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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA – April 20, 2026 - 7:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - 4 – 1. March 30, 2026 – Special Board Meeting Minutes – **Exhibit A**
 - 4 – 2. April 6, 2026 - Board Meeting Minutes–**Exhibit B**
5. Finance
6. Treasurer’s Report
7. Attorney’s Report
8. ESDA Report – ESDA Report for April 20, 2026 – **Exhibit C**
9. Public Participation
10. Reports and Correspondence
 - 10 – 1. Village Engineer’s Report – **Exhibit D**
11. Recommendations of Boards and Commissions
12. Contracts, Releases, Agreements and Annexations
13. Bids
14. Resolutions
 - 14 – 1. Resolution #26-03: A Resolution of the Village of Freeburg in Support of Municipal Housing Authority – **Exhibit E**
15. Ordinances
16. Old Business
17. New Business
18. Appointments
19. Committee Meeting Minutes/Recommendations
 - 19 – 1. Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. – **Exhibit F**
 - 19 – 2. Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2026 - 5:45 p.m. – **Exhibit G**
 - 19 – 3. Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – **Exhibit H**
 - 19 – 3a. Recommend Caitlen Anderson, Blyss Payne, Vance Kimmle, Gavin Kimmle and Siera Taylor be hired as Lifeguards and Greta Schulz and Taylor Trout be hired as Concession Workers
 - 19 – 3b. Recommend Local Public Agency Material or Deliver & Install Proposal - **Exhibit I**
 - 19 – 3c. Recommend Hunter Morgan and Drew Beisiegel be hired as Part-time Seasonal Workers
 - 19 – 3d. Recommend Haleigh Borger be hired as the Utility Billing Clerk
20. Upcoming Meetings
 - 20 – 1. Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.
 - 20 – 2. Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – 5:45 p.m.
 - 20 – 3. Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 29, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
 - 20 – 4. Board Meeting – Monday, May 4, 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).

VILLAGE PRESIDENT
Seth Speiser

VILLAGE CLERK
Jerry Menard

VILLAGE TRUSTEES
Tom Carpenter
Robert Kaiser
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Ray Matchett, Jr.
Lisa Meehling
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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026, @ 5:30 P.M.

EXHIBIT A
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Chris Remick

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Keck Brown, P.C.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Speiser called the Special Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 30, 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.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; Village Clerk Jerry Menard here; Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #26-02. Resolution Adopting the Village of Freeburg's 2026 – 2027 Operating Budget..

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to accept Resolution #26-02 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) **All voting aye motion carries.**

2. Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1814. An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and the Village of Freeburg, Illinois to Enter into a Successor Collection Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, Local 148 for Office Staff.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept Ordinance #1814 by title only, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling aye; Trustee Dana Miller aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays) **All voting aye motion carries.**

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3. Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1815. An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and the Village of Freeburg, Illinois to Enter into a Successor Collection Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, Local 148.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept Ordinance #1815 by title only, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling aye; Trustee Dana Miller aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter aye.; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays) **All voting aye motion carries.**

4. Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1816. An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and the Village of Freeburg, Illinois to Enter into a Successor Collection Bargaining Agreement with the Policeman's Benevolent Labor Committee.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept Ordinance #1816 by title only, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling aye; Trustee Dana Miller aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter aye.; (6 ayes, 0 nays) **All voting aye motion carries.**

Mayor Speiser stated effective April 1, 2026 a 10% pay increase for full time staff – Village Administrator Matt Trout, Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Engineer Tim Pruetz; 2% pay increase for Public Works Director Chris Remick; and a 10% pay increase for ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

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

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adjourn the Special Board Meeting of Monday, March 30, 2026 at 5:36 p.m. and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk

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Seth Speiser

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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 @ 7:30 P.M.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Chris Remick

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
Eugene Kramer

VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Keck Brown, P.C.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, April 6, 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. There were no guests present via Zoom.

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. – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Tom Carpenter – here; (by zoom) Mayor Seth Speiser – absent; (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, February 17, 2026.

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2026 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 2, 2026.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 2, 2026 and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT C:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 16, 2026.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 16, 2026 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

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EXHIBIT D:

Finance Committee Meeting: Trustee Tom Carpenter (Chairperson) reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 5:32 p.m.

1. **REVISE OF BOARD LISTS:** Trustee Blaies questioned the following: Arch City Entrance System; Mick's Auto Repair, Inc.; Repairs to the K9 patrol car; Saltus Technologies and Digticket Software.
2. **REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Nothing new to report.
3. **INCOME STATEMENT:** Village Administrator Matt Trout said since it is the end of the year, we'll run the entire report for the fiscal year in April.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Carpenter said we have the Treasurer's Reports for 9/30/25,10/31/25,11/30/25,12/31/25, 1/31/26, and 2/28/26.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports for 9/30/25, 10/31/25, 11/30/25, 12/31/25, 1/31/26, and 2/28/26, and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

5. **FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:** We talked about the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Attorney Invoices: Attorney Invoices were reviewed by the committee.
2. Newsletter: Office Manager Mary said the next newsletter was mailed out this week.
3. IDOT: Trustee Carpenter stated we have IDOT Invoices from way back.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to pay IDOT Invoices #127005 in the amount of \$27,480.10 and Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: None.

1. Illinois Gaming Board: Trustee Carpenter they overpaid the Village \$4,603.47 and will deduct from a future payment.
2. Budget FY27: Trustee Carpenter stated this was taken care of at the Monday, March 30, 2026 Special Board Meeting.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.
TREASURER'S REPORT: None.
ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT G :

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene updated on his April 6, 2026 ESDA Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

EXHIBIT H:

VILLAGE ENGINEER REPORT FOR APRIL 6, 2026.

Mayor Speiser called on Village Engineer Tim Pruett. Mayor Speiser said does anyone have any questions for Tim. Village Engineer Tim Pruett explain the difference on the Sidewalk Project. for the two bids.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.
CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

EXGIBIT I:

BIDS:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the St. Clair County IGD Grant PY24 Sidewalk Project Bids – KRB Excavating, Inc. \$68,987.50 and Mayer Landscaping, Inc. \$73,586.00

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the bid from KRB Excavating, Inc. for the 2024 sidewalk project in the amount of \$68,897.50, and Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nay, 0 absent 0 abstain). **All voting aye, the motion carried.***

RESOLUTIONS: None.
ORDINANCES: None.
OLD BUSINESS: None.
NEW BUSINESS: None.
APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXHIBIT J:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Dana Miller (Chairperson) reported on the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:59 p.m.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Miller said, we had 3 building permits which included 1 new home, 1 detached garage and 2 electrical.
2. Development Updates: Trustee Miller said, we are expecting the Phillips development on Adel St. to submit the Plan Development Rezoning, hopefully by the deadline for the May 12th for the Combined Planning and Zoning Board meeting. Matt talked about a massive solar project in the work between, Belleville, St. Clair County and Freeburg.
3. FOIA Requests: Trustee Miller said, the FOIA Requests were reviewed by the committee.
4. Fire Department Inspection: Mayor Speiser said he spoke with Fire Chief Hans Mueller and they are going to proceed with the ordinance. Once it is done, they would like to come to a committee meeting. Mayor Speiser said he would like Village Attorney Fred Keck to look it over.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT K:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling (Chairperson) report on Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7:21 p.m..

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chief Report: Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 122 calls since our last committee meeting.

Chief Mike Schutzenhofer and Public Works Director Chris Remick performed a test run for an active shooter with employees to get to their designated areas. He said it went well, the last vehicle in place was at 10 minutes. Village Administrator Matt Trout added the employees were unaware that this was going to happen.

2. Old Deerfield Park Federal Siren Repair: ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer discussed why the old siren was not taken down and asked to have it repaired. He also talked about the recent countywide ATI Tornado warning network failure.

Village Administrator Matt Trout said our new Officer Ryne Fithian will start April 6th. Chief Schutzenhofer added he was sworn in today by our Village Clerk.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Meehling said we held an Executive Session to discuss Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2-©5:

GENERAL CONCERNS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Combined Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Tuesday, CANCELLED – Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – 5:45 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, April 20, 2026 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR, VILLAGE CLERK & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Tom Carpenter – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – No thank you.

Trustee Dana Miller – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – He asked about the new police officer that was hired. Chief Schutzenhofer answered his questions.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.

Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – No thank you.

Mayor Seth Speiser –

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Engineer Tim Pruett – No thank you.

Public Works Director Chris Remick - He said the East Tower has been repaired and items have been put on Purple Wave.

Village Administrator Matt Trout –

Chief of Police Mike Schutzenhofer – No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – No thank you.

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, April 6, 2026 at 7:48 p.m. and Trustee Dane Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk



Freeburg ESDA-OHS April 20, 2026 Report to Mayor & Village Trustees

AARES/RACES VHF radio communications Countywide test performed 7th & 14th at 6:30 PM from office/EOC.

HARN (Hospital Amateur Radio Net) exercise from ESDA office/EOC at 9:10 AM to 9:30 AM.

Provided DSS bulletins to our area Care Centers, schools, Fire Dept, Police Department and to all Freeburg Government Officials (Mayor and Trustees) and comments from the NWS meteorologist that provided my office with the information.

ESDA request for volunteer Shelter Managers sent by postal mail to Freeburg Church Pastors.

Requested Freeburg telephone notification activation for the NWS/SPC issuing of a Tornado WATCH 4/15/26 Tornado Watch # 124 that included Calhoun, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties from 9:42 PM to 12 midnight.

Freeburg ESDA opened and operated the community tornado/storm shelter at St. Paul's U.C.C. as St. Louis NWS issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for "Central" St. Clair County. Managers PJ Gale, Janet B., and David Antry performed the SM duties until the warning expired at 10:45 PM.

ARES/SKYWARN® communications conducted during the "watch/warning" alerts that involved;

Belleville operators = 8; Fairview Hgts operators = 4, St. Louis, Mo. = 1, Marrison = 1, Lebanon = 1 New Athens = 2 Swansea = 2 Nashville = 1 Troy = 1

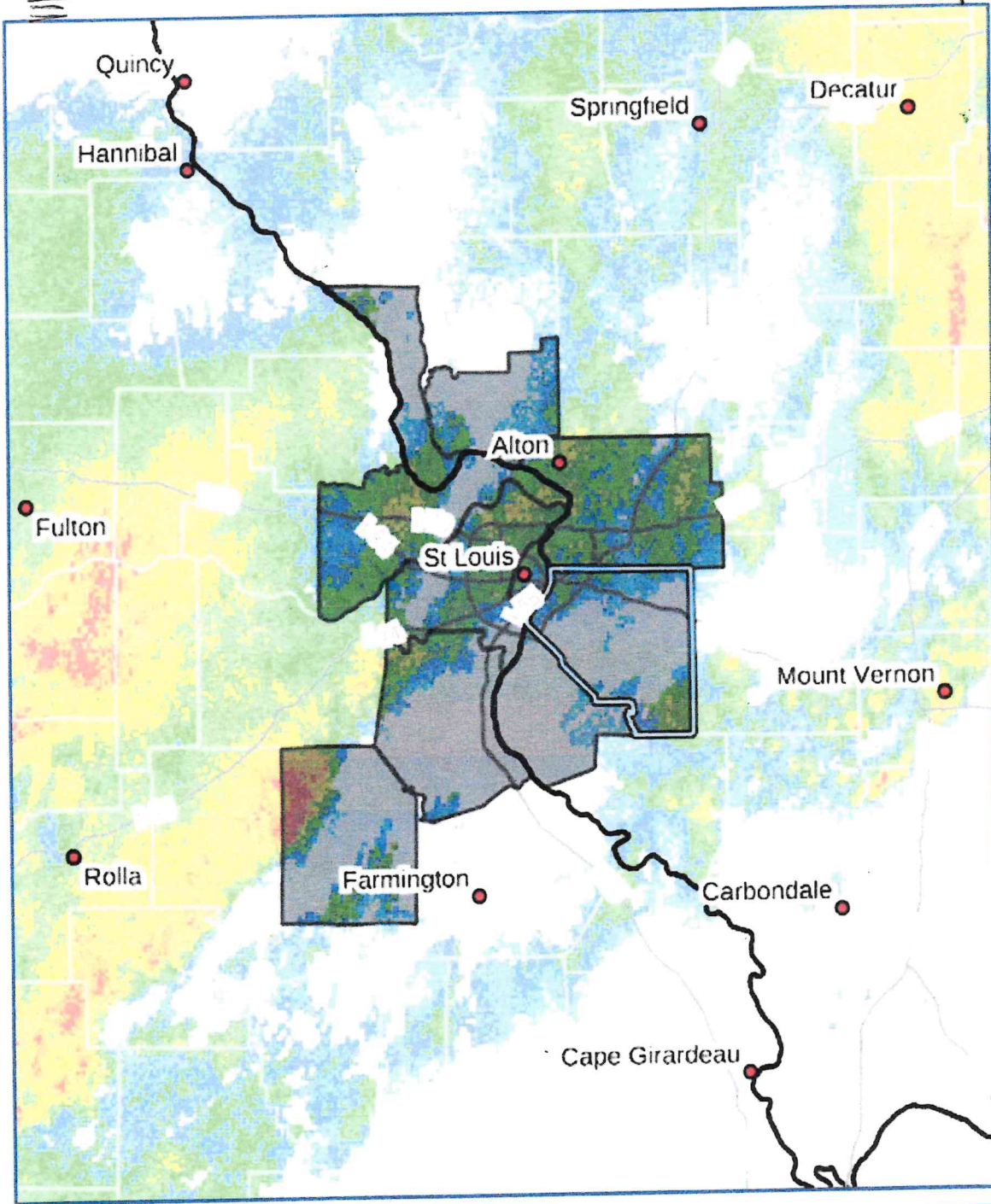
Completed numerous P.O.'s that were approved by Administrator Matt Trout., for equipment upgrades and shelter safety additions. Will be making vendor contacts with the purchase order vendors as per Admin. Matt Trout.

April 16 - 17, 2026 date/time period my office will monitor the potential for a large area development of severe weather hazards. This will involve our local weather instrumentation, constant digital contacts with NWS and SPC office data becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Kramer, Coordinator
Freeburg ESDA-OHS

Event extended (area): Tornado Watch for St. Clair County, IL
at 942 pm CDT, Apr 15th 2026



Radar valid at 1200 am CDT, Apr 16th 2026

 NWS Alert  User Alert Area

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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS EXTENDED TORNADO WATCH 124

TO
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AREAS UNTIL MIDNIGHT CDT TONIGHT

← Ended
@ 11:45 PM

IN ILLINOIS THIS WATCH INCLUDES 5 COUNTIES

IN SOUTHWEST ILLINOIS

CALHOUN JERSEY MADISON
MONROE SAINT CLAIR

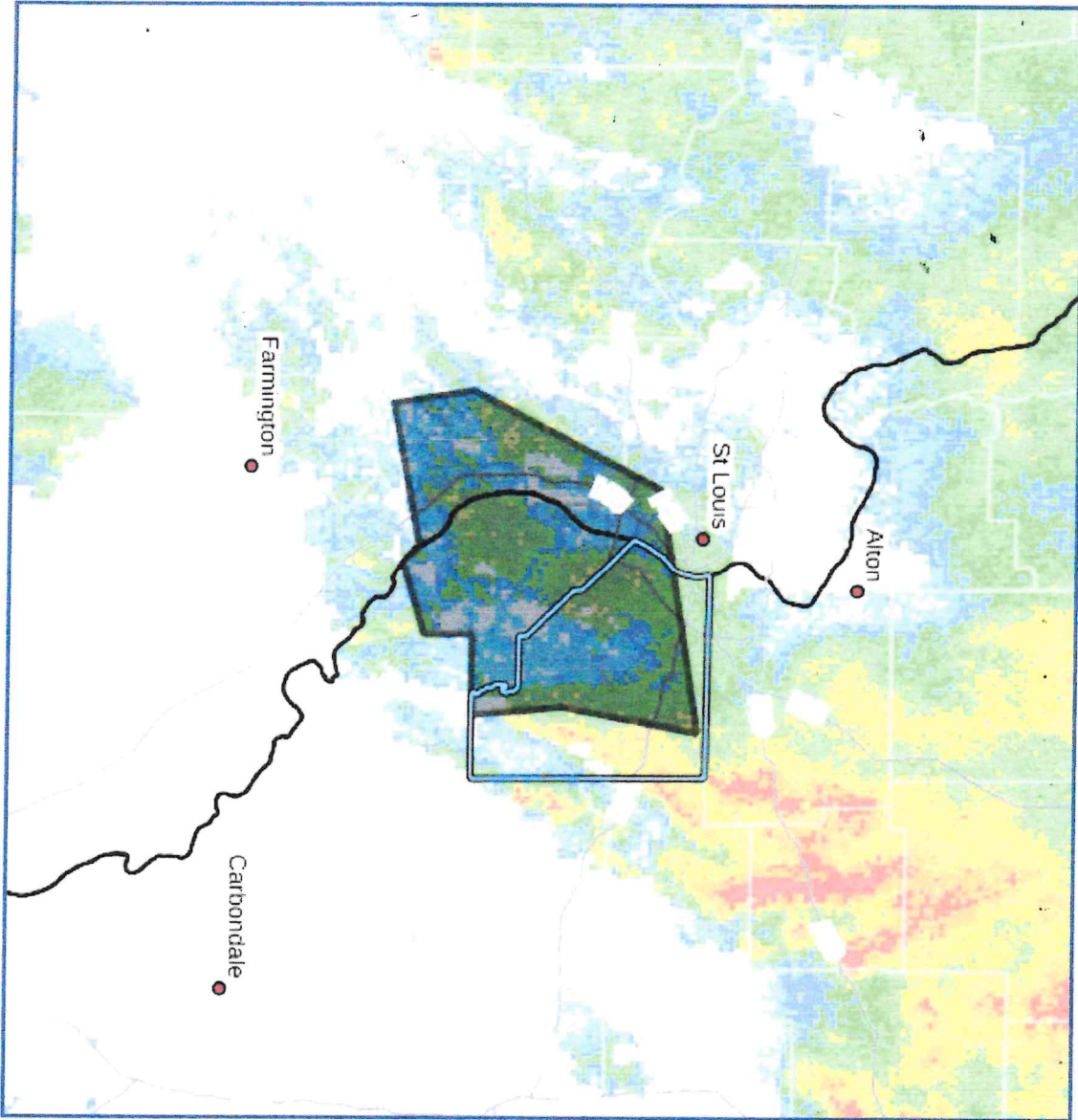
IN MISSOURI THIS WATCH INCLUDES 5 COUNTIES

IN EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI

JEFFERSON SAINT CHARLES SAINT LOUIS
SAINT LOUIS CITY WASHINGTON

THIS INCLUDES THE CITIES OF ALTON, BELLEVILLE, CAHOKIA,
EDWARDSVILLE, SAINT CHARLES, AND SAINT LOUIS.

New event: Severe Thunderstorm Warning for St. Clair County, IL ✓
Sent via email and SMS at 1015 pm CDT, Apr 15th 2026 ✓



Radar valid at 1100 pm CDT, Apr 15th 2026



NWS Alert



User Alert Area

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BULLETIN - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED
Severe Thunderstorm Warning
National Weather Service St Louis MO
1015 PM CDT Wed Apr 15 2026

The National Weather Service in St Louis has issued a

- * Severe Thunderstorm Warning for...
Monroe County in southwestern Illinois...
Central Saint Clair County in southwestern Illinois...
Central Jefferson County in east central Missouri...
South Central Saint Louis County in east central Missouri...
Southern Saint Louis City in east central Missouri...
- * Until 1100 PM CDT.

* At 1015 PM CDT, severe thunderstorms were located along a line from over East Carondelet to over Olympian Village, or along a line from near St. Louis to 6 miles south of Festus, moving east at 45 mph.

HAZARD...60 mph wind gusts.

SOURCE...Radar indicated.

IMPACT...Expect damage to roofs, siding, and trees.

FREEBURG VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
ENGINEER'S REPORT
April 17, 2026
Tim Pruett, Village Engineer

WATER PROJECTS: The loan application is complete and the project is ready for bid. We will now wait for funding from IEPA.

Phillips - Adele/Urbanna multifamily residential development was discussed at the March 10 Combined Board meeting. The project will move forward as a "Planned Development". Developer was instructed to initiate preparation of the Annexation and Vacation Plats. Village staff working on the Annexation Agreement.

IGD Sidewalk Project: Low bidder was KRB Excavating. Construction will start end of April/early May. Project is to construct handicap ramps at the sidewalks at Belleville & Washington Streets and Belleville & High Street.

Saturn Terrace: Nothing new at this time.

2025 St Clair County Park Grant: HVAC work complete. Pool Shade structures are being installed. Swing seats and basketball hoop have been ordered.

Met with Mr. Barry Hayden on the development north of Dollar General. He is planning to submit preliminary plat for the May Combined Board meeting.

Meeting with the Murphy group about possible development along State Street.

ZONING REPORT

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

The Combined Planning and Zoning Board: May 12th meeting deadline in Monday April 20th. As of now we will have discussion on the Murphy Planned Development, a presentation from AES Solar about a commercial solar project, and possibly other variances and special uses.

April 1st through April 17th

6 -- Occupancy Permit

5 -- Building Permits

- (2) New Homes 417 Firestone 858 Cemetery Rd
- (1) Garage Addition
- (2) Electrical

RESOLUTION NO. 26-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG
IN SUPPORT OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeburg has the responsibility to promote public health, safety and general welfare by regulating land use, density and development standards within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village recognizes that municipal authority of land use and zoning is a means to address separating incompatible land uses, protecting property values, managing traffic flow, ensuring adequate infrastructure and guiding orderly community growth; and

WHEREAS, the Village reiterates that community-led policies for land use and zoning are not causing a crisis of housing affordability or availability; and

WHEREAS, land use and zoning decisions are appropriately made at the local level by municipal officials familiar with the unique characteristics of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg find that the existing municipal authority for land use and zoning is essential for the continuing community vitality of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Village urges the Illinois General Assembly and Governor to preserve municipal authority for land use and zoning in its current form without additional restrictions on municipal governments and the communities they serve.

Section 3. The Village clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Illinois Municipal League.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS, THIS _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 26-03 cont.

_____	_____
Absent _____	Abstain _____
_____	_____

APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THIS _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

Seth Speiser, Village President

ATTEST:

Jerry Menard, Village Clerk

Approval as to Legal Form:

Frederick W. Keck, Village Attorney
KeckBrown, P.C.

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ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING
(Blaies/Carpenter/Kaiser/Meehling)
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Electric Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 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 (absent), Village Attorney Fred Keck (absent), 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 March 11, 2026 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the March 11, 2026 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Customer Issues: Head Lineman Max Sallman said we had 2 outages. One was on Richland Street, a limb fell and knocked the line down and the other was a cutout blow in Deerfield Court.
3. IMEA Energy Efficiency Grant: Village Administrator Matt Trout said they have been working on replacing the lights inside our buildings.
4. Socket Fiber: Matt said he had emailed the Board an agreement. At this time, they have Smithton and Millstadt signed up. He talked about the agreement and there was a discussion among the Board. The Board agreed to move forward with finalizing an agreement.
5. Breaker Replacement: Max said he and Matt discussed with IMEA. He said they are working on scheduling. Matt said it is possible we will be doing it this fall.
6. Lineman Position: Matt said we received a lot of applications. He and Max have gone through them. He asked if Trustee Lisa Meehling and Chairperson Mike Blaies would like to be in on the interviews as they were the last round. He has the applications in his office if anyone would like to look through them. He would like to get the interviews set-up and have a recommendation at the next personnel committee meeting.

Public Works Director Chris Remick said they had a safety meeting on pole top rescue and bucket rescue.

- B. NEW BUSINESS:** Max said they did replace 2 poles this past month, on Turkey Hill and N. Potter St. He said they are getting low on underground transformers and he will get some numbers together for those.
- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.
- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
- E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Trash/Water/Sewer
(Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 5:45 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

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Chris Remick

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

ESDA COORDINATOR
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The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 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 (absent), Public Works Director Chris Remick, 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. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 11, 2026 Minutes: Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the March 11, 2026 minutes, Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Sewer Issues: Nothing to report.
3. FSH Minutes: Nothing new.
4. Water System Upgrades: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we are ready to go, just waiting to get on the list.
5. Trash Contract: Village Administrator Matt Trout said we do not have a physical contract yet. He added that in the new contract they will waive the fee for the dumpsters used for the spring clean-up.

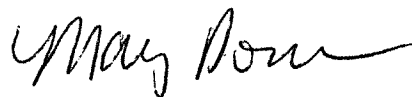
Public Works Director Chris Remick said he and Buddy worked on updating the lead and copper inventory and submitted to IEPA. He said Eric and Trevor both tested for their Class C Water License this week. Eric is signed up to go to wastewater short school in May. Buddy sent his application for his Class 2 Wastewater.

B. NEW BUSINESS: None.

D. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

F. ADJOURN: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m., and Trustee Mike Blaies 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, April 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

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ESDA COORDINATOR
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VILLAGE ENGINEER
Tim Pruett, P.E.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Keck Brown, P.C.

The meeting of the Public Property Committee was called to order at 6:02 p.m., on Wednesday, April 15, 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 (absent), Public Works Director Chris Remick, 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:

1. Swimming Pool Lifeguard Hires: Village Administrator Matt Trout went over the applicants to fill the open lifeguard and concession worker positions.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to send to the full Board Caitlen Anderson, Blyss Payne, Vance Kimmle, Gavin Kimmle and Siera Taylor to be hired as lifeguards and Greta Schulz and Taylor Trout to be hired as concession workers, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Public Works Director Chris Remick said they are working on installing the funbrellas. Matt said the basketball hoop has been delivered and the swings have been ordered. Village Engineer Tim Pruett added the exhaust fan has been installed.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Freeburg District 70 PTO Carnival Donation Request: The committee approved a 10-use pass.

STREETS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 11, 2026 Minutes: Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the March 11, 2026 minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: None.

3. Customer Issues: None.

4. MFT – Local Public Agency Material or Deliver & Install Proposal: Tim said this is the proposal to go out for the material letting. He went over the process.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board the IDOT Local Public Agency Material Proposal or Deliver & Install Proposal, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

5. Saturn Terrace: Tim said they will shoot some grades and come up with a plan on replacing some of the curb and guttering that has been removed over the years.
6. Leaf Truck: Crew Leader Bob Jenkins said after getting the truck back last week after repairs were made, there was an issue with the controller which controls the swing arm. He discussed the warranty and has reached out to them to see about possibly getting an extended warranty on them.
7. Surplus Equipment: Chris said the auction will go until April 30th.
8. Part-time Seasonal Hires: Matt said we received 5 applications. He said Chris and Bob have looked over them. They are all high school and college age.

Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to send to the full Board Hunter Morgan and Drew Beisiegel to be hired as part-time seasonal workers, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Chris said the culvert on Country Side Lane needs to be replaced. He spoke with a contractor today and plans to meet with another one to discuss their labor and equipment.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution #26-03: A Resolution of the Village of Freeburg in Support of Municipal Housing Authority: Matt said we have talked about this in the past. He said a lot of communities are passing this opposing the all for one zoning.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board Resolution #26-03: A Resolution of the Village of Freeburg in Support of Municipal Housing Authority, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Spring Clean Up/Final Leaf Pick-up: Chris said we are all set for the spring clean-up.

3. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1):

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:26 P.M.

Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to enter Executive Session citing Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1), and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

6:56 P.M.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to reconvene the regular session of the Committee meeting at 6:56 p.m., and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board to hire Haleigh Borger to fill the Utility Billing Clerk position, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

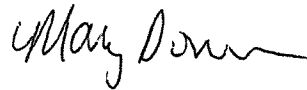
Trustee Tom Carpenter said he spoke with Hans Mueller and they plan to pass their resolution on Thursday night and if anyone wants to reach out to him, they are welcome to. The Board discussed the resolution.

Matt said he will reach out to Haleigh tomorrow and then reach out to the other applicants that were interviewed.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m., and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



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**Local Public Agency Material
Proposal or Deliver & Install Proposal**

Proposal Submitted By:

Contractor's Name

Contractor's Address

City

State

Zip Code

STATE OF ILLINOIS

Local Public Agency

County

Section Number

Street Name/Road Name

Type of Funds

Material proposal Deliver and Install Proposal Plans

For a County and Road District Project

Submitted/Approved

Highway Commissioner Signature & Date

Submitted/Approved

County Engineer/Superintendent of Highways Signature & Date

For a Municipal Project

Submitted/Approved/Passed

Signature & Date

Official Title

Department of Transportation

Released for bid based on limited review

Regional Engineer Signature & Date

Note: All proposal documents, including Proposal Guaranty Checks or Proposal Bid Bonds, should be stapled together to prevent loss when bids are processed.

Local Public Agency	County	Section Number
Village of Freeburg	St. Clair	27-00000-00-GM

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for the project described below will be received at the office of The Village Clerk
 Name of Office
14 Southgate Center, Freeburg, IL 62243 until 10:00 a.m. on 05/27/26
 Address Time Date

1. Plans and proposal forms will be available in the office of
Village of Freeburg, 14 Southgate Center, Freeburg, IL 62243
\$10 per set if picked up; \$25 per set if mailed; free if emailed

2. Prequalification
 If checked, the 2 low bidders must file within 24 hours after the letting an "Affidavit of Availability" (Form BC 57) in duplicate, showing all uncompleted contracts awarded to them and all low bids pending award for Federal, State, County, Municipal and private work. One original shall be filed with the Awarding Authority and one original with the IDOT District Office.
3. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals as provided in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Material/Deliver and Install Proposals.
4. A proposal guaranty in the proper amount, as specified in the BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Material/Deliver and Install Proposals, will be required. See the attached Special Provisions for specific instructions for proposal guaranty for this proposal packet.
5. The successful bidder at the time of execution of the contract will be required to deposit a contract bond or proposal guaranty as provided for in the special provisions. Failure on the part of the contractor to deliver the material within the time specified or to do the work specified herein will be considered just cause to forfeit his surety as provided in Article 108.10 of the Standard Specifications.
6. Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Awarding Authority and shall be enclosed in an envelope endorsed "Material Proposal, Section 27-00000-00-GM".

By Order of Awarding Authority	County Engineer/Superintendent of Highways/ Municipal Clerk	Date
Village of Freeburg	Jerry Lynn Menard	04/20/26

Material Proposal or Deliver & Install Proposal

To
 Awarding Authority
Village of Freeburg

Awarding Authority Address	City	State	Zip Code
14 Southgate Center	Freeburg	IL	62243

- If this bid is accepted within 45 days from the date of opening, the undersigned agrees to furnish or to deliver & install any or all of the materials, at the quoted unit prices, subject to the following:
- It is understood and agreed that the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction", adopted 01/01/22 and the "Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions", adopted 01/01/26, prepared by the Department of Transportation, shall govern insofar as they may be applied and insofar as they do not conflict with the special provision and supplemental specifications attached hereto.
 - It is understood that quantities listed are approximate only and that they may be increased or decrease as may be needed to properly complete the improvement within its present limits or extensions thereto, at the unit prices stated and that bids will be compared on the basis of total price bid for each group.
 - Delivery in total or partial shipments as ordered shall be made within the time specified in the special provisions or by the acceptance at the point and in the manner specified in the "Schedule of Prices". If delivery on the job site is specified, it shall mean any place or paces on the road designed by the awarding authority or its authorized representative.
 - The contractor and/or local public agency performing the actual material placement operations shall be responsible for providing work zone traffic control, unless otherwise specified in this proposal. Such devices shall meet the requirements of and be installed in accordance with applicable provisions of the "Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" and any referenced Illinois Highway Standards.