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## **THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE THROUGH THE ZOOM CLOUD MEETING APPLICATION AND CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

**Meeting ID 447 872 7673**

**Join URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4478727673>**

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October 14, 2024

## **NOTICE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE Trash/Water/Sewer (Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)**

A Public Works Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the **Sewer Plant located at 5516 Willow Springs Lane, on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 5:45 p.m.**

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

- I. Items to be Reviewed
  - A. Old Business
    - 1. Approval of September 11, 2024 Minutes
    - 2. New Sewer Plant
    - 3. Sewer Issues
    - 4. FSH Minutes
    - 5. Water System Upgrades
  - B. New Business
    - 1. Freeburg Car Wash
  - C. General Concerns
  - D. Public Participation
  - E. Adjourn

At said Committee Meeting, the Village Board of Trustees may vote on whether or not to hold an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(11)]; the selection of a person to fill a public office [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (3)] personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (1)]; real estate transactions [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (5)]; or collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)]

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
Trash/Water/Sewer  
(Kaiser/Blaies/Meehling/Miller)  
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 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, Public Works Director John Tolan, 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. There were no guests present via Zoom.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of August 14, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the August 14, 2024 minutes, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. New Sewer Plant: Village Administrator Matt Trout said we received final disbursement check today. Public Works Director John Tolan said they oil and chipped the road and it turned out very well.
3. Sewer issues: None.
4. FSH Minutes: John said something to note, FSH is looking to replace their main waterline that comes from the SLM plant to Route 4.
5. Water System Upgrades: Village Engineer Tim Pruett stated we are still reviewing TWA's plans.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

John said Haier Plumbing replaced the 320 ft. of 8" line on Barber Lane where the culvert is going yesterday. Water was shut-off from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. They dropped off samples today and hopefully get the results tomorrow.

John said we had a big water main break on West Apple near Dressler's. They were there until 12:30 a.m. Matt added Domino's donated and delivered pizzas.

## C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet thanked the police, fire and public works guys and said they do a really great job. She asked if there is going to be an open house at the new sewer plant. Matt responded we are working on it.

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**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Downen".

Mary Downen  
Office Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting of F.S.H. Water Commission was called to order by President Kenneth Vielweber in the Village of Freeburg at 7:29 PM with the following present: Ken Vielweber, Jesse Carlton, Gary Wittenauer, John Tolan, Larry Rhutasel, Chad Rhutasel, & Bryan Vogel.

2. MINUTES. Gary Wittenauer motioned and John Tolan seconded to approve the July 23rd minutes. Motion carried. (4-0).

3. SEPTEMBER MEETING AND HEARING DATE. Next meeting and hearing date will be September 24, 2024 at 7:30 PM.

4. GUESTS. None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS.

- A. John provided S.L.M. minutes for August 21st. No easement yet. S.L.M. will switch to free chlorine on the third.
- B. Curry submitted plans for S.L.M. improvements to the E.P.A. S.L.M. is 150<sup>th</sup> on the list for potential E.P.A. funding for the project.
- C. The term for the F.S.H. appointment to S.L.M. is up for renewal. Motion to appoint John Tolan as the S.L.M. representative was made by Gary Wittenauer and seconded by Jesse Carlton. Motion carried. (4-0).

6. TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer's report, claims and bills for August were presented. Motion to approve the bills and reports as presented was made by Gary Wittenauer and seconded by Jesse Carlton. Motion carried by roll call vote. (4-0).

7. INVESTMENTS. Investments as of August 27, 2024 are as follows:

Bank	Amount	Rate	Term	Maturity	Payments	Cert. #
Citizens Bank	\$723,384.99	5.00%	7 MO	12/26/24	Monthly	55737424
Citizens Bank	\$265,407.33	3.00%	47MO	08/25/26	Quarterly	55737420
Citizens Bank	\$000,000.00	0.00%	00 MO	00/00/00	Monthly	00000000
Citizens Bank	\$000,000.00	0.00%	00 MO	00/00/00	Monthly	00000000
Citizens Bank	\$103,033.92	3.00%	47MO	07/09/26	Quarterly	55737418
Citizens Bank	\$103,033.92	3.00%	47 MO	07/09/26	Quarterly	55737419
Citizens Bank	\$300,000.00	3.25%	120 MO	09/26/28	Quarterly	55737416
Citizens Bank	\$000,000.00	0.00%	00 MO	00/00/00	Quarterly	00000000
Citizens Bank	\$214,419.72	4.06%	24 MO	10/26/24	Quarterly	55737422
Citizens Bank	\$204,980.99	5.00%	07 MO	09/27/24	Monthly	55737423
Money Market	\$267,684.52	0.35%	N/A		Monthly	11977602

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT.

- A. Larry Rhutasel reported on two meetings, concerning a potential interconnect, with Fayetteville representatives along with Ken Vielweber and T.W.M. Engineers. Fayetteville's pumps have a reported output of 250 gal/min which would be inadequate. There are also concerns of elevation between Fayetteville and F.S.H. water towers. Costs of the project would include two valve vaults of approx. \$20,000 each and boring underneath the highway at a cost of \$70,000 to \$100,000. Ken Vielweber advised to let the idea to rest for now.
- B. Greg with Volkert Inc. has the F.S.H. mapping completed for Julie, Inc. and will be delivered by the end of the week.

9. HYDRO SERVICES, INC.

- A. Chad reported the tower cleaning contract was delivered to MidCo and a date for the project to start anticipated by weeks end.
- B. A turn lane is being proposed for the Village of Smithton. Chad will provide F.S.H. water line locations for the study.
- C. Chad reported the E.P.A. inspection went good. Federal E.P.A. changed testing mandates of chlorine residual from 5 to 7 days a week.
- D. Hydro Service contract agreement was revised for testing costs - monthly service fees increased \$300. Motion to approve the revised agreement was made by Jesse Carlton and seconded by John Tolan. Motion carried by roll call vote. (4-0)

10. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS.

- A. Vielweber: Ken noted an email from the insurance company concerning an insurance audit; Bryan will review.
- B. Carlton: Jesse reported he emailed the Smithton Mayor a second time with regard to the Dollar General issue and has not heard back.
- C. Tolan: Nothing.
- D. Wittenauer: Nothing.

11. ADJOURN. Jesse Carlton motioned and John Tolan seconded to adjourn at 7:54 PM; motion carried (4-0). The meeting was adjourned until September 24th, 7:30 PM.

Chairman - Ken Vielweber

Clerk - Bryan A. Vogel

Freeburg Car Wash  
112 N Van Buren  
New Athens, IL 62264

October 14, 2024

To whom it may concern:

My name is John Feder, most of you already know me. I own the two car washes in town, at 301 S State Street and 860 S State Street. I have hired a company to assess and help close any of my businesses that I own that are not making a profit. Both of these two car washes fall in that category, and I do not have a loan on either of these two properties. The biggest red flag that shows up is the water and sewer bill. I cannot raise my prices much because I have to stay in line with my competition with the surrounding towns. For example, Smithton.

The Freeburg water and sewer rate combined is roughly \$24.99 per thousand. The Smithton water and sewer rate is roughly \$14.92 per thousand. Freeburg is the highest around in the area by far. I also own a car wash in Troy, IL and they are roughly at \$11.22 per thousand. I do understand as I am on the town board in New Athens, that you guys must pay your bills. I understand that for a regular household residence that uses 3,000 - 5,000 gallons a month paying roughly \$25 per thousand.

I would like to see you consider making a break for the businesses using over 40,000 gallons per month. I know some surrounding towns do this. You guys would have to look at your businesses in town and see but I would bet only a few would use over 40,000 gallons per month.

I do not feel I could sell the car washes because I have no loan and cannot turn a profit, no one else should be put in that situation.

Please consider this and let me know if you can do anything. If not, I'll have to shut down both car washes and repurpose them as storage yards for my trucking business. I would be happy to discuss any of this with any or all of you. My phone number is 618-616-1928.

John Feder