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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 2, 2007
7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raymond Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, April 2, 2007, 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 – absent; Trustee Mary Krieg – absent; Trustee Rita Baker – here; Trustee Corby Valentine – here; Trustee Tony Miller – here; Trustee Kevin Groth – here, and, Mayor Raymond Danford - here. (5 present, 2 absent) Mayor Danford announced there is a quorum.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, March 19, 2007, as presented and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) Motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Kevin Groth reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 5:07 p.m., in the absence of Trustee Mary Krieg, Chairperson.

Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to pay the General bills in the amount of \$11,892.37 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Trustee Mary Krieg – absent; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; and Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) Motion carried.

Trustee Groth reported the Village's audit is getting close to being caught up. Appears the audit will go smoothly.

It was also reported that the Village's insurance will be paying \$47,000.00 towards the power outage and FEMA will reimburse what the insurance company does not pay. FEMA will pay 75% of the cost to mulch the debris pile at the Industrial Park.

Trustee Groth commented that Mrs. Debbie Pierce, Accounting Clerk, is doing a fine job.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel was absent. Nothing to report

ESDA REPORT: Nothing.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Fred Keck reported two (2) petitions for demolition have been filed with the Circuit Court for 409 West Washington and 2 South Monroe. An additional mortgage was found to be placed against the property at 301 South Richland Street. Notice has to be given to the mortgage company before action can be taken. Once that is done, a third petition will be filed with the Circuit Court.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Wilbert Smith asked if sidewalks were going to be put in some of the new subdivisions when streets are done? It was stated that the Village has Zoning Codes that will cover those issues and sidewalks are always discussed with developers.

Mr. Smith wanted to know if there are going to be sidewalks at the Senior Living quarter. It was stated that is being addressed.

Mr. Smith also has concerns concerning imminent domain. He requested the Village prepare an ordinance preventing imminent domain from happening in Freeburg. Mayor Danford explained imminent domain is governed by Illinois State Statute. It is difficult to change State Statute.

Mr. Smith was invited to attend the next Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting to discuss his issues.

Mr. Smith also had concerns about retention ponds for water drainage. The new subdivisions do not have retention ponds. There is a lot of water that travels in his direction. It was reported the Village builders do follow the Village's ordinances and Illinois State Statutes.

Mrs. Janet Baechle wanted to know if the \$545.51 on the Warrant List was being paid. It was reported that amount had been pre-approved.

Mrs. Baechle also asked about sidewalks in subdivisions (Timberwolf/Lone Oaks). Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann reported that sidewalk procedures are covered in the Village's Zoning Code. In some subdivisions, placement of sidewalks were determined by the use or if the street is a thoroughfare.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank You from Rhonda and Jay Clark: The Village received a "thank you" note from the Clarks for picking up their leaves and sticks.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Nothing.

BIDS:

Lawn Mowing Bid: Trustee Tony Miller motioned to award the bid to Ferguson Lawn Care at a cost of \$238.00 for each mowing and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Mary Krieg – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – no; and, Mayor Ray Danford – aye. (4 ayes, 1 nay, 2 absent) Motion carried.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:

Petition for Annexation – David and Tammy Parrish: The Parrish’s have requested to annex to the Village of Freeburg as SR-1.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 07-03: A Resolution Amending the Solid Waste Collection Fees – Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve Resolution No. 07-03 by title only and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Trustee Mary Krieg – absent; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; and, Trustee Corby Valentine – aye. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) Motion carried.

Trustee Corby Valentine reported the raises were made by Waste Management and the Village is passing them onto the public.

Resolution No. 07-04: Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code – Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve Resolution No. 07-04 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Trustee Mary Krieg – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 1247: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Freeburg (David and Tammy Parrish) – Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1247 by title only and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Trustee Mary Krieg – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Tony Miller. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Public Works Committee Meeting (Trash/Water/Sewer): Trustee Tony Miller reported on the Trash/Water/Sewer Committee Meeting held Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 5:34 p.m., in the absence of Trustee Charlie Mattern, Chairperson.

The following was reported by Trustee Miller:

1. Language being discussed concerning the Freeburg Fire Protection District Agreement.
2. Temporary Commercial water meters will be done on a case-by-case basis.
3. The Village met with Smithton reference the Regional Wastewater Project. the Village is waiting to hear from Smithton.
4. An article for Waste Management's "Recycling by Mail" is being put in the paper. Envelopes will be placed at the banks and Township.
5. Resolution No. 07-03 for the solid waste collection fees should cover the costs of the recycling program.
6. The Consumer Confidence Report has been received. Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan is working on this. Since we have no violations, the report does not need to be mailed to residents.
7. Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan has requested \$15,000 - \$20,000 be budgeted for 2007 to purchase more radio read meters.
8. Discussion was held about sewer backups that happened during the ice storm and how claims could be covered.

Public Property Committee Meeting (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation): Trustee Tony Miller reported on the Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting held Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 6:44 p.m.

The following was reported by Trustee Tony Miller:

1. Options to relieve the water drainage situation on Westbrook was discussed.
2. Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann is working on options for the streetscape concerning sidewalks, drainage, et cetera.
3. Lawn mowing bid was awarded.
4. 2006 MFT salaries were discussed. *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve \$25,000.00 be taken from the MFT Fund for salaries and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony

Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Trustee Mary Krieg – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) Motion carried.

5. The Village is applying for a grant from the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission Spring Funding for the Village Park.
6. The prices for the 2007 Spring Clean Up will stay the same.
7. The Committee members discussed summer hire. *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to hire Dan Schrader and Jonas Shook for the 2007 Summer Help and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Trustee Mary Krieg – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) Motion carried.
8. MFT special projects to be considered for 2007 are Lakeview Drive, Goose Bottom Lane and Main Street.
9. The debris pile from the ice storm at the Industrial Park was discussed. Debris is no longer being accepted at the Industrial Park. The Freeburg Police Department should be notified. *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to award the bid to R & N (Red Bud) to clean up the debris at a cost of \$32,000.00 and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Trustee Mary Krieg – absent; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; and, Trustee Corby Valentine – aye. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) Motion carried.
10. The Committee members are still discussing street banners for the Village.
11. It was reported the Concession Stand at the Swimming Pool is being worked on. New flooring will be poured, new one-door refrigerator, one-door freezer, and novelty cooler will be purchased.

Committee As A Whole Meeting: Mayor Ray Danford reported on the Committee As A Whole Meeting at Smithton, Saturday, March 24, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Mayor Ray Danford, Trustee Rita Baker, Trustee Tony Miller, Trustee Charlie Mattern, Trustee Kevin Groth, Trustee Corby Valentine, Administrator Dennis Herzing, Attorney Steve Wigginton, Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann, Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan and Office Manager Julie Polson. Trustee Mary Krieg was absent. Those present from Smithton – Mayor Lloyd Bush, Trustee Eric Benedick, Trustee Dan Valentine, Trustee Joel Boeving, Trustee Ray Klein, Trustee Buddy Bauer and Mr. Scott Saeger.

The meeting opened at the Freeburg Municipal Center with the Freeburg Board of Trustees and at 9:06 a.m. the Board of Trustees adjourned to travel to Smithton.

Mayor Lloyd Bush of Smithton called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

The group is continuing to investigate the Regional Wastewater Project. Questions were discussed and how costs would be divided for the project.

Left the meeting and the Village is waiting to hear from Smithton on whether or not they are going to go on their own or join Freeburg.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 4, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
Electric Ordinance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
Personnel & Public Safety Meeting, Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Public Property Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 19, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting, Monday, April 16, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Charlie Mattern: Absent

Trustee Mary Krieg: Absent

Trustee Rita Baker: No thank you.

Trustee Corby Valentine: No thank you.

Trustee Tony Miller: No thank you.

Trustee Kevin Groth: No thank you Mayor.

Administrator Dennis Herzing: Nothing

Treasurer Bryan Vogel: Absent.

Village Clerk Billie Louthan: 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 8:16 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Billie Louthan, Village Clerk