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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA – February 17, 2026 - 7:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - 4 – 1. February 2, 2026 - Board Meeting Minutes – **Exhibit A**
5. Finance
6. Treasurer’s Report
7. Attorney’s Report
8. ESDA Report – ESDA Report for February 17, 2026 – **Exhibit B**
9. Public Participation
10. Reports and Correspondence
 - 10 – 1. Village Engineer’s Report – **Exhibit C**
11. Recommendations of Boards and Commissions
12. Contracts, Releases, Agreements and Annexations
13. Bids
14. Resolutions
15. Ordinances
16. Old Business
17. New Business
18. Appointments
19. Committee Meeting Minutes/Recommendations
 - 19 – 1. Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. – **Exhibit D**
 - 19 – 2. Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2026 - 5:45 p.m. – **Exhibit E**
 - 19 – 2a. Recommend Hunter Borger’s request to cash out 50 hours of compensatory time – **Exhibit F**
 - 19 – 3. Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – **Exhibit G**
 - 19 – 3a. Recommend increasing the returning lifeguard’s hourly rate to \$15.50 and the managers working pool parties hourly rate to \$20.
20. Upcoming Meetings
 - 20 – 1. Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
 - 20 – 2. Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 5:45 p.m.
 - 20 – 3. Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
 - 20 – 4. Board Meeting – Monday, March 2, 2026 – 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)].

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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026 @ 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, February 2, 2026 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 Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – 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 of the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Trustee Dana Miller Trustee motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2026 and Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B: FINANCE

Finance Committee Meeting: Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Blaies questioned the following expense: Fletcher Reinhardt Co.; Axon Enterprise; Taser cartridges; Truck Centers Inc.; McCoy Construction & Forestry and Mascoutah Plumbing

2. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS: Trustee Carpenter said Treasurer Bryan Vogel spoke with Village Administrator and confirmed these rates are still current and recommended going 6 months with the two CD's maturing in February. Trustee Carpenter said at this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to reinvesting the Electric CD maturing on 2/9/26 for \$59,310.30 and the Sewer CE maturing on 2/3/26 for \$548,605.60 at Citizens Community Bank for 6 months at 3.75%, 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 Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

3. INCOME STATEMENT: Trustee Carpenter said Administrator Matt Trout said we should be around 83%. He said we received 100% of the property tax this year. He talked about infrastructure money in electric and how it will need to be a priority with Public Works Director Chris Remick and Head Lineman Max Sallman to use for infrastructure improvements.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing at this time.

5. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT: Village Administrator Matt Trout said we are doing well in most funds,

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.
2. Attorney Rates: Village Attorney Fred Keck explained the reason for the increase.
3. Newsletter: Trustee Carpenter said the Newsletter will go out in March.
3. IDOT Invoice: Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. C.J. Schlosser & Company, L.L.C. Agreement:

Trustee Carpenter said we have been using this company for the least 3 years and our agreement has expired. Trustee Carpenter

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet thanked the Public Works Department on a well-done job on the streets.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT D:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated us on his February, 2, 2026 ESDA Report.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT E:

1. Village Engineer Report February 2, 2026.

Mayor Speiser called on Village Engineer Tim Pruett. There were no questions.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT F:

ORDINANCES: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1811 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 33 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance #1811 by title only, and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dana Miller – aye Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Meehling said she would like to make a motion at this time.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned a 5% pay increase for Village Administrator Matt Trout, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies second the motion.

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

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APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT G:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Dana Miller reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 5:57 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Miller said, Village Engineer Tim Pruett said he had 3 occupancy permits and there were no building permits. Tim and Public Works Director Chris Remick made some process with the nuisance property on N. Richland St.
2. Development Updates: Trustee Miller said, Village Engineer Tim said the new owners of the old Murphy Development north of the Dollar General reached out to the Mayor and he told them to contact us but not heard from them. The Murphy's are looking at another property. He has not heard from the Phillips Development on Adele Street in the last couple of months. The Phillips Co. is looking to build another storage building on their lot in the Industrial Park. Tim said according to Adams Auction, 5 Commerce Drive is under contract but he doesn't know the name of the buyer. Tim is still waiting on full plans from The Coffee Pot.
3. FOIA Request: Trustee Dana Miller stated the FOIA Requests were review by the committee. Village Attorney Fred Keck discussed recent initiatives regarding FOIA requests. Village Administrator Matt Trout said we are going to start working with Laura Gavin into this process on the police side.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Side By Side Permits: Trustee Miller said this was brought up at one of the meetings. Trustee Meehling said she has been approached regarding our fees and hours. The board discussed and agreed to keep the inspection fee the same, lower the non-resident fee to \$50, extend the hours to midnight and remove the inclement weather clause. This was done under Ordinance earlier on the agenda.

Mayor Speiser said he talked to the Phillips Company, and they are going to contact Tim. They are ready to move forward.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT H:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 6:21 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chief Report: Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 154 calls since our last committee meeting.
2. Patrol Hire: Trustee Meehling said we went through the in-house process and will post in the Freeburg Tribune this week and next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Village Administrator Matt Trout said the new crew worker, Ryan Schmidt, will start February 10th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. John Tolan's request to be paid out for 14.5 days of vacation: Village Administrator said this is what he had at the time of his retirement. Trustee Meehling said she would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the request of John Tolan's to be paid out for 14.5 days of vacation, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion, **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

2. Stan Ruhmann's request to be paid out for 348.75 compensatory hours and 348 vacation hours: Trustee Meehling said we also have a request from Stan Ruhmann to be paid out for 348.75 compensatory hours and 348 vacation hours. Village Administrator Matt Trout this is what he had at the time of his retirement.

*Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the request of Stan Ruhmann to be paid out for 14.5 days of vacation, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion, **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, motion carried.***

Village Administrator Matt Trout said Nolan Toennies has put in his notice and his last day will be February 10th. Matt asked the board if we can post the open lineman position in-house starting tomorrow. He would like to review the original application from 6 months ago since we had such a large pool of applicants.

GENERAL CONCERNS: Trustee Meehling said Mayor Speiser received a letter from Mayor Mike Todd from Millstadt thanking us for reaching out when they had the recent fire.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting – CANCELLED Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 2026 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY– Monday, February 16, 2026

Board Meeting – Monday, February 17, 2026 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – Again she like to thank Stan for his services on the police department and to the Public works department for a job well done with all the bad weather.

Trustee Dana Miller – She like to thank Stan for his services on the police department and to the Public works department for a job well done.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – She would like to thank Chief Schutzenhofer and Village Administrator Matt Trout on a nice job on Stan retirement luncheon. The both of presented a very nice speech. Also, Chris she would like to thank your crew on job well done on the streets.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – Thanks to the Public works department for a job well done.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – He would like to thank Stan for his services on the police department the Public works department for a job well done.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – Same here.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director Chris Remick–


Village Administrator Matt Trout- He said he has met with Attorney Keck and reached out to the police department union, public works department and the office staff union to set-up a meeting.

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – We will miss Stan.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – We will miss Stan. We are still waiting for the County for a final decision.

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, February 2, 2026 at 7:57 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk



Freeburg ESDA-OHS Feb. 17, 2026 Report to Mayor & Village Trustees

1. Conduct Countywide ARES®/RACES® amateur radio VHF communications nets on Tuesday, Feb. 10th & Feb. 17th from the ESDA Office communications system, from 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM.
2. Communications verification on Wednesday. 4th & 11th with NWS STL concerning RWT activation of NOAA weather alert system on 162.550 MHz at 11:00 AM local time.
3. Communication testing with H.A.R.N. (Hospital Amateur Radio Network), St. Louis Metro area conducted on Friday morning at 9:15 AM from the ESDA office.
4. Recommended removal of the older Federal 2T siren located in the Deerfield Mobile Home Park due to its malfunctioning during this month's testing. The NEW ATS siren, located at this site is the official full -functioning County EMA-OHS replacement unit. Request submitted through the Village Administrator's office.
5. Brief discussion with our Public Works Director, Mr. Chris Remick, concerning obtaining the previously removed VHF mobile police department radios for install into the public works assigned vehicles and use on our Village VHF FCC license KNGW-976 government license frequency. This does NOT involve any other authorized frequency use operations or license modifications with the FCC as it relates to our number of transmitter (mobile) radios on this frequency. Our Public Works department has six VHF 5 watt transmit power portables assigned to them. Station ID's are units: PW-1, PW-2, etc., in rank of personnel assigned each radio.
6. The NWS office in St. Louis and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency-OHS will be announcing that March 2026 is Severe Weather Preparedness month.in Illinois. Freeburg ESDA-OHS will be sending information reminders via the Freeburg Tribune Office to all as to the operation of our Severe Weather operations plan and safety guidelines to all. Special request for our underground tornado/storm shelter program volunteers will be highlighted as a high priority! Also, commination tests will be set, as annually, with our school systems.

Submitted by,
Gene Kramer, Coord., Freeburg ESDA-OHS

**FREEBURG VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
ENGINEER'S REPORT
Feb. 13, 2026
Tim Pruett, Village Engineer**

WATER PROJECTS: The loan application is complete and has been submitted to IEPA. We will now wait for funding to open up on the By-Pass list.

Sewer and Manhole Lining Project: 2025 Project complete. Will do another similar project in 2026.

The Coffee Pot has submitted the building permit application. Everything looks fine and we are waiting on confirmation of the easements required for the Freeburg Dental property.

Plans submitted for review to St. Clair County IGD. Once approved, we will advertise for bids and start construction as soon as possible. Looking like a mid-March bid opening. Project is to construct handicap ramps at the sidewalks at Belleville & Washington Streets and Belleville & High Street.

Saturn Terrace: Nothing new at this time.

The 2025 St Clair County Park Grant agreement was returned with the Notice to Proceed. We will order the equipment and materials to be ready for the summer. This is \$40,000 grant. We requested shade structures for the swimming pool, a new ventilation system for the dressing rooms, basketball hoop and new swings for the playground.

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: No meeting in February.

Jan. 31st through Feb. 13th

2 -- Occupancy Permit

5 -- Building Permits

- (2) New Homes: 910 Wingmead Drive and 411 Firestone Street
- (1) AT&T service at cell tower 550 W Phillips
- (1) Deck
- (1) Shed at Freeburg Sportsman's Club

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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 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 Chris Remick, Head Lineman Max Sallman, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Village Administrator Matt Trout (absent), 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 January 14, 2026 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the January 14, 2026 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Max Sallman said the main breaker was tripped at the North Sub causing an outage for approximately 30 minutes.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Nothing new.
4. Socket Fiber: Max said they met with Socket Fiber and they are working on an agreement.
5. Breaker Replacement: Max said they are working on request from Eaton.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lineman Position: Max said he and Village Administrator Matt Trout looked through the applications and Matt was going to make some calls.

C. **GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

D. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

E. **ADJOURN:** Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:34 p.m., and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.



Mary Downen
Office Manager

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Trash/Water/Sewer
(Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 5:45 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Chris Remick

POLICE CHIEF
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ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 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 Chris Remick, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout (absent), 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 January 14, 2026 Minutes: *Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the January 14, 2026 minutes, Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*
2. Sewer issues: Nothing to report.
3. FSH Minutes: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said Smithton was undecided on whether they wanted to extend at this time.
4. Water System Upgrades: Tim said we have everything in to IEPA so we are ready to go when there is money available.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hunter Borger's request to cash out 50 hours of compensatory time:

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to send to the full Board Hunter Borger's request to cash out 50 hours of compensatory time, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Public Works Director Chris Remick said there were 2 water main breaks. One was at Temple St. and Main St. and the other was at the east of town. He said the guys did a great job.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*


Mary Downen
Office Manager

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting
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To the Village of Freeburg Board,

I would like to request to cash out 50 hours of my compensatory time. Thank you.

Hunter Borger

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hunter Borger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "H" and "B".

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Public Property Committee Meeting
Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation
(Matchett/Carpenter/Kaiser/Miller)
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
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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 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 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 (absent), Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director Chris Remick, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout (via Zoom), Village Engineer Tim Pruett, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. Guests present via Zoom: None.

POOL:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Swimming Pool Lifeguards: Village Administrator Matt Trout stated we are only needing lifeguards, we have enough concession workers.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Freeburg Community High School Music Boosters Donation Request: The committee agreed to donate a 10-use pool pass.

2. Swimming Pool Fees: Matt said the information is in the packet. He went through and discussed the proposed changes. The committee approved the proposed changes.

Matt talked about considering pay increases for returning lifeguards and managers working pool parties. He said at one time there was a structure in place for returning lifeguards to get a small increase for returning. Looking to keep new lifeguards and concession workers at \$15/hr. and consider giving the returning lifeguards a small increase. Also, he believes there was a past conversation regarding managers pay for working pool parties but couldn't find where it was approved in past minutes. Asking to consider \$20-\$22 an hour for managers working pool parties. The Board discussed and agreed to give the returning lifeguards a \$.50/hr. increase and pay the managers \$20/hr. working pool parties.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to send to the full Board increasing the returning lifeguard's hourly rate to \$15.50 and the managers working pool parties' hourly rate to \$20, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

STREETS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of January 14, 2026 Minutes: *Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the January 14, 2026 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 have been working on the snow piles.

3. Customer Issues: Discussed issue on Lagoon Road. Bob said they did remove a tree and will get back there once it dries up.
4. MFT: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said he and Public Works Director Chris Remick are working on it. He said they should have the maintenance estimate done for next month's meeting.
5. Saturn Terrace: Nothing new.
6. Leaf Truck: Bob said it still has some issues so they took it back. He has conveyed to them that we don't want it back until it is right.
7. Streets Crew Worker Hire: Chris said Ryan started Tuesday and all is going well.
8. Cemetery Road Bridge Inspection: Tim said someone from IDOT was able to do the inspection.
9. Trash Contract: Matt said he reached out to Waste Management and is waiting on them to get numbers to us.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Surplus 1996 Ford Dump Truck: Chris said it isn't in use and he would like to sell it. He added there are other items he would like to surplus as well. Village Attorney Fred Keck said we will put together an ordinance and list the items to surplus.
2. Executive Session to Discuss Collective Negotiating Matters between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)5:

Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to amend the agenda to move public participation up, and Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:33 P.M.

Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to enter Executive Session citing Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)11, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

9:06: P.M.

Chairman Ray Matchett reconvened the regular session of the Committee meeting at 9:06 p.m.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked if the village could do a shred event a couple times a year.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m., and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen
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