estates Infrastructure Project #20-06 at a cost of \$35,000 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – 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 B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Seth Speiser stated ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer will not be with us tonight. If you have any questions on the ESDA Report please call Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT J:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR JULY 20, 2020:

1. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions for Zoning Administrator Matt Trout. Mayor Speiser said if you look in your board packet you will see on the Zoning Report that Matt and his committee for the Freeburg Police and Public Safety Golf Fundraiser raised \$13,489.00. This was an outstanding job. Please be sure to let them know, what a great job they did. Trustee Blaies said he just wanted to mention they seem to be cleaning up the Brown property. This is the best he has seen it look in a long time. Zoning Administrator Matt Trout said we sent them another letter about month ago letting them know that there has been a big improvement in their property, but they now need to take it to the next level.

EXHIBIT K:

2. Mayor Speiser stated we have the IDNR Application for Permit #S20200221 Fee of \$2,750.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap motioned to pay the IDNR Application for Permit #S20200221 Fee of \$2,750 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT L:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #20-10, A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Village Administrator Tony Funderburg to Execute an Engagement Letter Agreement with Piper Sandler for the Series 2020A Refunding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020B Refunding General Obligation Bonds.

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adopt Resolution #20-10 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT M:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 5:49 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Heap stated Zoning Administrator Matt Trout issued 12 occupancy permits; 7 building permits which include 3 electric, 2 sheds, 1 fence, and 1 patio. Matt also reported the property on West Philips is showing great improvement.
2. Meadow Pines/Edison Estate Subdivisions: Trustee Heap said Meadow Pines is working on the detention pond. Trustee Heap said Edison Estate is finishing up the storm sewer, and they will be starting on the water lines. It was just reported they have finished the water lines. The streets will be next.
3. Code Revisions/Legal Review: Trustee Heap stated the Combined Planning and Zoning Board has been moving forward with the code revisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXHIBIT N:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 6:06 p.m.

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Schutzenhofer notified us that our police department received a donation a thermal camera from a foundation that was established in honor of an officer that lost his life in the line of duty. This Thermal Camera will be used to search homes or wooded areas and provide increased security for our officers. Trustee Meehling said Country Companies donated \$1,500, and along with \$950 received from an evidence seizure in 2009, we were able to purchase mics for our officers.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Buddy Lannert Probation: Trustee Meehling said Buddy Lannert has reached the end of his probation status.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to move Buddy Lannert off of probation status and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Meehling said the committee discussed FFCRA, and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and herself are working through the program requirements and process with advice of the Village Attorney Fred Keck.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 16, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 16, 2020 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 16, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, September 21, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – Great job with the golf tournament Matt

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – Excellent job on the golf tournament. We had a lot of support this year. This is probably the best year yet.

Trustee Michael (Mike) Heap – Great job on the golf tournament.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Great job Matt.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Great job Matt. Even with COVID it was a success. For some reason it seems like you had to change the date. All in all it turned out great.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – Same thing here.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Great job on the golf tournament and thank you for all of your work.

Mayor Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.

Village Zoning Administrator Matt Trout – He would like to thank everyone who helped out.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer –

Police Chief Michael (Mike) Schutzenhofer – Thanks to Matt, without his support the golf tournament would not be a success.

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

Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, September 8, 2020 at 7:48 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk