

**THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE THROUGH THE ZOOM CLOUD MEETING  
APPLICATION AND CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

Meeting ID: 447 872 7673

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4478727673>

We ask the public to mute their phone or mic until Public Participation  
If you have any questions, please contact Matt Trout at [mtrout@freeburg.com](mailto:mtrout@freeburg.com)

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA – October 20, 2025 - 7:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
  - 4 – 1. October 6, 2025 – Board Meeting Minutes – **Exhibit A**
5. Finance
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Attorney's Report
8. ESDA Report – ESDA Report for October 20, 2025 – **Exhibit B**
9. Public Participation
10. Reports and Correspondence
  - 10 – 1. Village Engineer's Report – **Exhibit C**
  - 10 – 2. Combined Planning and Zoning Board Report – **Exhibit D**
11. Recommendations of Boards and Commissions
12. Contracts, Releases, Agreements and Annexations
13. Bids
14. Resolutions
  - 14 – 1. Resolution #25-17: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept the United Healthcare Insurance Renewal – **Exhibit E**
  - 14 – 2. Resolution #25-18: A Resolution in Support of St. Clair County Parks Grant – **Exhibit F**
15. Ordinances
  - 15 – 1. Ordinance #1805: An Ordinance Appointing Matt Trout to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors – **Exhibit G**
16. Old Business
17. New Business
18. Appointments
19. Committee Meeting Minutes/Recommendations
  - 19 – 1. Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. – **Exhibit H**
  - 19 – 2. Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2025 - 5:45 p.m. – **Exhibit I**
  - 19 – 3. Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – **Exhibit J**
20. Upcoming Meetings
  - 20 – 1. Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 29, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
  - 20 – 2. Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 29, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.
  - 20 – 3. Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 29, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.
  - 20 – 4. Board Meeting – Monday, November 3, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.
21. Village President's and Trustees' Comments
22. Staff Comments
23. Adjournment

At said Board Meeting, the Village Board of Trustees may vote on whether or not to hold an Executive Session to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(3)]; personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(1)]; litigation [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(11)]; real estate transactions [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(5)]; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(2)].

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**  
Seth Speiser

**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Jerry Menard

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**  
Tom Carpenter  
Robert Kaiser  
Dana Miller  
Ray Matchett, Jr.  
Lisa Meehling  
Mike Blaies

**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**  
Matt Trout

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**  
John Tolan

**POLICE CHIEF**  
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

**ESDA COORDINATOR**  
Eugene Kramer

**VILLAGE ENGINEER**  
Tim Pruett, P.E.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
Keck Brown, P.C.

## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER, 2025 @ 7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, October 6, 2025 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. – absent; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – absent; 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 Monday, September 15, 2025.

*Trustee James (Mike) Blaies motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, September 15, 2025 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

### FINANCE B:

**Finance Committee Meeting:** Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** There was no questions.
2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Trustee Carpenter said, nothing due at this time.
3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Carpenter said Administrator Matt Trout said we should be around 46-47%. Matt said over all doing well.

Village of Freeburg Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 6, 2025  
Page 1 of 6

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Carpenter stated he has the Treasurer's Reports from Treasurer Bryan Vogel. Trustee Carpenter said at this time he would like to make motion.

*Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports for 3/31/25; 4/30/25; 5/31/25; 6/30/25; 7/31/25; 8/31/25, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion.*

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye, Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**5. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.

2. Newsletter: Office Manager Mary said the next Newsletter will go out this week.

3. Backhoe Purchase: Trustee Carpenter said we received the financing information from Citizens Bank. The rate would be 4.5%. He said we would put \$55,000 down and finance \$35,000 for a 12-month term.

*Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to purchase a Backhoe from McCoy Construction Forestry in the amount \$90,000 with \$55,000 down and financing \$35,000 at 4.5% for 12-months with Citizen Bank and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye, Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** This was taken care under Finance.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**EXHIBIT E :**

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene was not present to update us on his ESDA Report Monday, October 6, 2025. Mayor Speiser said everyone should have Gene's ESDA Report in their packet. If you have any questions, please call Gene.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet asked to increase the Christmas Bonus. Mayor Spiser said we can decide this at Police/Personnel Committee meeting.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EXHIBIT C:**

**VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 6, 2025.**

Mayor Speiser called on Village Engineer Tim Pruett. Tim said Sewer and Manhole Lining project has started. They have lined several manholes this week and will line the sewer lines starting the week of October. Tim said The Coffee Pot has submitted plans for review.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS:** None.

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #25-15 A Resolution for the Freeburg Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a Christmas Lighted Parade in the Village of Freeburg.

*Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adopt Resolution #25-15 by title only, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #25-16 A Resolution to allow Service Credit for Military Leave Prior to Participation.

*Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adopt Resolution #25-16 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye, Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; (6 ayes 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Village Administrator Matt Trout said he has started on the Tax Levy and should have for December meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Miller said, Village Administrator Mat Trout report we had 8 building permits which included 3 electrics, 2 fence, 1 accessory building, 1 pool and 1 sign permit.

Village of Freeburg Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 6, 2025

Page 3 of 6

2. Development Updates: Village Engineer Tim Pruett received plans for the lot and building for The Coffee Pot. They plan to attend the Combine Board meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the exterior of the building.

3. FOIA Requests: Trustee Miller said, the FOIA Requests were reviewed by the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resolution #25-15/ Resolution #25-16: Trustee Miller said this was taken care under Resolutions on the agenda.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**EXHIBIT H:**

**Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling report on Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6:07 p.m..

**The following item or items were talked about or discussed:**

**POLICE:**

**OLD BUSIENSS:**

1.K-9: Trustee Meehling said Chief Mike Schutzenhofer gave an updated on the kennel.

Trustee Meehling stated the trailer on Meadow Brook is still parked on the street and Chief Mike Schutzenhofer responded he will take care of it.

Chief Mike Schutzenhofer said they have done intruder drills at the high school and St. Joe's. They will be at the grade school tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chief Report: Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 107 calls since our last committee meeting.

**PERSONNEL:**

Village Health Insurance Renewal: Matt said last week he met with all the employees and Trustee Meehling was there as well, to give them an update on the current health insurance and the status of the insurance stability fund.

We went through the renewal numbers, the state of the insurance stability fund and moving to an HAS. The Board asked questions and had a discussion regarding the renewal. Matt said the next meeting with the insurance committee is Monday at 9:00.

Trustee Meehling said Matt, Mayor, Tim and John met to discussed what they are looking for as far as qualifications and experience and explained the hiring process.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**GENERAL CONERNS:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, October 20, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

**VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:**

**Trustee Tom Carpenter** – Happy Birthday Mayor

**Trustee Elizabeth Meehling** – Happy Birthday.

**Trustee Dana Miller** – Happy Birthday.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – Happy Birthday.

**Trustee James (Mike) Blaies** – He would like to thank Matt and Lisa for all of hard work in organizing the Chili Cook Off.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – A big thanks to the both them for doing a great job and Happy Birthday

**Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser** – Happy Birthday

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Engineer Tim Pruett** – Happy Birthday.

**Public Works Director John Tolan** – Happy Birthday.

**Village Administrator Matt Trout** – He would like to thank everyone for working so hard on the Chili Cook Off. A special thanks to Lisa for helping me organizing the Chili Cook Off.

**Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – Happy Birthday.**  
**ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Not present.**

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

*Trustee Elizabeth Meehling motioned to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:42 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk



Freeburg ESDA-OHS Report to Mayor & Village Trustees  
October 20, 2025

1. Continue work with I.E.S.M.A. Freeburg ESDA member renewals and insurance information corrections.
2. S.I.R.E.N. data thru IDPH division information to ESDA/EMA as new data concerning virus concerns in Illinois and training data classes in this area.
3. ARES/RACES weekly communications test from Freeburg ESDA office/EOC with St. Clair and surrounding counties Oct. 14 2025 from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM.
4. Contact with STL NWS meteorologist during the start of a large low pressure storm system development and impact for the STL forecast area. Contacts from Freeburg ESDA-OHS provided to local government/schools/care facilities to update daily with current information on this potential severe weather hazard for Oct. 18, 2025.
5. Monitoring NIST/Space weather data on large CME to enter earth's ionosphere by Oct. 17,2025 and potential to create GPS/HF communication issues as well as the Northern U.S. electrical grid systems.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gene Kramer, Coord.  
Freeburg ESDA-OHS

**FREEBURG VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
ENGINEER'S REPORT  
Oct. 16, 2025  
Tim Pruett, Village Engineer**

**WATER PROJECTS:** TWM completing plans for SAVE Tower and I am finalizing the water main plans and loan application.

**Sewer and Manhole Lining Project:** Visu-Sewer has completed the mortar sprayed manhole lining and has 3 cured in place manhole linings left. Probably 1 more week of sewer lining and they will be complete with the sewer lining.

The Coffee Pot has submitted revised architectural plans for review.

Culvert on Country Side Lane needs replaced. Preparing cost estimate.

Saturn Terrace: Owner is asking to vacate some street ROW. Need to remedy the sewer situation.

Working on St. Clair County Park Grant application.

Reiss- Murphy Project: Plans have been approved. Working with Murphys to get started.

Working on drainage issues at Silverthorne, Country Side Lane and Torrington.

### ZONING REPORT

We continue to send letters and make calls on complaints for unmaintained properties. We have contacted numerous property owners about their properties. We continue to receive complaints about various issues, and we are dealing with them as they come in.

The Combined Planning and Zoning Board: See my memo for the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting notes. There will be a November meeting.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

- 5 -- Occupancy Permit
- 2 -- Building Permits
  - (1) New Home - 408 Firestone
  - (1) Pool

## VILLAGE OF FREEBURG MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Oct. 16, 2025  
**TO:** Village of Freeburg Board  
**FROM:** Tim Pruett, Village Engineer  
**RE:** Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Oct. 14, 2025

---

On Tuesday Oct. 14, 2025, the above board held their monthly meeting.

At 6:00 pm the Combined Planning and Zoning Board opened the meeting with two items on the agenda. At 6:00 pm there was not a quorum present so the Chairman decided to wait to see if any missing members may come late. At 6:15 Mr. Gary Henning arrived and the Board had a quorum and could move forward with the meeting.

The first hearing was for Gerald Williams requesting a zoning amendment to change the zoning on his property at 10 Southgate Drive. The current zoning is B-1 Community Business. Mr. Williams is requesting the zoning be changed to B-2 Highway Business. The hearing started with Mr. Williams explaining all the previous businesses that were at the location since 1990 that were either his business or businesses that he leased the property to. He stated that he is having trouble finding businesses interested because most of the businesses that are interested in the property would have to get a special use permit to use the property. All the previous uses for the building since 1990 except Kids for Christ would not be allowed under today's Zoning Code as approved uses in the B-1 District. He thought B-2 was more realistic because the property does front the highway and all the other properties on the east side of State Street from his property to St. Clair Street are all zoned B-2. Chairman Woodward questions whether the zoning could be amended to B-2 since it did not meet the requirements for minimum width/depth 125' x 125' and minimum lot size 20,000 sf. The lot is 125' x 120' with a total area of 15,000 sf. The Board wanted an attorney's opinion as to whether this was a violation of the law to allow a rezoning when the property did not meet the minimum requirements for size. The Village Engineer reminded the Board that most lots on the east side of State Street that are zoned B-2 do not meet the size requirements in the code. The size requirements are more generally held to new developments and the creation of new lots not existing lots. The members of the board indicated they didn't agree and wanted an attorney's opinion. The Board agreed to continue this hearing at the November Combined Board meeting.

The second item on the agenda was the exterior building materials for the proposed Coffee Pot. Mr. Brian Nickas with Nickas Architecture, Inc. was present representing The Coffee Pot. He explained the product they are wanting to use as siding is a ground wood and resin fiber product that carries a 50 year warranty. The product comes from the factory already painted to the desired color and is essentially "maintenance free". The product is called LP Smart Side Siding and will have the board and batten look. Village Engineer stated that this is not what Brian told him on the phone, that Mr. Nickas indicated the siding was to be a fiber, cement board similar to what the Combined Board has approved in the past. The Board ask to see the panel brought by Mr. Nickas but Mr. Nickas did not bring any other product data information. The Board discussed the sample panel and some members of the Board indicated they wished the Board had received more information on the product prior to the meeting.

*Gary Henning motioned to approve the product for the exterior materials for The Coffee Pot as presented and Lee Smith Seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gary Henning - yes, Lee Smith - yes, Rita Green - yes, Steve Woodward - yes, Gary Mack - absent, Terry Gamblin - absent, Dale Lickenbrock - absent. With 4 yes votes and 0 no vote, the motion to approve the exterior building materials was approved by the Board. This vote is final action.*

cc: Seth Speiser, Mayor of Freeburg

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE UNITED  
HEALTHCARE INSURANCE RENEWAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, believes it is in the best interests of the Village to renew their health insurance coverage with United HealthCare for the employee health insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, United HealthCare has submitted its renewal to provide health insurance coverage for the Village of Freeburg effective November 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, believe it is in the best interest of the Village to accept United HealthCare’s renewal plan to provide such professional services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The recitals set forth above hereby adopted are found to be true and correct and are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2:** The Mayor of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, is hereby authorized to accept United HealthCare’s Renewal Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as “Exhibit A.”

**SECTION 3:** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**SECTION 4:** Any and all Resolutions, sections or subsections of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS, THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

Vote Recorded:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-17 cont.**

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seth E. Speiser  
Village President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Menard  
Village Clerk

Approval as to Legal Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frederick W. Keck  
Village Attorney

**Village of Freeburg**  
**Medical / Rx Benefit Summary and Cost Comparison**  
**Proposed Effective Date: November 1, 2025**

BENEFIT SUMMARY	UHC		UHC		UHC	
	CURRENT	RENEWAL	CURRENT	RENEWAL	CURRENT	RENEWAL
<b>DEDUCTIBLE</b>						
In-Network	Choice+ DN6Q / E31-HSA \$6,250 / \$12,500	Choice+ EEL8 / E31-HSA \$6,250 / \$12,500	Choice+ EEL8 / E31-HSA \$6,250 / \$12,500	Choice+ EEL8 / E31-HSA \$6,250 / \$12,500	CORE EEL9 / E31-HSA \$6,250 / \$12,500	CORE EEL9 / E31-HSA \$6,250 / \$12,500
Non-Network	\$12,500 / \$25,000	\$12,500 / \$25,000	\$12,500 / \$25,000	\$12,500 / \$25,000	\$12,500 / \$25,000	\$12,500 / \$25,000
<b>COINSURANCE</b>						
In-Network	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Non-Network	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%
<b>OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM</b>						
In-Network	\$6,650 / \$13,300	\$6,650 / \$13,300	\$6,650 / \$13,300	\$6,650 / \$13,300	\$6,650 / \$13,300	\$6,650 / \$13,300
Non-Network	\$14,500 / \$29,000	\$14,500 / \$29,000	\$14,500 / \$29,000	\$14,500 / \$29,000	\$14,500 / \$29,000	\$14,500 / \$29,000
<b>PRIMARY CARE OFFICE VISITS</b>						
In-Network	\$35 copay after deductible	\$35 copay after deductible	\$35 copay after deductible	\$35 copay after deductible	\$35 copay after deductible	\$35 copay after deductible
Non-Network	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible
<b>SPECIALTY CARE OFFICE VISITS</b>						
In-Network	\$70 copay after deductible	\$70 copay after deductible	\$70 copay after deductible	\$70 copay after deductible	\$70 copay after deductible	\$70 copay after deductible
Non-Network	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible
<b>EMERGENCY ROOM VISIT</b>						
In-Network	\$300 copay after deductible	\$300 copay after deductible	\$300 copay after deductible	\$300 copay after deductible	\$300 copay after deductible	\$300 copay after deductible
Non-Network	\$300 copay after deductible	\$300 copay after deductible	\$300 copay after deductible	\$300 copay after deductible	\$300 copay after deductible	\$300 copay after deductible
<b>INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATION</b>						
In-Network	0% after deductible	0% after deductible	0% after deductible	0% after deductible	0% after deductible	0% after deductible
Non-Network	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible	30% after deductible
<b>PRESCRIPTION DRUG</b>						
30 Day Supply	Ded + \$15 / \$40 / \$125 / \$250	Ded + \$15 / \$40 / \$125 / \$250	Ded + \$15 / \$40 / \$125 / \$250	Ded + \$15 / \$40 / \$125 / \$250	Ded + \$15 / \$40 / \$125 / \$250	Ded + \$15 / \$40 / \$125 / \$250
<b>INSURANCE RATES</b>						
<b>CURRENT</b>						
7 Employee	\$666.85	\$752.87	\$677.60	\$677.60	\$677.60	\$677.60
8 Employee + Spouse	\$1,342.61	\$1,515.80	\$1,364.25	\$1,364.25	\$1,364.25	\$1,364.25
2 Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,248.90	\$1,410.00	\$1,269.03	\$1,269.03	\$1,269.03	\$1,269.03
15 Family	\$1,924.71	\$2,172.99	\$1,955.74	\$1,955.74	\$1,955.74	\$1,955.74
32						
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$561,327</b>	<b>\$633,736</b>	<b>\$570,376</b>	<b>\$570,376</b>	<b>\$570,376</b>	<b>\$570,376</b>
<b>\$ CHANGE FROM CURRENT</b>		<b>\$72,409</b>		<b>\$9,049</b>		<b>\$9,049</b>
<b>% CHANGE FROM CURRENT</b>		<b>12.9%</b>		<b>1.6%</b>		<b>1.6%</b>

Rate Cap 12.9% for 2026

**Notes and Assumptions:**

- The rates and premiums provided are for illustrative purposes only and are estimated based on the data submitted.
- Final rates are subject to final underwriting.

**FINAL DECISION**

Combined ER/EE Amounts		
IRS HSA CY2026 Maximum		
Single	Family	
\$ 4,400	\$ 8,750	

Combined ER/EE Amounts		
IRS HSA CY2025 Maximum		
Single	Family	
\$ 4,300	\$ 8,550	

IRS does not allow individuals over age 65 to contribute to HSA.  
 UHC requires disclosure if HSA Funding is >50% of the deductible.  
 HRA ends on 10/31 for medical and rx

Stability Fund Balance	Interest Earned
Aug-24	\$335,889.67
Aug-25	\$207,501.88
Totals	\$17,201.70

Max Exposure	Renewal	Core
Premium	\$633,736.00	\$570,376.00
Deductible	\$299,250.00	\$299,250.00
Total	\$932,986.00	\$869,626.00
Contracted Total	\$672,000.00	\$672,000.00
Max Shortfall	\$260,986.00	\$197,626.00

	RENEWAL	CORE
CBA	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00
Premium/32	\$19,804.25	\$17,824.26
Remaining	\$1,195.75	\$3,175.74

per month \$ 99.65 \$ 264.65

**Resolution No. 25-18**  
**Resolution of Support**

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeburg is applying to St. Clair County, Illinois, for the Parks Grant Funding Cycle 30; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that an application be made and resolution agreed to by the Village of Freeburg Board of Trustees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Village of Freeburg apply for a grant under the terms and conditions of St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission and shall agree to the understandings and assurances in said applications;
2. That the chief municipal officials on behalf of the village execute such documents and all other documents necessary for the carrying out of said application; and
3. That the chief municipal officials are authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.

