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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, August 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Board Minutes

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Dennis Herzing

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Ronald Dintelmann

POLICE CHIEF
Melvin E. Woodruff, Jr.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Stephen R. Wigginton

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 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, July 21, 2008 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent).

FINANCE: Trustee Smith said he would like to make a motion to approve the Warrant List in the amount of \$26, 338.58.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Warrant List in the amount of \$26,338.58 and Trustee Baker seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – 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.

Trustee Smith said we talked about the Health Insurance Renewal at the Finance Meeting, which we will talk about later in the meeting.

- 1. Alternative Payment Method for Utilities:** Trustee Smith said a survey was sent out to all the customers on their utility bill, 98% did not respond or were not interested. We still are looking at a direct deposit module that will offer the customers the option either paying with a debt to their checking account or using a credit card.
- 2. Economic Study:** Trustee Smith we talked about doing an economic study of the Village's top ten utility users & employers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel said he passed out the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the month of January & February to the Board to look over and review. Treasurer Vogel asked if anyone had any questions on the Treasurer's Report he passed out last meeting for November & December.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for November, 2007 and December, 2007 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: None.

ESDA REPORT: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked if there will be fireworks this year at our homecoming? Mayor Danford answered no. Janet asked will there never be fireworks again? Mayor Danford said he didn't know. The Chamber of Commerce was split on that at the last meeting he was at; there was talk about having 4th of July fireworks instead. Janet asked whatever happened to the phone notification of the storm warnings and tornado warnings. Mayor Danford said phone notification still under appraisal due to cost factors and the variables of funding. We have, however, implemented the internet notification for those who have signed up for it.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

RECOMMENDATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Danford asked if anyone has any old business. Trustee Smith said for whoever doesn't know, Northern Illinois University will be here September 11th and 12th to start the Illinois Municipal Assistance Program Study. They will be doing interviews throughout the community. We will receive the full subsidy of the cost of the program, so \$22,500 of the \$25,000 is being paid by Northern Illinois University for us. Trustee Smith said what we are hoping to get out of this is to help us to identify what we are doing well to retain and attract business to our town, as well as show us where we need to improve. Trustee Smith said he has contacted Representative Dan Reitz and Frank Heiligenstein about the crossover barrier cables for the area between the north and southbound lanes of Route 15 between the north end of town and Green Mount Road. We sent letters to IDOT and we did get a letter back saying when the road construction is finished, they will review it again and see whether or not to install the cables. We will keep following up on that.

Trustee Miller asked if Senator Dave Luechtefeld had contacted IDOT. Trustee Smith said Senator Luechtefeld called IDOT after Trustee Smith called them. They said at this time, the way the state budget is, they don't have the funding to do this right now. Representative Dan Reitz told Steve he was going to follow up and see if they don't have the funding if it could be put into a capital appropriations bill. Frank told Steve he is going to send letters to other representatives and senators throughout the state to try and get some backing for us.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Committee As A Whole Meeting: Mayor Danford said we had a Committee as a Whole Meeting on Monday, July 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Health Insurance Renewal:** Mayor Danford said we discussed budgetary concerns with the health insurance renewal. A major concern is you get very little warning, but hit with large increases in the health insurance premiums and how to handle it has been a concern. We do have another Committee as a Whole set up for Monday, August 11th with the employees for a possible solution to this awkward position with the budget.
2. **Executive Session:** We held an executive session on a possible real estate transaction.
3. **Utilities:** We did have some utilities questions that we went over, apparently more questions than answers. At this time, nothing has come out of that.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 6, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Committee as a Whole Meeting – Monday, August 11, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 13, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 13, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, August 18, 2008- 7:30 p.m.

VILLAG PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Matter: No, thank you.

Trustee Steve Smith: No, thank you.

Trustee Baker: No, thank you.

Village Clerk: No, thank you.

Trustee Corby Valentine: Yes, it is more of a clarification, the comment you made that the meeting was open to street employees. He thinks it is every village employee, police department, anybody and everybody who is employed by the village. Village Administrator Dennis Herzing said, yes that is correct, all employees have been notified about the meeting. Dennis said there are a couple of employees who have notified him and cannot make it, but has given him their comments.

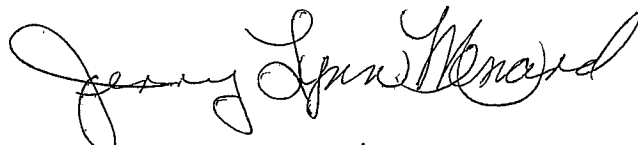
Trustee Tony Miller: Yes, but Corby already said it.

Trustee Kevin Groth: No, thank you.

STAFF: None.

ADJOURN:

Trust Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Lynn Menard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk