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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, October 15, 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, October 15, 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, October 1, 2007 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** Trustee Steve Smith reported our application to the IMAP Program was submitted and we should hear from them by the end of month if we will receive it.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Bryan Vogel passed out the Monthly Treasure's Report for the month of March for the board to review. Bryan asked for the approval on the past Monthly Treasurer's Report of January & February 2006. Trustee Tony Miller asked questions about the report and Treasurer Bryan Vogel replied to Trustee Miller's questions.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept the January, 2006 & February, 2006 Treasurer's Report and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – 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.*

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Mayor Danford said he has nothing to report from the attorney.

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Danford said he has nothing from Gene Kramer to report. Trustee Groth told the Mayor and Trustees that he heard that NOAA was changing the way they are going to issue thunder and tornado warnings.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

1. Janet Baechle asked about the tornado warning, when she lived on Potter she could hear them. Now that she lives farther out of town, she can't hear them especially if the storm is coming from the west.

## **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Freeburg Women's Community Club: Request to reserve the Village Park and the portion of South Belleville Street, from the park to Carl L. Barton Elementary School, on Sunday, October 28, 2007 for the Halloween parade for the children in the community. *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the request from Freeburg Women's Community Club 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.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Rezoning of 409 West Washington St: The Plan Commission met on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 to consider a request from Gregg Crawford to amend the Zoning Code to change the zoning of the property commonly known as 409 West Washington St. from SR-1 (Single Family Residential) to MR-2 (Multi-Family Residential). Questions were asked by the Board of Trustees concerning the property and Village Administrator Dennis Herzing answered their questions. *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation for rezoning and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern -aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

**BIDS:** None

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:** Intergovernmental Agreement between Village of Freeburg and Freeburg Fire Protection District - see Ordinance No. 1265.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

## **ORDINANCES:**

Ordinance No. 1265: An Ordinance Authorizing Execution Of Agreement Between The Village Of Freeburg And The Fire Protection District. Trustee Miller asked if this Agreement is to everyone's satisfaction and all trustees replied yes.

*Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1265 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 Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1266: An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois.(Fire Protection District)

*Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1266 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 Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1267: An Ordinance Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of Rezoning Certain Property Commonly Known as 409 West Washington St.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1267 by title only and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – 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.

Ordinance No. 1268: An Ordinance Declaring Certain Personal Property to be Surplus Property and Authorizing The Sale Or Disposition Thereof (Vehicle).

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1268 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 Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting: Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 by Chairperson Kevin Groth. Trustee Groth reported they only had two topic to discuss.

1. Fire Department Agreement: We discussed the agreement which was passed tonight.
2. Sparky Wilson life insurance: The lawyer for Pat Wilson has not gotten back with our insurance company.

Street Committee Meeting: Public Property Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 by Chairperson Tony Miller. Trustee Miller reported their big topic was the Swimming Pool.

1. Swimming Pool: Trustee Miller said they are going to meet with a consultant from Counsilman-Hunsaker before the next meeting.
2. Streetscape: Trustee Miller reported that they will clean out the debris, brush and flow line

from the ditch behind Main St. hoping that this will relieve some of the drainage off of the highway.

3. Street Banners: We are going to leave the banners up two years, we need to wait and see how long they will last. We agreed to charge out-of-town businesses \$50.00 more than in-town.
4. MFT: Trustee Miller expressed how nice the purple trap rock looked that was laid down on Lakeview Drive. It cost twice as much but really looks nice. We will probably only use this rock on special projects because of the cost.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to hire 1 or 2 Part-time Leaf Collectors and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – 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.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to hire R & N Tree Service not to exceed over \$5,800.00 to clean out the debris, brush and flow line from the ditch on N. Main and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – 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.

Trustee Groth addressed the Karla Thies problem with the holes on her property.

Jan asked if you purchase a banner where does that money go, is it going to the Village or the company that we buy it from? Trustee Miller answered it goes for the upkeep of the banners. There was a further discussion on the banners.

**Electric Committee Meeting:** Electric Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 by Chairperson Corby Valentine.

