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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 18, 2006

7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raymond Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., on Monday, December 18, 2006, in the Freeburg Municipal Center Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Those present and Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Charlie Mattern – here; Trustee Mary Krieg – here; Trustee Rita Baker – here; Trustee Corby Valentine – here; Trustee Tony Miller – here; Trustee Kevin Groth – here; and, Mayor Raymond Danford - here. (7 present, 0 absent) Mayor Danford announced there is a quorum.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, December 4, 2006, and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Mary Krieg reported Finance had nothing.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel was absent.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Fred Keck reported a letter from Attorney Steve Wigginton to Administrator Herzing was received reference Phil Sheets' response of demolition to his properties.

ESDA REPORT: Nothing.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mrs. Janet Baechle reported a neighbor was having problems with water standing on vacant lots (400 Silverthorne).

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

BHMG – Contractor's Pay Request #9 from Korte & Luitjohan for \$70,145.00: Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to approve payment to Korte & Luitjohan for Payment #9 with Lien Waivers in the amount of \$70,145.00 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye;

Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Thank You Note From The Robert Koesterer Family: A Thank You Note was received from the Koesterer Family (Pat Herzing's father).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

2007 Schedule of Public Meetings: Mayor Ray Danford presented the 2007 Board Meeting Schedule.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: Nothing

BIDS: Nothing

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES: None

OLD BUSINESS: Mrs. Janet Baechle asked that the 2007 Board Meeting Schedule be published in the paper.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request To Sponsor Freeburg Midgets' Boys Basketball Holiday tournament: Village Clerk Louthan reported that if there was an ad published, it was paid by the Mayor and not the Village. No action taken.

APPOINTMENTS: Nothing

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting: Trustee Kevin Groth reported on the Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting held Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

Discussed items under old business: (1) Dickerson Agreement should be finalized soon. (2) Attorney Wigginton has prepared revised deeds for the Kaiser properties and a meeting will be set up for all involved. (3) Letters have been sent on the public hazard homes and they have to come up with a rehabilitation plan. One property owner did not respond and one person contacted Attorney Steve Wigginton. Attorney Wigginton will advise us on which direction to go. We are not required by statute to give any other notice.

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee Corby Valentine reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held Wednesday, December 13, 2006, 5:04 p.m.

Trustee Valentine reported on information under old business: South Circuit Contract – it was reported that bid documents were received for one transformer and one underground materials which are due December 21, 2006, 2:30 p.m. Decorative Light Poles – Decorative

light poles will be installed at the north end of town after approval from IDOT. Power Plant - The Power Plant should be up and running in February. There is one issue concerning the concrete floor and we have \$180,000.00 retainer to argue the issue. Wiring should be completed in two weeks. Fencing Around Power Plant - *Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to approve going out for bid on the fence to be erected around the Power Plant for January 4, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Mary Krieg - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth - aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried. Telephone System - Looking into a new system for the Power Plant and Administrative Offices. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg Power - In the process of getting Village power for Ms. Miller. Changing from Ameren to Village power.

NEW BUSINESS: Purchase of Reel Trailer - *Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to purchase the Reel Trailer from Brooks Brothers in an amount of \$15,752.00 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Mary Krieg - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth - aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried. Sewer Backups from 11/30/06 Power Outage: - It was reported that IEPA will be sending out letters that backup generators be installed at the lift stations. General Concerns - It was reported there were other entities helping clean up the Village from the winter storm.

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting: Trustee Rita Baker reported on the Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting held Tuesday, Wednesday, December 13, 2006, 6:11 p.m.

Trustee Baker reported Officer Kent Ahlers is released to full duty. Officer John Cappello will be ending his tour of duty in January, 2007.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve payment for the remainder of the Annual Dispatch Bill and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Mary Krieg - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth - aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:53 p.m.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss personnel (5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c) (1)a.) and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Mary Krieg - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth - aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to end Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

8:10 P.M.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to resume the Freeburg Regular Board Meeting and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to ratify the Freeburg Police Contract for the next three years and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held about rewarding the Village employees for the work they had done to clean up the Village after the winter storm. *Trustee Rita Baker motioned the Village give the Village employees a \$25.00 gift certificate to Valentine's Restaurant for all the work done in cleaning up after the winter storm and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, Wednesday, December 20, 2006, 5:30 p.m.
Street Committee Meeting, Wednesday, December 20, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, December 27, 2006, 5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 2, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No thank you Mayor.

Trustee Mary Krieg: Thank you Mayor – wish everybody “Merry Christmas” and “Happy New Year”.

Trustee Rita Baker: Same sentiments.

Trustee Corby Valentine: Nothing Mayor tonight.

Trustee Tony Miller: “Merry Christmas”.

Trustee Kevin Groth: Nothing.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Administrator Dennis Herzing: Nothing.

Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann: Nothing

Chief Mel Woodruff: Absent.

Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan: Nothing

ADJOURN:

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Billie Louthan, Village Clerk