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VILLAGE OF FREEBURG, ILLINOIS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, July 24, 2024, @ 6:15 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Speiser called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday July 24, 20224, 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 Tom Carpenter – here; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – here; Trustee Dana Miller – here; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – here; Village Clerk Jerry Menard absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 absent) Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum. Also presented was Village Administrator Matt Trout, Public Works Director John Tolan, and Village Engineer Tim Pruett.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Speiser called upon Village Administrator Matt Trout to take the floor. Village Administrator Matt said, we are here to discuss the culvert on Barber Lane. Matt said we had an extremely heavy rain on July 16th. The heavy rain damaged culvert on Barber Lane that has washed out a portion of the roadway. Matt said Freeburg officials are working on a plan to replace a culvert. It appears that the water in Jack’s Run Creek was flowing at a depth of at least 20 feet when it approached the culvert area. Freeburg work crews are unable to make repairs or to replace the damaged culvert due to its size and the depth. Haier Plumbing, of Okawville, IL., was called to make temporary emergency repairs to stabilize the bank to prevent the entire roadway from being washed away until the culvert can be replaced properly. Village Administrator Matt Trout said the scope and cost of this repair is well beyond any contingency that the board officials had planned for in its recent budget and appropriation. Matt said preliminary costs are estimated to be in the \$200,000 rang eat a minimum. Matt said this is way we are having this special meeting to address the spending needs. We passed an ordinance declaring a local state of emergency to allow the adoption of an emergency spending resolution.

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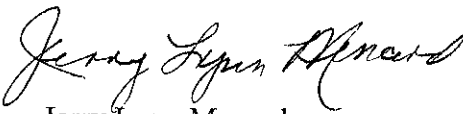
Matt said this spending resolution allows the Mayor to take emergency action and authorize necessary spending to alleviate the emergency as quickly as possible. Village Engineer Tim Pruett said, that he had already been working with suppliers to bring in the necessary culvert pipe to make the repairs. Tim said, the pipe is so large it will have to be shipped in pieces and then assembled on site. The Preliminary cost estimates for the unassembled culver sections are nearly \$100,00. Matt said to help secure funding for the project, ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer has reached out to Bryan Whitaker at the St. Clair County EMA office to request special IMEA or FEMA disaster money. St. Clair County officials had previously declared a flood disaster. Matt said, if the Federal government or State of Illinois declare the County a disaster area it will help free up special funding. Matt said, the village has also reached out to its insurance carrier to see if the damage is covered. Matt said, he talked to Laura about the CD's. Laura said we should leave the CD's alone for she found money in the general fund to take care of this project.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept Ordinance #1794 by title only, and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee James (Mike) Blaies – aye; Trustee Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; Trustee Tom Carpenter – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to accept Ordinance #24-12 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 Dana Miller – aye; Trustee Elizabeth (Lisa) Meehling – aye; Trustee Robert (Bob) Kaiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). **All voting aye, the motion carried.**

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

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adjourn the Special Board Meeting of Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 7:04 p.m. and Trustee James (Mike) Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk