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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA – December 16, 2024 - 7:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - 4 – 1. December 2, 2024 – Board Meeting Minutes – **Unavailable**
5. Finance
6. Treasurer’s Report
7. Attorney’s Report
8. ESDA Report – ESDA Report for December 16, 2024 – **Exhibit A**
9. Public Participation
10. Reports and Correspondence
 - 10 – 1. Village Engineer’s Report – **Unavailable**
11. Recommendations of Boards and Commissions
12. Contracts, Releases, Agreements and Annexations
13. Bids
14. Resolutions
 - 14 – 1. Resolution #24-21: A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Accept and the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services – **Exhibit B**
 - 14 – 2. Resolution #24-22: A Resolution of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois Obligation of American Rescue Plan Act Funds of \$577,271.08 – **Exhibit C**
15. Ordinances
16. Old Business
17. New Business
 - 17 -1. Obligation of ARPA funds of \$577,721.08 – see item #14.2
18. Appointments
19. Committee Meeting Minutes/Recommendations
 - 19 – 1. Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2024 – 5:30 p.m. - **Exhibit D**
 - 19 – 2. Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2024 - 5:45 p.m. – **Exhibit E**
 - 19 – 3. Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday December 11, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – **Exhibit F**
 - 19-3b. Recommend Village Liability Insurance Renewal – see item #14-1
 - 19 – 4. Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, December 16, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – **Unavailable**
 - 19 – 5. Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Monday, December 16, 2024 – 6:15 p.m. – **Unavailable**
 - 19 – 6. Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Monday, December 16, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. - **Unavailable**
20. Upcoming Meetings
 - 20 – 1. CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS – December 24th and December 25th
 - 20 – 1. CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR’S DAY – January 1, 2025
 - 20 – 2. Combined Planning and Zoning Meeting – Tuesday, January 14, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.
 - 20 – 3. Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.
 - 20 – 4. Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 5:45 p.m.
 - 20 – 5. Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
 - 20 – 6. CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY – Monday, January 20th
 - 20 – 7. Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 21, 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)(1)]; 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)].



Freeburg ESDA Report Dec. 16, 2024
submitted by Eugene Kramer, Coordinator

1. IESMA advising all members that the 2025 membership renewals will be due in Jan. 2025. Some Freeburg ESDA members have had issues in this area and I will have to work with the Secretary and President of IESMA to correct errors in this area.
2. Deputy Coordinator of the County EMA-OHS, that one of our NEW ATI outdoor tornado sirens failed during the first Tuesday (Dec. 10, 2024) outdoor siren test. I was advised by the County EMA-OHS that ATI would be contacted concerning this failure.
3. The National Weather Service Office in St. Louis is lining up the yearly Storm Spotter Courses for 2025. I am registered for Jan. 30, 2025, at 7 PM for the "virtual training". on Jan. 30, 2025, at 7:00 pm. More information to follow as available.
4. Programming reset and 1.3 vdc battery installed on Davis Vantage Pro II weather station mounted on radio tower per console data notification on Saturday Dec. 7, 2024.
5. Completed NWS Skywarn Recognition Communications exercise conducted on Dec. 7 - 8 ,2024 via ARS. NWS Skywarn® issued a certificate for the NWS weather offices that extended from Maine to Florida (stations NWS WX1CAR - WX4MLB).
6. Follow ups being continued on our last new siren installation by ATS electricians, through County EMA-OHS.



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RESOLUTION NO. 24-21**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS
AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ACCEPT AND THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG
AND ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.**

WHEREAS, Arthur J. Gallagher, Inc., has submitted its proposal to provide risk management services for the Village of Freeburg during the 2025 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois believes it is in the best interest of the Village to enter into an agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher, Inc., to provide such professional services;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, believe it is in the best interest of the Village to renew its property and liability coverage with as noted in the renewal quote attached as "Exhibit A," and

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 execute the Agreement between the Village and Arthur J. Gallagher, Inc., 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 16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-21 cont.

Vote Recorded:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Seth E. Speiser
Village President

ATTEST:

Jerry Menard
Village Clerk

Approval as to Legal Form:

Frederick W. Keck
Village Attorney
Weilmuenster, Keck & Brown, P.C.

Premium Summary

The estimated program cost for the options are outlined in the following table:

<i>Line of Coverage</i>		<i>Expiring</i>		<i>Proposed</i>	
		U.S. Specialty Insurance Company		U.S. Specialty Insurance Company	
Package	Premium		\$103,520.00		\$116,578.00
	Estimated Cost*		\$103,520.00		\$116,578.00
		Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company		Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company	
Equipment Breakdown	Premium		\$47,454.00		\$79,437.00
	Estimated Cost*		\$47,454.00		\$79,437.00
		Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company		Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company	
Excess Earthquake	Premium		\$13,562.00		\$25,557.00
	Estimated Cost*		\$13,562.00		\$26,068.00
		Kingsale Insurance Company		Kingsale Insurance Company	
Excess Law Enforcement Liability - \$4M xs \$3M	Premium		\$20,238.00		\$20,361.00
	Estimated Cost*		\$20,238.00		\$21,332.00
		Underwriters at Lloyd's London		Underwriters at Lloyd's London	
Cyber Liability	Premium		\$4,039.00		\$8,006.00
	Estimated Cost*		\$4,039.00		\$8,590.00
		Greenwich Insurance Company		Greenwich Insurance Company	
Law Enforcement Liability	Premium		\$20,387.00		\$21,057.00
	Estimated Cost*		\$20,387.00		\$21,302.00
		Illinois Public Risk Fund		Illinois Public Risk Fund	
Workers' Compensation	Premium		\$80,901.00		\$79,635.00
	Estimated Cost*		\$80,901.00		\$82,024.00
Total Program Cost			\$290,101.00		\$355,331.00

Client Authorization to Bind Coverage

After careful consideration of Gallagher's proposal dated 12/31/2024, we accept the following coverage(s). Please check the desired coverage(s) and note any coverage amendments below:

Coverage/Carrier	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept <input type="checkbox"/> Reject	Package
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option # 1	1-Proposed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option # 2	2-Auto Liability: Add \$2,500 deductible: \$4,182 return premium
<input type="checkbox"/> Option # 3	3-General Liability: Add \$2,500 deductible \$1,662 return
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option # 4	4-General Liability: Add \$5,000 deductible: \$2,465 return premium
<input type="checkbox"/> Option # 5	5-Property: Remove 304 E APPLE and 315 GOOSEBOTTOM (Water Towers) from Blanket coverage and apply 100% coinsurance at expiring building values: \$1,285 return premium
<input type="checkbox"/> Accept <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reject	TRIA - Package
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept <input type="checkbox"/> Reject	Equipment Breakdown Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company
<input type="checkbox"/> Accept <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reject	TRIA - Equipment Breakdown
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept <input type="checkbox"/> Reject	Excess Earthquake Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company
<input type="checkbox"/> Accept <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reject	TRIA - Excess Earthquake
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept <input type="checkbox"/> Reject	Excess Law Enforcement Liability - \$4M xs \$3M Kinsale Insurance Company
<input type="checkbox"/> Accept <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reject	TRIA - Excess Law Enforcement Liability - \$4M xs \$3M
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept <input type="checkbox"/> Reject	Cyber Liability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Option # 1	Underwriters at Lloyd's London
<input type="checkbox"/> Accept <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reject	TRIA - Cyber Liability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept <input type="checkbox"/> Reject	Law Enforcement Liability Greenwich Insurance Company
<input type="checkbox"/> Accept <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reject	TRIA - Employment Practices Liability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accept <input type="checkbox"/> Reject	Workers' Compensation Illinois Public Risk Fund
Included*	TRIA - Workers' Compensation

*For this coverage, TRIA cannot be rejected

RESOLUTION NO. 24-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS
OBLIGATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS OF \$577,271.08**

WHEREAS, Under the state and local recovery funds program designed to provide assistance to the public struggling with the repercussions of the pandemic.

WHEREAS, The Village of Freeburg has allocated these funds to be used for police salaries.

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

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS, THIS 16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

Vote Recorded:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Seth E. Speiser
Village President

ATTEST:

Jerry Menard
Village Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 24-22 cont.

Approval as to Legal Form:

Frederick W. Keck
Village Attorney
Weilmuenster, Keck & Brown, P.C.

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Seth Speiser

VILLAGE CLERK
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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 5:30 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
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The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 by Chairperson Mike Blaies. Committee members present were Chairperson Mike Blaies, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Lisa Meehling (absent), Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Public Works Director John Tolan (5:36), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), Head Lineman Shane Krauss, Village Attorney Fred Keck, 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 November 13, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the November 13, 2024, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Shane Krauss stated the entire town lost power yesterday due to a tree service cutting down a tree and a limb swung into our feed. The guys acted quickly and power was restored for the entire town within 17 minutes.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Shane stated he is contemplating switching Village Hall to LED. He will get a count on how many needed and the cost. Should have that by the next meeting.

Shane said he mentioned last month about some scrap transformers but haven't got the tests back. He said he can't get any solid quotes until he gets the tests back. They have 24 transformers in their scrap right now. He is looking to scrap some and the majority of them will be refurbished.

Shane said they had testing on the trucks and other safety equipment today. There were a number of things that failed so he has contacted someone to refurbish those. He added this testing is done annually.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Street light on East Mill Street: Shane said this is the road that dead ends into the St. Paul's cemetery. The church has asked if we can light that. He said if the Board approves, they will take care of it.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Electric Committee Meeting Minutes
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Office Manager

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Seth Speiser

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Trash/Water/Sewer
(Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, by Chairman Bob Kaiser. Members present were Chairman Bob Kaiser, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling (absent), Trustee Dana Miller, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Ray Matchett, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins (5:47), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), 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 November 13, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the November 13, 2024 minutes with corrections, Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. New Sewer Plant: Village Administrator Matt Trout said he doesn't have anything. He has submitted all the final paperwork and documents to them. It can be removed from the agenda.
3. Sewer issues: Public Works Director John Tolan said they are trying to get back on the schedule of cleaning the sewers every six weeks.
4. FSH Minutes: John said nothing new.
5. Water System Upgrades: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said nothing new.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

John said we had a water break last Thursday night at Richland and West Apple. He said the hydrant that they couldn't repair on Wolf Road and Country Side Lane was replaced today. He and Buddy are working on the lead and copper sampling. The site plan has to be in by the end of December. He said in November they did their THM and HAA sampling. We got the THM sample results back but the HAA samples were contaminated by the lab, so we have to resample.

Tim said we are going to repair a hydrant at the end of Westview and that will require a road closure.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



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Public Property Committee Meeting
Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation
(Matchett/Carpenter/Kaiser/Miller)
Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
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ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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The meeting of the Public Property Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, by Chairman Ray Matchett. Members present were Chairman Ray Matchett, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Dana Miller, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling (absent), Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, 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:

- Approval of November 13, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the November 13, 2024, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
- Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Public Works Director John Tolan said they have found a few spots. There is a 48" culvert on Country Side Lane that is rusted out at the bottom. Village Engineer Tim Pruett is going to look into lining it instead of replacing it. He said there is a drainage issue in Manors at Woods Edge. He said once the weather gets nicer, they will finish the project at Silverthorne and Torrington.
- Customer Issues: None.
- MFT: Nothing to report.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

- Village Insurance Renewal: Village Administrator Matt Trout said it is in the packet. He and Mary met with them last week and went through it page by page. He highlighted some of the differences. One of the main differences was that we were undervalued. On our general liability and automobile, we currently don't have a deductible. There is a savings if we go with a deductible. The Board agreed to add the deductibles to take advantage of the savings. Matt said if there aren't any questions, he recommends moving this to the full board on Monday night.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board the Village Insurance renewal with Gallagher, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Village Attorney Fred Keck discussed some of the recent FOIA requests we have received.

Street Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

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VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m., and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen
Office Manager