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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, July 16, 2007 7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Raymond Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., on Monday, July 16, 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 – absent; Trustee Kevin Groth – here, and Mayor Raymond Danford – here. (6 present, 1 absent) Mayor Danford announced there is a quorum.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** *Trustee Corby Valentine would like to make a correction to the July 2, 2007 minutes. The minutes stated that Trustee Valentine reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting and should have read Electric Committee Meeting; Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, July 2, 2007 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** Trustee Steve Smith reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Steve Smith reported we are still pursuing Total Titanium's interest in an Industrial Park Site. Trustee Smith called on Administrator Dennis Herzing; Dennis sent Total Titanium an e-mail they haven't responded yet. Dennis talked to the Department of Economic Opportunity -- the Grant people. The Grant people told Dennis Total Titanium has to decide on where they want to locate and can then get involved to keep their business in Illinois.

Administrator Herzing advised us that the Total Titanium has directly met with the Grant Department and they are familiar with the situation. Dennis is meeting with them next week to tour the Industrial Park Site.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Bryan Vogel passed out the monthly Treasure's Report for May and June.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept the Village of Freeburg monthly Treasure's Report for May & June and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

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**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Steve Wigginton gave his report and advised that he wanted to go into a closed session towards the end of the meeting.

**ESDA REPORT:** Gene Kramer ESDA Coordinator was not present. Gene dropped off an ESDA Report. Mayor Danford informed us that Gene has just completed IS-00271 course entitled "Anticipating Hazardous Weather & Community Risk."

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Bill Schwartz reported about the swimming pool being dirty and having trash in it. Bill also spoke on a Safety Town Program for Children that Columbia has put together for the last three years in teaching children -- kindergarten & first grade -- safety tips on water, walking and driving. He left a pamphlet with more information on the program.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:** None.

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** After a discussion with the Board Members, Mayor Danford announced he would like to make the following appointments for the Plan Commission: Mary Kreig for a three-year term and the reappointment of Steve Woodward for a two-year term.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept the appointments of Mary Kreig for a three-year term and Steve Woodward for a two-year term for the Plan Commission and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern -aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth– aye. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

**Committee As A Whole Meeting:** Mayor Danford called the Committee As A Whole Meeting to order on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Danford talked about the proposed contract with Smithton for a Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. We haven't heard back from Smithton yet on their position on the contract. Some areas of the contract need to be revised.

**Electric Committee Meeting:** Trustee Corby Valentine reported on Electric Committee Meeting held Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

South Circuit Contract: JF has been planting poles starting at FSH water tower

Power Plant: ISO will be coming out to reprogram the PLC and retesting which should take about three days – basic problem being the north power plant is not correctly reading the status of the breaker at the south power plant. BHM&G will be picking up the bill, they took full responsibility for the problem.

Street Banners: An order has been placed

Route 15 Pole: PWD Ron Dintelmann met with IDOT about the pole in the middle of the pavement (by Hamann's driveway) and advised that IDOT is offering to reimburse us to have the pole moved.

**Personnel & Public Safety Committee Meeting:** Trustee Rita Baker reported on the Personnel & Public Safety Meeting held Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 6:03 p.m.

Sergeant Interviews: Chief Woodruff advised the officers have completed their psychological exams.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to recommend Officer Steve Burrows to the position of Sergeant of the Freeburg Police Department and Trustee Charlie Mattern seconded the motion; **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth– aye. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

Officer Watts Request: Officers Watts' requested to be reimbursed for 44 hours of vacation time. He is currently on workers' compensation and is unable to use his vacation prior to his anniversary date.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to recommend Officer Watts be reimbursed 44 hours of vacation pay in accordance with our standard policy and Trustee Charlie Mattern seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth– aye. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

Gateway Council Hosting: A request was received from Gateway to hold their annual biking event through Freeburg on Saturday, July 21, 2007 and Sunday, July 22, 2007. Chief Woodruff advised he has no problem with it. The committee had no objection.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Water & Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, July 18, 2007, 5:30 p.m.

Street Committee Meeting - Wednesday, July 18, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

Plan Commission Meeting - Wednesday, July 18, 2007, 8:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting - Tuesday, July 31, 2007, 5:30 p.m.  
Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 5:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, August 6, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to go into executive session and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to resume the regular board meeting and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried back in session.*

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS:**

**Trustee Charlie Mattern: Nothing**

**Trustee Steve Smith: Nothing**

**Trustee Rita Baker:** Trustee Baker wanted to let Trustee Groth know the first topic they talked about at the committee meeting is on the back the back page of her report.

**Trustee Corby Valentine:**

**Trustee Tony Miller:**

**Trustee Kevin Groth: Nothing**

**STAFF:**

**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 8:27 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard, Village Clerk