1. South Circuit Contract/Laugge Easement: We discussed the South Circuit project, the upgrade and where we are with that project.
2. Power Plant: We talked about the final black start test - we are working through that with ISO. We are waiting to hear from IMEA if they accepted our dedication of the units. Public Works Director Ron said we received confirmation letter on it today.
3. Switchover of Ameren Freeburg power: IMEA is back negotiating with Ameren. We are waiting for them to hash that out and hear from them.
4. Generation: We discussed the portable generator issues for a couple of lift stations when power is out. *Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to purchase two used 60 kW portable generators for \$15,000.00 each and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee 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.
5. Moving of Pole on RT.15: Trustee Valentine reported the pole project is completed and the bill has been sent off to IDOT.

#### **Under New Business:**

1. New Regulations: Trustee Valentine said Ron advised us with the new regulations of flame

retardant clothing are now required for the electric lineman, and the Village will have to supply them for their safety gear.

**Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting:** Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 by Chairperson Rita Baker.

1. **Hire of full-time police officer:** Trustee Baker advised us according to Chief Woodruff that Dave Unverferth has passed his physical/psychological exams and will be starting work this week.
2. **Officers:** Trustee Baker said that Officer John Blomenkamp is scheduled to come back to work on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Officer Tom Watts will remain on the off-work schedule. Officer John Cappello will be deployed this spring.
3. **Zoning Administrator Position:** The Committee discussed hiring a part-time Zoning Administrator. We discussed hiring Christine Benson in this position, at the rate of \$20.00 per hour.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to recommend Christine Benson be appointed part-time Zoning Administrator at the rate of \$20.00 per hour if she accepts this position and Trustee Charlie Mattern second the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

**Portable Generators:** *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to purchase two portable gas-powered generators not to exceed a total of \$4,000.00 for ESDA and Trustee Steve Smith second the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Steve Smith -aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

**Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting:** Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. on Thursday 11, 2007 by Chairperson Kevin Groth.

1. **Fire Department Agreement:** We held a meeting with attorney Wigginton on the fire department agreement which we passed tonight.
2. **Material Requirements on Commercial Buildings:** There was a lengthy discussion on this subject. Trustee Groth said that Fairview Heights just passed a material requirement for commercial buildings and he would like to look this ordinance over as it may give us some ideas. Steve said he would send some information on the Illinois Statues - Kevin is still waiting on that.
3. **Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Trustee Groth stated that Attorney Steve met with Attorney Carmen Durso and reviewed the agreement. Carmen has a better understanding of the agreement now.
4. **Wilson Life Insurance:** Trustee Groth reported that our claims adjuster has been in contact with Mrs. Wilson's attorney. Mayor Danford stated that our claims adjuster and Mrs. Wilson's attorney seem to be coming up with an agreement.
5. **Stumpf Lawnmower Repair Business:** The committee briefly discussed the concerns of the neighbors on Stumpf's repair business. Trustee Baker said we are waiting to hear from Stumpf's son.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, October 17, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.  
Zoning Board of Appeals- Thursday, October 18, 2007 – 8:00 p.m.(on 409 /West Washington)  
Street Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 24, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting - Tuesday October 30, 2007 - 6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, November 5, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to go into executive session at 8:11p.m. to discuss pending/possible litigation and personnel and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to end the executive session and continue the regular Board Meeting at 8:58p.m. and Trustee Rita seconded the motion. All voting aye; the motion carried.*

*Trustee Charlie Mattern motioned based on conditions beyond their control that Ron Dintelmann's recommendation for step increase be retroactive from September 1 back to their respective anniversary dates for Gregg Blumenkamp and Jeff Mohr and that their pay be adjusted accordingly retroactive to their anniversary date and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

## VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No, thank you.  
Trustee Steve Smith: No, thank you.  
Trustee Rita Baker: No sir.  
Village Clerk Jerry Menard: No, thank you.  
Trustee Corby Valentine: No, thank you.  
Trustee Tony Miller: No, Ray. Thank you.  
Trustee Kevin Groth: No, thank you, Ray.

## STAFF: NOTHING

## ADJOURN:

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 9:01p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk