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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 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, March 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 – 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, February 20, 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, February 28, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to pay the General bills in the amount of \$67,525.24 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 - aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Krieg reported the Village's audit is being conducted and it looks good. Our bookkeeper Debbie Pierce has done a terrific job for our auditors. It is a good feeling our auditor have done a quick audit this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel was absent.

ESDA REPORT: ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer explained the Service Award that was being presented to St. Paul's United Church of Christ for 33 years of service to the community for providing their underground education center as a tornado shelter safety area. It is being presented Sunday, March 11, 2007.

Other items discussed regarding the ESDA program were Mr. James Kramper providing training for ESDA personnel for Severe Weather Spotter; reviewed data generated from Freeburg's ESDA on weather pattern; Mr. Bob Knight wants generator back and this will be taken care of by Mr. Kramer; need for an XP base laptop upgrade – place in budget; and, thanked the Board for its continued assistance. April is going to be a very stressful weather month.

The Village needs generator specifications from Mr. Kramer reference what is needed for shelters.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Janet Baechle wanted to know if there was some way Mrs. Pierce could get something for doing a good job? No action taken.

Ms. Sheila Gallagher and Mrs. Jackie Gallagher requested closing the street for their March of Dimes event to be held April 29, 2007, beginning at 11:00 a.m. *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve a request to block South Richland Street for a March of Dimes event beginning at 11:00 a.m. on April 29, 2007 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.

Ms. Gallagher requested a special permit for liquor license to serve alcohol on Mr. Dave Favre, Jr.'s property. Mayor Danford explained there may not be enough time to issue a special liquor license. He suggested they talk with Chief Woodruff about the request.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Freeburg Women's Community Club Request To Use Village Park For Easter Egg Hunt: *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the request for an Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Village's Park 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Plan Commission Recommendation Concerning Parking at Freeburg Market Place: Mr. Joe Koppeis requested a revision on his previously approved improvement plans for Freeburg Market Place. It was recommended that we not make any changes to our ordinance and surrounding communities' ordinances are similar to ours. Mr. Koppeis requested he be allowed to keep the area in question as green space and make more parking there if necessary. It was the recommendation by the Plan Commission that we hold on a final decision now and review on an annual basis. *Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to accept the recommendation by the Plan Commission that the Village not make a final decision on the parking at Freeburg Market Place and review the situation annually and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:**

Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth - aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Plan Commission Recommendation for Annexation and Rezoning – Eckert Property: *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation to approve the Eckert Land Company annexation and rezoning property from SR-1 (Single-Family) to "A" (Agricultural) 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. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Board of Appeals Approval of Special Use Permit 07-01 (D. Gass): It was asked to have more information on the Special Use Permit for Mr. Donald Gass' project. It was asked if the Village was going to extend the sidewalk by that property along Alton Street? It was reported it would be Mr. Gass's responsibility. The preliminary sketch shows sidewalks.

BIDS:

Material and Labor Bid for 12 kV South Loop: *Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to award the bid to J. F. Electric at a cost of \$559,466.00 for the labor, Underground in Duct Bank, Underground on Hill Mine Road, Overhead Construction and Underground on E. Urbana Drive 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.

Trustee Valentine stated J. F. Electric was the lowest bidder with the fastest turn around. We wanted to finalize the loop as fast as we can.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:

Annexation Agreement for Eckert Land Company: *Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to approve the Annexation Agreement with Eckert Land Company and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Tony Miller - aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 1239: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of An Annexation Agreement For The Annexation Of 21.52 Acres, More Or Less, Of Real Estate Owned By Eckert Land Company Located In The County Of St. Clair, State of Illinois – *Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1239 by title only and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern –

aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Tony Miller. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1240: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Commonly Known As The “Eckert Property” To And In The Village Of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois – *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1240 by title only and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth - aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1241: An Ordinance Amending The Freeburg Zoning Ordinance For The Purpose Of Rezoning Certain Property Commonly Known As The Eckert Property – *Trustee Rita Baker to approve Ordinance No. 1241 by title only 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Corby Valentine asked about the status of property by the High School? Administrator Herzing reported they have asked for an extension of 30 days, but Attorney Wigginton does not want to allow an extension. Nothing to report on the title searches as yet. Trustee Valentine believes it is important we continue to keep up with these issues.

Mayor Bush of Smithton contacted us about scheduling a Committee As A Whole for the sewer treatment plant to be hosted by Smithton. A Committee As A Whole was scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., at Smithton Village Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Pool Committee Meeting: Trustee Tony Miller reported on the Pool Committee Meeting held Monday, February 26, 2007, 8:00 p.m.

The following was reported by Trustee Miller:

A telephone conference was held with Mr. Thomas Lilly of Rain Drop Products and information on toys for pools was requested. Talked about some ideas for the pool and have different outlets for different pool toys. Should have more information for the March 13th meeting.

Use the same pool passes from last year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Electric Ordinance Committee Meeting, Monday, March 5, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 7, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
Pool Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
Electric Ordinance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 6:00 p.m.
Personnel & Public Safety Meeting, Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 5:00 p.m.
Board Meeting, Monday, March 19, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No thank you.

Trustee Mary Krieg: No thank you.

Trustee Rita Baker: No thank you.

Trustee Corby Valentine: On behalf of St. Joseph, we appreciated all the assistance of various groups and facilities offered during and after the fire at the Parish.

Trustee Tony Miller: The Freeburg Women's Community Club is having an event at Bel-Air Bowl on April 21, 2007, and the proceeds will go towards the pool. The Swim Team Club is doing the Freeburg Rotary Brunch Sunday, March 25, 2007, and the proceeds will be donated to the pool renovation.

Trustee Kevin Groth: A disaster area designation has been secured and a grant may be available for us. Sheila and Jackie had a successful March of Dimes event last year.

Administrator Dennis Herzing: Nothing

Treasurer Bryan Vogel: Absent.

Village Clerk Billie Louthan: Nothing.


Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann: Absent.

Chief Mel Woodruff: Nothing.

Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan: Nothing.

ADJOURN:

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Billie Louthan, Village Clerk