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TIM HOPKINS
TODD REYLING

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2026

Trustee Becherer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Village Hall. Trustees Jason Becherer, Charlie Rogers, Jim Elbe, Jim Mourey, Tim Hopkins, and Todd Reyling were present. Village Administrator George Liyeos and Public Works Supervisor Dean Klein were also present.

Trustee Mourey motioned to appoint Trustee Becherer Chairman of the meeting in the absence of Mayor Smallwood. Seconded by Trustee Hopkins. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – Upon the suggestion of the Village Administrator and agreement provided by the Board to move this item up on the agenda to accommodate Todd Hinderliter who was in attendance to address the Board. Mr. Hinderliter provided a summary of the proposed contract renewal that would include a 0% increase for 2007 and a 5% increase for the next two years with a two-year option with 5% each year.

Various elements of the contract were discussed including a question about how this contract compares to the one Freeburg recently approved. Mr. Hinderliter responded that the main difference was that the volume for trash was not as much in Freeburg due to a higher participation rate for recycling and yard waste diversion programs. Additional matters regarding the actual number of households to be billed and reconciling it with what is reflected in the billing reports provided by LOCiS.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS - The trustees reviewed the bills to be paid. Trustee Mourey had a question about a bill regarding cleaning vehicles associated with chip and seal work. Dean provided a sufficient explanation as to why the Village assumed the cost similar to how the County assumes the cost with matters such as this.

STORMWATER AGREEMENT – Suggestion by Trustee Reyling to get pricing on 18’ pipe & a junction box to revise cost estimates. Suggestion by Trustee Becherer to determine if neighbor to the west will have to be included in the agreement with dirt that may have to be placed on the property.

Thoughts from Trustee Hopkins & Elbe regarding the ongoing issues related to stormwater problems. Consensus from the board to move forward with this matter and review others to achieve an agreement similar to the one reached last year regarding the stormwater easement behind Creative Children’s Learning Center.

HUNTER'S POINT SUBDIVISION – The Village Administrator reported that Hunter Yung still has not responded to the Fee Agreement submitted to him on July 23rd.

COMMUNITY SOLAR – Review of the DRAFT Resolution provided by Good Energy L.P. who will continue to serve as the agent/consultant for the Village to secure community solar credits to be applied to the monthly Ameren bill that will reduce said rate 10% or approximately $13,000. After further discussion regarding the details of this agreement and the other communities in the area who have approved this rejoinder, it was agreed that this resolution will be considered for approval at the October 20th meeting.

BRIA PROPERTY – Trustee Rogers shared his thoughts about the potential future uses for the site which were discussed amongst the other members of the board. It was recommended that the Village Administrator pursue further due diligence as to what the potential market interest might be for this property.

POLICE PERSONNEL – Trustee Elbe reviewed the initial developments related to the upcoming labor agreement with the FOP. He also informed the Board that the ballfield lights would be kept on overnight and possibly have a department vehicle parked near the Haunted Trail area to discourage any potential vandalism.

AMEREN IL ENERGY EFFICIENCY – Briefing provided by Dean Klein as to the proposals submitted by Illinois Electric and Motor, Pump Services LLC to perform maintenance work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was indicated that the lower bid submitted by Motor, Pump Services LLC will be accepted, and work will be scheduled shortly.

A few other utility matters requiring attention to ongoing maintenance were mentioned including one for stormwater pipe replacement in the easement near 4227 Cypress Oak in November.

WATER & SEWER CD's – The two CD's at 1st National Bank of Waterloo in the Sewer & Water Funds set to expire on October 23rd, were agreed upon in principle to be renewed at 3.9%.

Trustee Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Hopkins.
Approved upon voice vote unanimously at 8:37 pm.