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VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, February 5, 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, February 5, 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 – here; Trustee Mary Krieg – present; Trustee Rita Baker – here; Trustee Corby Valentine – here; Trustee Tony Miller – here; Trustee Kevin Groth – here; and, Mayor Raymond Danford. (7 present, 0 absent) Mayor Danford announced there is a quorum.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 16, 2007, as presented and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Mary Krieg reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held Wednesday, January 31 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to pay the General bills in the amount of \$28,170.67 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to engage C. J. Schlosser & Company to do the Village of Freeburg's audit at a cost not to exceed \$7,300.00 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to approve Hursey Telecon's telephone system for the Village at a cost of \$16,574.74 with possible battery backup and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

There is no Maintenance Agreement because there is a 5-year guarantee for the new telephone system.

Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to purchase two (2) police patrol cars at a cost of \$16,588.00 each and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

One vehicle will be purchased out of this year's budget (2006-07) and the second vehicle will be purchased out of the new fiscal year budget (2007-08).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel reported thanks to Mrs. Debbie Pierce for working hard to have everything ready for the audit as it was commissioned to start today.

ESDA REPORT: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Fred Keck reported nothing new.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Nothing.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Nothing.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:

John and Marilyn Dahm Pre-Annexation Agreement: The Pre-Annexation Agreement with the Dahm's was made available for review.

12 kV South Loop Materials Bid K001 – Change Order No. 1: *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve payment in the amount of \$9,650.83 for the 12 kV South Loop Materials – Change Order No. 1 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

BIDS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCE:

Ordinance No. 1237, An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of Pre-Annexation Agreement (DAHM) – Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1237 by title only 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)

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Corby Valentine asked what the status is of the hazardous properties? Administrator Herzing reported the Koesterer's were located and they need time to make decisions on what to do with their property. A meeting is going to be set with Mr. Phil Sheets to discuss his issues. Kinzinger's have done a lot to clean up. Taking garage down and waive option on what to do about the house. They are staying in contact with Attorney Steve Wigginton's office.

Employee Insurance Reimbursement: *Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – No; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; and, Trustee Corby Valentine – aye. (5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent) Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:50 P.M.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to end Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

8:06 P.M.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to enter into the Regular Board Meeting at 8:07 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Charlie Mattern motioned to modify the Village's policy and have the office staff reimburse full-time Village Employees for health insurance deductions at a rate of: Employee - \$2,000; Employee and Spouse - \$4,000; and, Employee and Family - \$6,000, and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – no; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (5 ayes, 1 no, 0 absent) Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Public Works Committee Meeting (Trash/Water/Sewer): Trustee Charlie Mattern reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting held Wednesday, January 17, 2007, 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Mattern reported the Village is still working with the Freeburg Fire Protection District concerning an agreement. The Eckert's water service is moving forward. Route 15 Water Main Replacement is in progress. The Regional Wastewater Project is in a holding pattern stage. Possible areas to pick up recycling envelopes at the Village, banks and Township office will be confirmed by Administrator Herzing. The Village is evaluating power outage concerns and how to reduce outages in the future.

Public Property Committee Meeting (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation): Trustee Tony Miller reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held Wednesday, January 17, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve a salary of \$3,000.00 for each Co-Manager (Renee Greenlee, Scott Schulz and Dawn Krauss) for the 2007 Swimming Pool Season and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – 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 Tony Miller motioned to approve rehiring lifeguards and concession stand workers from last year that resubmitted their application at a \$.50 an hour pay increase, plus Emily Harris at \$6.00 per hour and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – 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 Tony Miller motioned to pay R. J. Huelsman a \$.42 pay increase and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – 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.

The Committee discussed different things for the pool. Administrator Herzing has talked to Treasurer Bryan Vogel about setting up an account for pool donations.

Other items discussed was the Westbrook storm water drainage; Freeburg High School; F. X. Heiligenstein sidewalk and curb and gutter; sidewalk on Temple Street not removed yet; Village cleaning service not being renewed; and, lawn mowing bids.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve going out for bids for lawn mowing with a call date of March 8, 2007, 2:30 p.m., and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – 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.

Swimming Pool Committee Meeting: Trustee Tony Miller reported on the Swimming Pool Committee Meeting held Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Miller reported most of the items were taken care of at the previous report.

Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann got items for the pool renovation from Rain Drop Products. He is to possibly meet with Natara February 22, 2007, to discuss pool products.

It was decided to leave the 10-day pool pass the same and fees for the season passes remain the same as 2006.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, February 7, 2007, 5:00 p.m. – **Cancelled**

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting, Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

Personnel & Public Safety Meeting, Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 6:00 p.m.

President's Day – Closed - Monday, February 19, 2007

Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No thank you Mayor.

Trustee Mary Krieg: Yes, I do. Thank you. As the Village was making ready to renew the health insurance, it might be an opportunity of sharing the expense of \$330,000 for twenty (20) employees, which could save a significant amount of money. Tonight, that was reversed by the Village Board missing an opportunity to save money for the Village. In the real world, this type of coverage does not take place. The employee would have a \$500 medical deductible that would have been more than fair. I am disappointed that did not happen.

Trustee Rita Baker: Nothing.

Trustee Corby Valentine: I don't think it was reported. It is okay to supply Ms. Miller Village electric. Ameren backed off.

Trustee Tony Miller: We will be receiving a pool donation from a group's fund raiser. Once I get a figure, I will bring it up.

Trustee Kevin Groth: I would like to make it clear, even though we moved to reimburse 100% on deductions, we will save the taxpayers a significant amount of money. I don't think this is the time to cut benefits for the employees since we have been having the ice storms. I don't think the taxpayers are going to mind.

Mayor Raymond Danford: I would like to mention to all residents if they have not submitted their storm damage it would be a good time to get it to the Village. It appears we are not getting any and all documented storm damage reports. Specifically, with the sewer backups.

Administrator Dennis Herzing: Nothing.

Treasurer Bryan Vogel: Nothing.

Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann: Nothing.

Chief Mel Woodruff: Nothing.

Village Clerk Billie Louthan: I would like to compliment the Administrative Staff and Police Department Staff for all the hard work with the installing of new carpet. They had to move everything out of each room and put it all back with help from the Public Works Department. They did a fantastic job!

Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan: Nothing.

Janet Baechle: Janet asked who was going to be cleaning the carpet? Administrator Herzing explained the girls in the office are going to do the cleaning and have someone professional to clean the carpet when necessary.

ADJOURN:

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.



Billie Louthan, Village Clerk