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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, November 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, November 5, 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 - absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – here; Trustee Tony Miller – here; 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 motioned to approve the minutes of Monday October 15, 2007 and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Steve Smith asked to approve the Warrant List.

- Warrant List:** Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Warrant List in the amount of \$12,117.94 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.
- Illinois Municipal Assistance Program:** Trustee Smith reported to the board that our application for the Illinois Municipal Assistance Program has been accepted, in late spring or early summer they will come to Freeburg to do the survey. The cost will be \$2, 500.00.
- C.J. Schlosser & Co.:** Trustee Smith spoke about C.J. Schlosser performing the audit. Trustee Smith said this will be discussed later on the Agenda.
- Industrial Park:** Trustee Smith said that Joe Tantillo is interested in purchasing the lot next to his business. We also have an ordinance for that to vote on this later in the agenda.
- IMLRMA Insurance Renewal:** Trustee Smith said that he would like to discuss the Insurance Renewal with the board later on the agenda.

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6. Strategic Meeting: Trustee Smith said he would like to have a Strategic Planning Meeting on January 14, 2008.

Trustee Miller asked to go back to the audit. Trustee Miller asked Trustee Smith about the auditor, C.J. Schlosser, and did we have any other bids besides this company? Trustee Miller stated he thought we were going to go out for bids. After a lengthy discussion was held, the Board of Directors made a decision to stay with C.J. Schlosser this year and next year they will go out for bids.

7. Expense Reimbursement: Trustee Smith said we have two expense reimbursements that were discussed at the Finance committee meeting for Village Clerk Jerry Menard: 1. attending the Newly Elected Officials Conference \$282.82, and 2. Municipal Clerk's Conference \$1,125.09

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to reimburse Village Clerk Jerry Menard for her expenses stated above and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine– aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: Gene Kramer started off talking about the National Weather Service Open-House on October 27th that he attended. Gene said they were only accepting 700 and they had 1,245 people show up. From attending, we will receive CEU's that will go towards our Storm Safety Community qualification, if we qualify which Gene is sure we will. We should receive two signs that will be presented to the Mayor and Administrator that belong at each end of the town. Attending their Open-House is one of the requirements. Next, Gene announced that we will have our Community Preparedness Program which will be held on November 14th at Carl L. Barton/Freeburg Elementary school in the cafeteria area starting at 7:00 p.m. Gene passed self-help handouts and other informational material that will be available at the Preparedness Program on that day. The program will include all Local Emergency Department chiefs or a representative including Freeburg ESDA, Freeburg Public Works Department, Freeburg Police Department and Freeburg Fire Department. Gene said he will get notices out to the Mayor, Board, Administrator and out to the businesses concerning this meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Jan Baechle asked about the property on Phillips that had a sign in the building window advertising 3 apartments for rent. Jan thought there was going to be a business downstairs and just one apartment upstairs. Administrator Dennis Herzing replied that this was brought to the Zoning Board of Appeals and a request was made to be allowed to rent those apartments for residential use and it was denied. They are trying to rent out the bottom part to a business and rent just the top part for an apartment.
2. Jan also asked do we have that much money in our funds to have a treasurer, bookkeeper, auditor and a Village Administrator, that we need four annuities to watch everybody. Mayor Danford answered it is a system of checks and balance. He thinks it is a pretty good system the

way it is set up right now. He also advised that it has been budgeted for that method of control.

Trustee Groth advised by state statute, we have to have an auditor and by state statute we have to have a Treasurer and you have to have a bookkeeper here daily for the book work.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:

1. C.J.Schlosser & Company: Audit for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2007

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to hire C.J. Schlosser & Company to conduct the audit for the year ending March 31, 2007 not to exceed \$7400 and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine– aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

2. IMLRMA Insurance Renewal: Administrator Dennis answered all questions on how the insurance renewal works. Administrator Herzing also explained how it could work to our advantage if we were to have a good year with not so many claims. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to take the Minimum/Maximum Option of \$109,510.10 and Trustee Corby Valentine the seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Miller spoke about safety and asked if we had a safety pamphlet to give to our new employees. Trust Miller said he would put this item on his agenda for his committee to discuss.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 1269: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Lot 3 of Freeburg Industrial Park.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1269 by title only with correction in paragraph 3 # 1 to read Lot 3 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion; **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern -aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Public Works Committee Meeting: Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 by Chairperson Charlie Mattern. Trustee Mattern reported on the following topics:

1. Regional Wastewater Project: Trustee Mattern said we are still waiting on Smithton's response. Mayor Danford answered that it is on their agenda next week as a Committee As A Whole Meeting.
2. Power outage concerns: We have continued to investigate and Ron is moving forward on the acquisition of the power source for the lift stations.
3. SAVE Site Water: We are continuing to investigate improvements to the Save water system which now belongs to the Village of Freeburg.
4. Utility Bill: We reviewed a bill from a resident and we our trying to resolve the problem.

Public Property Committee Meeting: Public Property Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 by Chairperson Tony Miller.

1. Swimming Pool: Trustee Miller said we met mostly to hear a presentation given by Kevin Post from Councilman-Hunsaker on what they do with pools. Kevin gave us a lot of information. Trustee Miller said we are going to sift through all that information and come up with something either that way or something that already been discussed. Also Administrator Dennis advised us the Health Dept. has given back their comments on the existing plan that we have on the pool. There were 23 comments, of which about half need to be taken care of. Trustee Miller asked Dennis if he has called them, Dennis said not yet. We are waiting on that, Dennis has some comments for them on what they think we need to do on the existing plan that we had drawn up.

Community Center: We discussed a Community Center that the town could use.

2. Streetscape: We talked about the drainage problem over off Main Street.
3. Request from St. Joe's Church: Trustee Miller said St. Joe's asked to block off street for play area for the children until the end of the school year.
4. Request for sidewalk replacement: We talked about a sidewalk replacement and curb on Washington Street. We are working on a culvert replacement on Adele Street.
5. Leaf pick-up: Trusted Miller reported leaf pick up started today. We have only received 2 applications for part-time leaf collector.
6. MFT: The maintenance and special project areas of MTF were discussed and Ron stated we could do the very basic MFT package in house and if we do a special project, we can hire

out for it.

Trustee Miller added we are going to have a Committee as a Whole meeting on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a presentation on providing neutral gas to the residents.

Trustee Smith asked do we have a date to make a decision about what we are going to do with the pool. Trustee Valentine replied he was glad Steve brought that up. We are meeting on November 26th for Committee as a Whole and on the agenda we have gas and guest coming and once they leave why don't we have on the agenda Regional Wastewater Plant. By then we should have information from Smithton and also what we are going do about pool.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, November 7, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.
Electric Committee Meeting - Wednesday, November 14, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.
Personnel & Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday November 14, 2007 – 6:00p.m.(canceled)
Board Meeting – Monday, November 19, 2007, 7:30 p.m.
Committee as a Whole Meeting – Monday, November 26, 2007 - 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No thank you

Trustee Steve Smith: No thank you

Trustee Rita Baker: Absent

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: No thank you

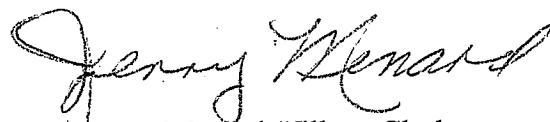
Trustee Corby Valentine: No thank you Mayor

Trustee Tony Miller: Nothing tonight

Trustee Kevin Groth: I just have a question, is the Sheets property ready to go. There was a discussion on the safety of the property. Dennis said all utilities have been disconnected and all safety precaution will be taken care of.

STAFF: Gene Kramer stood up and stated the week of the 11th National Weather Services of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency has declared Winter Preparedness Week In Illinois.

ADJOURN: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*


Jerry Lynn Menard, Village Clerk