Passed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Vote Recorded:

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution No. 25-18 cont.**  
**Resolution of Support**

---

Seth E. Speiser  
Village President

ATTEST:

Approval as to Legal Form

---

Jerry Menard  
Village Clerk

---

Frederick W. Keck  
Village Attorney

**ORDINANCE NO. 1805**

**ORDINANCE APPOINTING MATT TROUT TO THE  
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeburg is a Member of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency; and

WHEREAS, each Member of the Agency is entitled to a representative on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, which representative is to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the President has appointed Matt Trout, who is the Village Administrator of the Village of Freeburg to be the Village’s representative on the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois that the appointment by the President of Freeburg, Illinois to be the Village’s representative on the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors is hereby confirmed, said appointment to be effective December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for the remainder of the current term of said representative and thereafter until his/her successor is duly appointed, confirmed and seated.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that said representative shall have full power and authority to vote as the representative of the Village of Freeburg in conjunction with all Illinois Municipal Electric Agency matters.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, AND APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2025.

AYES \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE NO. 1805 cont.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Menard, Village Clerk

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seth Speiser, Village President

ATTEST:

Approval as to Legal Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Menard, Village Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Frederick E. Keck, Village Attorney

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**  
Seth Speiser

**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Jerry Menard

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**  
Tom Carpenter  
Robert Kaiser  
Dana Miller  
Ray Matchett, Jr.  
Lisa Meehling  
Mike Blaies

**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**  
Matt Trout

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**  
John Tolan

**POLICE CHIEF**  
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

**ESDA COORDINATOR**  
Eugene Kramer

**VILLAGE ENGINEER**  
Tim Pruett, P.E.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
Keck Brown, P.C.

**ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)  
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:31 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairperson Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), Village Attorney Fred Keck (5:33), Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of September 10, 2025 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the September 10, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Public Works Director John Tolan stated there were 3 outages since last meeting. They replaced a transformer on Creek Ridge that shorted out due to an issue with a meter can. A primary wire burnt in two on S. Belleville St., mostly likely from a squirrel. They had a blown fuse at SAVE site that goes to the cencom building.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing new.

Village Administrator Matt Trout said the tax abatement ordinance is done and will go to finance and then to the first board meeting in November.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wholesale Connection Agreement: John said that typically IMEA has one wholesale connection agreement with Ameren. Ameren has decided that they want to have an agreement with each individual community. Village Attorney Fred Keck said he went through the agreement and highlighted some items. They will set-up a call with IMEA to discuss.
2. Village Health Insurance Renewal: Matt said going with an HSA, employees will be able to choose between the Renewal Choice+ Plan and the CORE Plan. The difference between those premiums and their contracted amount will go into their HSA. The insurance committee voted and it was a 4-2 vote. The insurance committee will need to meet again to disburse the remaining funds in the health insurance stability fund.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board the Health Insurance Renewal Choice+ & Core Plans along with the HSA, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Matt said it was brought up at the last meeting on how the retirees were handled. The Board discussed and agreed that the retirees would continue to have the option to choose between the UHC Renewal Choice+ Plan and CORE Plan along with the HSA, but the Village would no longer provide deductible reimbursements.

Matt said he and Village Engineer Tim Pruett have a meeting tomorrow with Socket Fiber Company. Village Attorney Fred Keck talked about it as he has had some experience with them.

John said Chad Murphy from Murphy development reached out regarding getting an updated price. He said they have been working on Dairy Queen and should finish up on Friday. They have had a lot of new services and service upgrades. He discussed generating their monthly exercising with IMEA today. He discussed the OSHA inspection we had last week.

Ordinance #1805: Ordinance appointing Matt Trout to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors: Mayor Seth Speiser said that when John retires in December, they want to move Matt into John's position on the board of IMEA.

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to send to the full Board Ordinance #1805 appointing Matt Trout to the IMEA Board of Directors, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. and Trustee Lia Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen  
Office Manager

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**  
Seth Speiser

**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Jerry Menard

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**  
Tom Carpenter  
Robert Kaiser  
Dana Miller  
Ray Matchett, Jr.  
Lisa Meehling  
Mike Blaies

**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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Trash/Water/Sewer  
(Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)  
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 5:45 p.m.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Matt Trout

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**  
John Tolan

**POLICE CHIEF**  
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

**ESDA COORDINATOR**  
Eugene Kramer

**VILLAGE ENGINEER**  
Tim Pruett, P.E.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
Keck Brown, P.C.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, by Chairman Bob Kaiser. Members present were Chairman Bob Kaiser, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Trustee Dana Miller, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Ray Matchett, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of September 10, 2025 Minutes: Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the September 10, 2025 minutes, Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Sewer issues: None.
3. FSH Minutes: Nothing new at this time.
4. Water System Upgrades: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we received plans for the chlorination building at the SAVE Tower and he and John will look them over. He said we will be submitting a check to Canadian National/Illinois Central Railroad for that permit.

Tim said VisuSewer has been working on sewer lining and manhole lining. He discussed the process.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

John said they are still hydrant flushing. He said there has been some graffiti on the swimming pool lift station and transformer. He and Buddy are working on a response to the EPA inspection.

Matt mentioned Illinois American reached out about our waste water system and the Board agreed they weren't interested in entering into talks about our system.

## C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Residents Adam and Tricia Schwind asked where the Village was at regarding a stop sign at the intersection of N. Belleville St. and Phillips St. Mayor Seth Speiser said we can take it to the streets committee and have the police patrol the area and report back on whether or not they feel it is necessary.

**E. ADJOURN:** Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.



Mary Downen  
Office Manager

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, October 15, 2025  
Page 1 of 1

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**  
Seth Speiser

**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Jerry Menard

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES**  
Tom Carpenter  
Robert Kaiser  
Dana Miller  
Ray Matchett, Jr.  
Lisa Meehling  
Mike Blaies

**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

Public Property Committee Meeting  
Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation  
(Matchett/Carpenter/Kaiser/Miller)  
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Matt Trout

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**  
John Tolan

**POLICE CHIEF**  
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

**ESDA COORDINATOR**  
Eugene Kramer

**VILLAGE ENGINEER**  
Tim Pruett, P.E.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
Keck Brown, P.C.

The meeting of the Public Property Committee was called to order at 6:19 p.m., on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, by Chairman Ray Matchett. Members present were Chairman Ray Matchett, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Dana Miller, Mayor Seth Speiser (left at 6:23), Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan (absent), Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. Guests present via Zoom: None.

## **POOL:**

**A. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

## **STREETS:**

### **A. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of September 10, 2025 Minutes: Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the September 10, 2025 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Crew Leader Bob Jenkins said they are working on the issue on Sleeping Indian. He, Village Administrator Matt Trout and Village Engineer Tim Pruett discussed.
3. Customer Issues: Crew Leader Jenkins said they replaced a culvert on St. Clair St.
4. MFT: Nothing.
5. Saturn Terrace: Matt said Mr. Threlkeld sent him and Tim vacation plat and they spoke with him about the easements.

Crew Leader Jenkins said they put up the stop sign on N. Edison St. at Meadow Lake Dr. & Meadow Ridge Dr.

### **B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Freeburg Family Dental Benefit Walk: Matt said they did this last year. They requested a police officer, if available, to assist. Committee approved.
2. Kids For Christ Open House: Matt said they are having their open house and will be going between the building and the park. They have asked for barricades to close off that section of S. Monroe St. Committee approved.

Resolution #25-18: A Resolution in Support of St. Clair County Parks Grant: Matt said this is the resolution we do every year showing interest in the park grant. He discussed some items they have been talking about using the grant money on.

*Trustee Dana Miller motioned to send to the full Board Resolution 25-18 Resolution in Support of St. Clair County Parks Grant, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen  
Office Manager