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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 17, 2007

7:30 P.M.

Board Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raymond Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, December 17, 2007, in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

ROLL CALL: Trustee Charlie Mattern – here; Trustee Steve Smith – here; Trustee Rita Baker – here; Trustee Corby Valentine – here; Trustee Tony Miller – here; Trustee Kevin Groth – here and Mayor Raymond Danford – here. (6 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 3, 2007 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

FINANCE: Trustee Smith said the only thing I have is regarding the Personnel and Police meeting on Wednesday. Trustee Smith said Bryan mentioned the audit has been completed for this year. The auditor commented what a good job Debbie had done and she should get a recommendation for a job well done. Trustee Smith said he had created a spreadsheet for the planning meeting in January and he asked Julie to put in everyone's packet. He did not get one, so she may not have copied it. If he could get that by January the 3rd he will consolidate it and pass it out before we meet so everyone can look it over and see what everyone thinks for our projects going forward.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel - Nothing tonight, Mayor.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA Report: Mayor Danford reported we have a handout from Gene of the ESDA activities for the last couple of weeks. He has no comments on that, not unless anyone else does. Trustee Valentine said he has no comments on Gene's notes, but the fact he was recognized in the paper recently about the level of excellence in the job he does and he is an asset to the Village of Freeburg and what he does for us.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Jan Baechle said why don't we have a Gene Kramer Day because he does a lot for this Village and he needs to be recognized. Mayor Danford said he will give that some thought. There's no doubt that he relied heavily upon Gene from the first day I took over. Emergency Preparedness is something a lot of people talk about, few people really know how to do it well like Gene. It's kind of a daunting job when you first take over as Mayor and have that type of responsibility. He would have to say that is one thing that was in almost impeccable condition when he took over. Procedures were well outlined and a lot of little things that have to go along with that, contracts that have to be set up, agreements with the other bodies of the village -- fire departments, all of the schools and of course Gene has done very well in keeping our local citizens enthusiastic with their jobs, because that is a thankless job for them. They spend many hours up there in a middle of a storm opening up our storm shelters we need to thank all of those people too. Jan said maybe we should have a day to recognizing all of them because they do really do a good job.
2. Jan Baechle asked has our attorney forgotten where we are now, doesn't he come out to Freeburg anymore. Mayor Danford answered he makes his appearance out here and keeps us well informed with his e-mails and he is here when he is asked to be.
3. Bob Koerber said he mentioned to the Mayor awhile back a little thing he doesn't think there is an ordinance against it. He thinks it is unsafe and he doesn't think it looks good. There are a few people who park on the wrong side of the street and it seems to be the same people. It is kind of confusing when there is two of them in the car on the wrong side of the street getting ready to go in the morning and you are going the right way and they kind of pull out in front of you and you think where did they come from. It probably isn't a big deal he just don't think it looks good. Mayor Danford said there are rules of the road that state that you can't park on the wrong side of the road. Bob said it is not a big deal, he just would like to see what should be done about it. Bob said there are a few on first block of South Edison that are parked everyday like that and a couple of them in his neighborhood that do the same thing. Mayor Danford did mention to Mel and they will go over it again and make sure he is aware of the problem area if he's not already. It seems like he was familiar with the problem. It is like anything else, you have to have the police when they do it.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Mayor Danford said next on the agenda we have an recommendation from the Plan Commission for an annexation from Willard Henry and Debby Joann Holtzmann at 3400 Twelve Oaks Lane. The Plan Commission did recommend to the Board the annexation and rezoning be approved. Trustee Valentine asked where Twelve Oaks is located and Administrator Herzing answered right next door to Helms, Holtzmann has five acres. Dennis said all the ordinances and everything to do the annexation aren't prepared. They will be ready for the first meeting in January.

Mayor Danford said there will be hearing at the January meeting for that annexation. Mayor Danford said the recommendation can wait until we have the hearing if you want to get a little more information, just go ahead and table that if you want to.

Mayor Danford asked for a motion to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission on the annexation of the property of Willard Henry and Debby Joann Holtzmann at 3400 Twelve Oaks Lane and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: Mayor Danford announced we have Memorandum of Agreement with Barnes, Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende, Inc.(BHMG). This memorandum is for a \$15,600 study and has to do with utilities' assessments within the Village of Freeburg. Trustee Smith asked a question on the memorandum. It says the billing date will be due and payable in thirty calendar days. He assumes that is thirty days after this assignment, but it doesn't say when they are going to start or how long it is going to take. Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann answered with we did ask that question and he said they said they should have it done by March. Trustee Smith asked shouldn't that be on this Memorandum of Agreement? Mayor Danford said he thinks we actually protect ourselves we just wouldn't pay them until we get the study.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to accept this Memorandum of Agreement with BHMG for \$15,600 for the Utilities study and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion; **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

BIDS: None

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Danford said we have a Permit Resolution with the Illinois Department of Transportation to install electric cable under Route 13/15.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to accept Resolution 07-13 for IDOT to install electric cable under Route 13/15 and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried

Trustee Valentine informed the public the permit resolution was for running underground power to the lift station instead of putting a generator there so that will be more dependable out there.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 1275: An Ordinance Enacting Section 94.09 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Freeburg, County of St. Clair, State of Illinois to provide for a Special Assessment for Certain Ordinance Violations. A small discussion was held about the ordinance.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1275 by title only and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried

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OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting: Trustee Groth reported on the Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Trustee Groth discussed:

1. **Material Requirements on Commercial Buildings:** Trustee Groth stated we discussed the material requirements for commercial buildings issues again. Charlie was going to go to the Chamber of Commerce meeting and throw it out there for discussion and see what happens and we haven't discussed it since then.
2. **Status of Public Hazard Homes:** We talked about the fact that the Koesterer property is down and which the property on Monroe Street coming down which it did, the old Post Office is history.
3. **Recording System for Board Room:** We talked about a more reasonable price tag. Julie and Dennis were going to contact Heil and talk to them about it. Dennis said Julie had called them and had not heard back from them. We discussed the speaker out in the lobby and it was pointed out there is a speaker already out there. So he doesn't think that it will be too big of a problem to tie that into the new system.

Under New Businesses

1. **Special Assessment Ordinance:** We discussed the new ordinance that was passed tonight.

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee Valentine reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Valentine stated the first item of old business was:

1. **South Circuit Contract/Lugge Easement:** He gave an update on this contract. If the board members remember, we had to cancel part of J.F. Electric's contract because Ron's crew took over some of that work, and we promised to negotiate with them on the cost of what portion of the contract that was left. We sent Ron back to try and negotiate a number and they accepted it. Trustee Corby Valentine explained that if we accept Change Order Number 2 which reduce the contract by \$53,727.00 and along with that, Change Order Number 3 will reduce the other side of that contract to the amount \$71,781.36. Our original contract was \$568,363.58 which would be reduced to \$442,855.23, difference of \$125,508.00 (Change Order's No. 2 & 3). We have done most of the work ourselves and we have a little to finish yet after we get that easement out there.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to accept Change Order Number 2 in the amount of \$53,727 and Change Order Number 3 in the amount of \$71,781.36 and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to pay J.F. Electric the final payment in the amount of \$166,156.76 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried

2. Power Plant: Trustee Valentine said the North and South units are still not talking to each other. Ron had a meeting today. Both power plants are working well they just are not communicating with each other the way they want to.
3. Switchover to Ameren: There was supposed to be a meeting last week, but was postponed as Ameren had some other issues being called out for the ice storm.
4. Generators: Ron advised the order for the permanent stationary generator at Woodsvew was canceled due to the permitting issues. He is looking into smaller portable generators.

Under New Business:

1. Streetlight on Ill Rte. 15: A resident on the North end of town near Jefferson Road by Hamman's asked about street lights. In a previous meeting we discussed once the highway project is finished, we will more than likely put in streetlights out there. Trustee Valentine feels it is the Village of Freeburg's responsibility to take care of intersections out there and light them up.
2. Streetlights for Park District: Trustee Valentine said Rick Barthel from the Park District asked for the old aluminum poles they took down from the highway and replaced them with new ones. They would like some of them for the tennis court out at the park. Dennis said they would like 8 to 10 of them. A small discussion took place before making a motion.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to donated to the Park District no more than 10 of the aluminum poles that were taken down ones and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting; Chairperson Rita Baker called the meeting of the Personnel and Public Safety to order on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Baker started with the old business under the Police Department.

1. We were advised that Tom Watts is still on medical leave. John Blomenkamp is back to work.
2. Mel asked if he could get a copier for next year, his is outdated.
3. They have had some arrests in the car break-ins that happened a couple of months ago. There were a group of teens who were arrested in Belleville. He believes they are probably the group that hit Freeburg.
4. We talked about a speed limit on SAVE Rd. and that is going to the Street Committee.
5. Trustee Baker announced that Christine Benson declined the Zoning Administrator job.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Street Committee Meeting - Wednesday, December 19, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, December 19, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Monday, December 24, 2007 and
Tuesday, December 25, 2007

CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY – Tuesday, January 1, 2008

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 2, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, January 7, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

Legal & Ordinance – Wednesday, January 9, 2008 - 4:00 p.m..

Committee As A Whole – Monday, January 14, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.

Long Range Meeting – Monday, January 14 or 28 , 2008 – 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:09 P.M.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

8:26 P.M.

Mayor Danford asked for a motion to reconvene the regular board meeting of the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to reconvene the regular board meeting at 8:30 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. With 6 ayes, none opposed, motion was carried.

Mayor Danford said he has no further action on the agenda at this time

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and have a safe Holiday.

Trustee Steve Smith: He seconded on Charlie's comments.

Trustee Rita Baker: My sentiments exactly.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: Mine too.

Trustee Corby Valentine: Merry Christmas. He wasn't here at the last board meeting, but he saw in the minutes where the Mayor made a remark about the property demolition. And he has been opponent to try and clean these properties up, not that he enjoys making people's lives miserable or taking property away from them. He thinks it is our responsibility to provide a safe environment for the residents and a place that makes this village proud to live in, a place that looks nice, that has been the whole goal. We

went through every legal procedure we had to. It took a long time, there are two properties that are down and he's not proud that we had to take them down, but he thinks it's to the betterment of this village and he agrees with the Mayor, it's not fun. When you go to the courthouse you don't walk out with two winners, that never happens and it is a shame we had to get to that point, but we did everything we could to make it right the easy way and we couldn't. We just couldn't get people to work with us so we had to do what we did. He thinks we need to take these, clean them up and move on. Hopefully in the future people will know that we will not accept that kind of behavior and/or property and as a village we are going to keep it clean and maybe it will make a difference in the future.

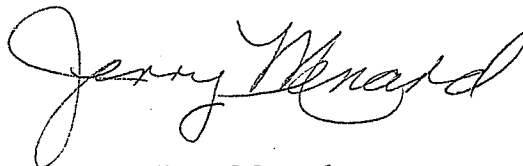
Trustee Tony Miller: He would like to say Merry Christmas.

Trustee Kevin Groth: He has a question, he saw a letter in his box about the coyote sightings and the listing information was from our animal control guy. Kevin asked Tom from the Freeburg Tribune if we gave you the information would you print in the paper on what residents could do to help with the problem. Dennis said he already e-mail the paper the information.

STAFF: None.

ADJOURN:

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk