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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, September 17, 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, September 17, 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 Tuesday, September 4, 2007 and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion.* (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Steve Smith:

1. Is exchanging e-mails with RCGA to promote the Industrial Park.
2. Requested the Illinois Municipal Program be put on the next Finance Committee agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel passed out the Monthly Treasure's Report for the month of December, 2006. Bryan asked for approval on the past Monthly Treasure's Report for November, 2006.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept the November 2006 Treasure's Report and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion; **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Miller – aye; Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern -aye; Trustee Steve Smith– aye; Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth– aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Steve Wigginton reported he has a meeting with attorney Carmen Durso, the attorney for Smithton, on October 9, 2007 at his office regarding the Wastewater Treatment agreement.

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ESDA REPORT: Gene Kramer reported on:

1. Replacing the old emergency generator with a new emergency generator; and

2. A Disaster Preparedness Course is being offered to the community by a representative from the American Red Cross on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Township Hall. Some of the topics will be how to handle the situation if your electricity, water and gas were cut off or if you were confined to your home. This program is especially beneficial for all senior citizens, but also would benefit everyone from the community to learn about these topics.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Janet Baechle asked if we could advise the residents about the Disaster Preparedness Course by printing that information on the bottom of our Village bill. Mayor Danford responded we will take that into consideration as one way of communication for the community.

Jeff Piontek talked about two concerns:

1. Rocktoberfest Concert - the noise, crowds and traffic. Mayor Danford informed Jeff the concert has been moved to Freedom Farm; and
2. Slow Down sign to be placed on Cemetery Road.

Paul Anderson discussed the new light poles that have been placed around Citizens Bank and asked if we will be extending further North as there is about 18 businesses out that way.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE – None.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – None.

BIDS - None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:

BHMG: J.F. Electric's Application for Payment on the South Loop, Material and Labor project.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to pay J.F. Electric Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$276,698.47 for the portion of the South Loop they have completed and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – 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.

Korte & Luitjohan's Application for final payment

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to pay Korte & Luitjohan's final payment in the amount of \$68,006.31 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony 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.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting: Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 by Chairperson Kevin Groth.

1. Status of Public Hazard Hones: High School interested in the Koesterer property.
2. PWD, APWD Position Status: Trustee Mattern said this should be discussed at the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting.
3. Building Permit Fees for Tax Exempt Organizations: Dennis is going to work on an Ordinance for waiving the Village of Freeburg's portion of the building permit fees for tax exempt organizations. When ready, it will be presented to the board.
4. Countryside Lane Annexations: Talking to the residents to see if they might be willing to annex into Freeburg.
5. SIMAPC Bid: The Plan Commission is not in favor of spending that much money to have SIMAPC update. Plan Commission is meeting on a monthly basis and are in the process of updating the problem areas in the current Comprehensive Plan.

GENERAL CONCERNS:

1. Trustee Mattern questioned the status of 550 - 556 Phillips Street. The matter has been sent for hearing before the Board of Appeals.
2. West Apple Street request to reduce the speed limit was denied.

Electric Committee Meeting: Electric Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 by Chairperson Corby Valentine.

1. South Circuit Contact/Lugge Easement: JF has completed the work from the power plant to Route 15. The line will be ready shortly to be energized.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to authorize a change order canceling J.F. Electric's contract on the South Loop Project effective immediately and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony 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.

2. Mobile Generators: We need to purchase mobile generators to support the lift stations when they have the power outage.
3. Moving of pole on Route 15: Trustee Valentine advised the board that IDOT will reimburse the Village 100% for moving the pole.

Trustee Valentine announced that Freeburg was named IMEA "Municipality Of The Year" for the construction of its new power plant facility. Trustee Valentine congratulated Ron and John and the public works employees for a job well done.

4. Prairie State Energy Campus Open House: Trustee Valentine announced their open house will be on October 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Personnel and Public Safety Committee: Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 by Chairperson Rita Baker.

1. Officer Hire: Trustee Baker said, Chief Woodruff advised the committee he now has two officers off duty due to injury and Officer Cappello will be deployed by next Spring.

Trustee Baker motioned to hire a full-time police officer with the position being posted from Tuesday, September 18, 2007 through Monday, September 24, 2007 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.

Trustee Baker motioned to hire Kurt Schmulbach as a part-time police officer for the Village of Freeburg 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Water & Sewer Committee Meeting - Thursday, September 20, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 20, 2007 - 8:00 p.m.
Street Committee Meeting - Wednesday, September 26, 2007 – 4:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 5:30 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, October 1, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: I would like to congratulate the Public Works Department on their award for a job well done. Thanked the administration before this one.

Trustee Steve Smith: I would like to agree with Corby and Charlie on their comments.

Trustee Rita Baker: Kudos to the gentlemen.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: None.

Trustee Corby Valentine: None.

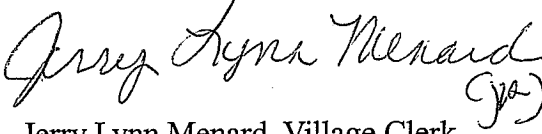
Trustee Tony Miller: Congratulations, Ron, your department does a great job.

Trustee Kevin Groth: I just would like to add what Trustee Mattern had to say. What a great job Ron and his group does day in, day out, rain or shine. The people that came before us, that set us on this path.

STAFF: None.

ADJOURN:

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard, Village Clerk