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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Board Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2008, 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 (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, August 4, 2008 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent).* All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: Trustee Smith said he has nothing tonight.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel was not present. Trustee Baker said we have two Treasurer's Report Summary of Receipts to approve.

Trustee Rita Baker motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January, 2008 and February, 2008 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 Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Mayor Danford said the only thing he has from our attorney is Sheets' Motion to Reconsider has gone in front of the judge and was denied. Sheets now has 30 days to appeal this order.

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Danford said there is a report from Gene in the packet. On July 30th, he met with FCHS Administrators in addition to Freeburg Police Department and the Fire Department Chief to review the Crisis Management Plan and update as necessary. He had a "walk through" at Freeburg Total Fitness Center with Bruce Burk taking them up on their offer in using their building as an emergency shelter in time of village need. On August 14th, he had a meeting with Jim Schnipper, SAVE site Director of Operations, to discuss our EOP and how he is working his EOP.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Jackie from Gallagher's took the floor. She said they are having a Bikes for Babies Poker Run on Sunday and would like to block off the street again. Mayor asked if daylight or afternoon hours is what she is looking at. Jackie replied afternoon. Mayor asked if she had already talked to Mel. Mel said no, she hasn't. She should submit her request in writing to him. Mayor Danford asked Jackie if she is looking to barbecue close to the street and Trustee Miller asked the time of the event. Jackie said between 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Trustee Baker asked if she needed it before that and Jackie said yes, she would like to block it off around 2:00 p.m. to make sure we have plenty of room. Mel asked if there are any special events during this day. (**Recording illegible**). Mel asked if there is going to be a wet t-shirt contest or anything like that. Jackie said no, this is the March of Dimes benefit. Mayor Danford told Jackie to be sure that Shelia lets Mel know if there is anything other than what she has said here tonight. Jackie said there is only going to be food and music and that is it. Trustee Groth asked what kind of music it is. Jackie is pretty sure the band is Whiskey River. Trustee Miller asked what time they end. Jackie wasn't too sure what the trustees were saying. Village Clerk Menard asked Jackie what time do they play and stop. Jackie said they play from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Danford said he would still like to have something in writing from her before the activity takes place to leave it with Mel.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the request to have the street blocked off for the Bikes for Babies Poker Run 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.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Danford said the only thing he has tonight is two FOIA requests for additional information from the Tribune for the Committee as a Whole closed door session on July 28, 2008 and the Finance Committee closed door session on July 31, 2008. In the interest of transparency, we passed this entire request to our Attorney Steve Wigginton to review.

Trustee Miller said he has a correspondence request from the Fire Department for the MBA Drive for Jerry Kids.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the request from the Fire Department to use the intersection of Apple and State Street on August 22, 2008 for the Boot Drive for Jerry's Kids with a rain-out date of August 29, 2008 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.

RECOMMENDATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Mayor Danford said the Plan Commission met on July 30, 2008 to approve the request for the Ralph and Georgia Luechtefeld annexation and also the David and Susan Gass annexation. The Plan Commission voted to recommend the annexations to the Village Board for their approval.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: Mayor Danford said we now come to Exhibit D: Ordinance 1294 - Authorizing Execution of an Annexation Agreement (Luechtefeld).

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1294 by title only 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.

Exhibit E: Ordinance 1295 - An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Commonly Known as the “Luechtefeld Property” to and in the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1295 by title only 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.

Exhibit F: Ordinance 1296 - An Ordinance Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of Rezoning Certain Property Commonly Known as the Luechtefeld Property.

Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1296 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Kevin Groth– aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

Exhibit G: Ordinance 1297 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement for the Annexation (Gass).

Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1297 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

Exhibit H: Ordinance 1298 - An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Commonly Known as the “Gass Property” to and in the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1298 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

Exhibit I: Ordinance 1299 - An Ordinance Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of Rezoning Certain Property Commonly Known as the Gass Property.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1299 by title only and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – 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.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Miller asked Village Administrator Herzog if Tony Erwin had contacted him on the grant for a truck route on Main Street. Dennis said he has talked to him and Trustee Miller asked Dennis when. Dennis said last week some time, but couldn't remember which day. Trustee Miller said he talked to him Saturday and asked Dennis to give him a call tomorrow and find out if there is something specific that needs to be done. That will be before we have our street meeting and he would like to know something by then.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting: Trustee Groth called the Legal & Ordinance meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Community Improvement Board:** Trustee Groth said Mayor Danford advised us no date has been set because of everyone's summer schedule. Getting together is really tough at this time of year, most likely something will happen come this fall.
2. **Status of Public Hazard Homes:** We heard this evening from Dennis' report.
3. **Executive Sessions:** Trustee Groth said they went into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.
4. **Countryside Lane Annexations:** Trustee Groth said after we returned from the Executive Session, we discussed Countryside Lane Annexations which we did this evening.
5. **Sexual Harassment Training:** Trustee Groth said we spent some time talking about the sexual harassment training and Jerry was going to report what she found out from the other clerks. Ron has scheduled a training seminar with IMUA on August 25th.
6. **Huelsman Water Problem:** Trustee Groth said they spent a lot of time talking about the Huelsman water problem. Trustee Groth said we have a letter in our packets that Dennis drafted to send to Bob and Georgia concerning their water drainage problem. Trustee Groth asked everyone to take a look at it when you get a chance and review it.
7. **Ordinance for Drainage Easement Grades:** Trustee Groth commented the committee had a lengthy discussion about this topic.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Limited Groundwater Ordinance: Trustee Groth said he is going to get some clarification before we take any action.

Janet asked if anyone has taken a look at the culvert on Potter Street. Trustee Groth said she has to ask the street department.

Committee As A Whole Meeting: Mayor Danford called the Committee As A Whole meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2008.

1. Health Insurance Renewal: Mayor Danford said there was a lot of discussion on how we would handle the burdens of the rapidly increasing health insurance package. Basically, we assured everyone present that night it was our intent to preserve the integrity of their health benefits. Mayor Danford said we will keep them apprised of the situation. That is pretty much all we attend to do at this time.

Trustee Smith said before we go on to the next committee meeting, please look on page 3 of the Committee As A Whole minutes. There was a comment made that the money to fix the pool was going to come from the General Fund. The pool study came from the General Fund, but if we have to renovate or replace the pool, it most likely will come from a bond issue and not the general fund. Mayor Danford said that is probably true for a large renovation. Trustee Miller said at that time we haven't passed a Bond Issue, but that is where the past monies have come from. Mayor Danford said point taken Steve; he thinks it looks a little funny the way it is worded.

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee Valentine called the Electric Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2008.

1. South Circuit Contract: Trustee Valentine said we discussed the South Circuit project, it is basically done. We might have to add some regulators/capacitors to try and regulate the voltage out there. Ron said it is a little bit too early to tell if that will do it. We will see how well it works the first Monday or Tuesday of the month.
2. Power Plant: Trustee Valentine said there is a note in the packet about a letter Dennis has sent to BHM&G discussing the payment we made to Altorfer.
3. Warning Sirens: Trustee Valentine said the Deerfield warning siren had an issue and was supposed to be looked at. Trustee Valentine asked Ron if they fixed it and Ron advised not yet. Trustee Valentine said Ron switched it with one at Saturn Terrace since we have a higher number of mobile homes at Deerfield.
4. Fire Protection Inspection Reports: Trustee Valentine said the Freeburg Fire Department inspected the Village properties and noted the doors swing the wrong way and the one on the shed does not meet code. Ron is going to get some prices on some doors for us so we can meet code. Also, the gate at the new power plant is still not functional for the swipe card. Trustee Valentine said also in the packet is a letter Dennis wrote to the contractor who put the fence up that is supposed to get the gate working properly.

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting: Trustee Baker called the Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2008

OLD BUSINESS (POLICE):

1. Earthquake Preparedness Pamphlet: Trustee Baker said Julie received every pamphlet the Red Cross had except for that one she requested and they are revising them.
2. Curfew Ordinance: Trustee Baker said we talked about curfew ordinance and Mel is still researching the noise measurement issue to see if any other area law enforcement departments have such an ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS (POLICE):

1. MEGSI Renewal: Trustee Baker said they authorized the payment to MEGSI renewal fee of \$4,500.00.

Trustee Baker said they went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sexual Harassment Training: Trustee Baker said Ron has set up a training session with IMUA on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. and the employees will meet at the Fire House.
2. Employee Badges: Trustee Baker said we are getting the remaining pictures taken.
3. Employee Handbook: Trustee Baker said Julie has not started on it yet.

Trustee Miller said one question or comment he would like to make. The badges we are going to have for all the employees, especially our village employees out on the street, lets make sure they all are wearing them and their uniforms so the residents know who they are. Our residents are seeing different people right now reading meters. There have been a few people who have been asking questions who are they. We need something so the residents can feel comfortable knowing who they are. Trustee Valentine asked Trustee Miller are there employees who aren't wearing uniforms. Trustee Miller said yes there are, Ron said there is one. Trustee Valentine said we are paying for the uniforms. Trustee Miller said they have a uniform allowance. Mayor Danford said if they aren't in uniform they definitely better have their ID with them. Trustee Valentine said if that person is not wearing a uniform, lets make sure we are not paying for one. Mayor Danford said the main focus of the ID badge is in case of an emergency, we had officials from other areas that don't know us on personal basis, so we could justify to the Sheriff's Department who we are. Trustee Valentine asked didn't they buy t-shirts just a year ago and Ron answered yes. Trustee Valentine said why we don't look to buy some of those lime green t-shirts like the contractors wear as they stand out. This would be a safety measure for your guys.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Street Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 20, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Thursday, August 21, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.

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Board of Appeals – Thursday, August 21, 2008 – 8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 27, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
Plan Commission – Wednesday, August 27, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY –Monday, September 1, 2008
Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 2, 2008- 7:30 p.m.

VILLAG PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: He would like to commend the Homecoming Committee. As a patron, he thought it was a very nice event. He was only a casual observer, he didn't have much to do with it, but he thinks it was a very nice event, and they did a heck of nice job on the weather.

Trustee Steve Smith: No, thank you.

Trustee Baker: Yes, she would like to commend the Policeman Department for the fine job they did during the Homecoming.

Village Clerk Jerry: No, thank you.

Trustee Corby Valentine: Yes, he has several. As far as Charlie's comment, he thinks we set a record for the Fish Fry Friday night. He has been involved several years with the fish stand and we did an outstanding business and we had one heck of a crowd which was great. Thanks to the guys who cleaned up the village on the way into town, it looked nice with the weeds knocked down on the other end. He would also like to welcome the Gass' and Luechtefelds to Freeburg.

Trustee Tony Miller: Only thing to add to Corby's remark, that we fried more french fries than he has ever seen.

Trustee Kevin Groth: He would like to welcome the Gass' and Luechtefelds to the Village of Freeburg.

STAFF: Nothing

Mayor Danford said he would like to say Happy Birthday to Rita and many more.

ADJOURN:

Trust Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Village Clerk
Jerry Lynn Menard