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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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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.

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.

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  
Office Manager