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

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Matt Trout

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Chris Remick

POLICE CHIEF
Michael J. Schutzenhofer

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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 6:04 p.m., on Wednesday, March 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, 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 said we still need a few lifeguards. We plan to advertise again in the Freeburg Tribune. It was asked to also advertise in communities that don't plan to open their swimming pools this summer.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Clair County Parks Grant – Beloman Proposal for exhaust fan and Anchor Industries Inc. Quote for Funbrellas: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said as part of the grant application we received quotes from Anchor Industries & Beloman. The Anchor Industries quote was \$12,192.40 for two Funbrellas but decided to purchase four for \$24,384.80. The Beloman quote was \$7,285 to install exhaust fan and \$2,862 for wiring.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board proposal from Beloman for installation of exhaust fan in the amount of \$7,285 and \$2,862 for wiring, and quote from Anchor Industries, Inc. for four Funbrellas in the amount of \$24,384.80, and Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. St. Joseph Catholic School Dinner Auction Donation Request: The committee approved a 10-use pass.

STREETS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 11, 2026 Minutes: *Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the February 11, 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 no major issues. He said they had gone around and cleaned out drains.

3. Customer Issues: There was a discussion regarding a resident having drainage issues that are on private property.

4. MFT – Resolution #26-01: MFT Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code: Tim discussed and explained the estimate of costs.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board Resolution #26-01: Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

5. Saturn Terrace: Nothing new.

6. Leaf Truck: Bob said the issues have all been repaired. He said they have used it and everything worked correctly.

7. Surplus Equipment: Matt said we had discussed awhile back and was able to get the list together.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to send to the full Board Ordinance Declaring Certain Property Owned by the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, as Surplus Property, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Patrol Hire: Matt said this was discussed at the last personnel meeting and we need to send to the full board to hire Ryne Fithian.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to send to the full Board Patrol Hire Ryne Fithian, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Rescind Ordinance #1760: Matt said this has to do with the property north of Dollar General. It was contingent upon those individuals purchasing the property. Since someone else purchased the property, we need to rescind the ordinance and the new owner will need to start the process over.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board to Rescind Ordinance #1760 Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of Rezoning Certain Property Commonly known as the Debra Riess, Trustee and Lorna Riess Property, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. Part-time Seasonal Hires: Matt said we need to hire two for the summer. There was a discussion regarding part-time hires. The committee approved advertising for part-time seasonal hires.

4. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Collective Negotiating Matters between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5):

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:37 P.M.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to enter Executive Session citing Collective Negotiating Matters between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(5), and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED
6:57: P.M.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to reconvene the regular session of the Committee meeting at 6:57 p.m., and Trustee seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

5. Possible Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1): Matt said an executive session isn't necessary. He said Utility Billing Clerk Jane Kramper has put in for her retirement and he would like to start the process by posting in-house and then advertising. The committee agreed to post in-house and then advertise.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m., and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen
Office Manager