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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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Finance Committee Meeting  
(Finance/Industrial Park/Economic Development/Budget)  
(Carpenter/Blaies/Kaiser/Matchett)  
Monday, December 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Tom Carpenter officially called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 18, 2023. Those in attendance were Chairperson Tom Carpenter, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Ray Matchett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Treasurer Bryan Vogel, Trustee Dana Miller, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Finance Clerk Laura Wolf, and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

- A. REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS:** Expenses questioned include Right Way Traffic Control, \$4,850.00 – repair of Cemetery Road guardrail at the curve; UHS Premium Billing \$5,045.82 – due from retired employees; \$716.73 – PD health insurance which is a previous employee's premium payable because of the Public Safety Employee Act; \$49,468.44 – current employees' insurance premium; Itron, \$5,150.00 – annual fee for the meters from 11/1 23 – 10/31/24; Bello, \$783.00 – repair heat pump at north sub; Key Equipment & Supply, \$266.55 – new impeller for leaf machine; VIPower, \$4,083.14 – fiber for the sewer plant.
- B. REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS:** Treasurer Vogel advised we don't have anything up until May, and hopes the rates will hold. The long-term rates are starting to slide off a bit.
- C. INCOME STATEMENT:** Trustee Blaies questioned the sewer fund since the sewer charges are at 88%, and we should be around 75%, and the sewer revenue is at 44%. Matt confirmed that is because of the loan, and further stated you will see a big jump in both when the loan is paid. Matt said he and Laura are reviewing our funds to see if everything is in the correct spot.
- D. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Vogel said he is 3 months back on reports and will get them to us shortly.
- E. FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT:** Chairperson Carpenter commented there is a slight improvement of about \$5,000 in the water fund.
- F. OLD BUSINESS:**
- Approval of November 29, 2023 Minutes. Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the November 29, 2023 Minutes, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
  - Attorney Invoice: No invoice to review.
  - Newsletter: Julie advised the newsletter should go out this week.

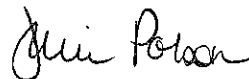
**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Veteran's Property Tax Relief Reimbursement: Matt said there are 3 counties in the State of Illinois pilot program where disabled veterans do not pay insurance property taxes based on their level of disability. St. Clair County has taken a big hit. We are at about \$10,000 to be reimbursed. However, there is only \$15,000,000 eligible each year and St. Clair County is at \$10,500,000. The counties up north will probably get most of that. We will be lucky to get a couple thousand.

**H. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None

**G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**H. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m., and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager