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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

7:30 P.M.

Board Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raymond Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., on Tuesday, February 19, 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, February 4, 2008 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

FINANCE: No Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No Report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report.

ESDA REPORT: No Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Danford said we received a thank you letter from the Alice Boeving family. They expressed their thanks to Freeburg police officers, Sgt. Burrows and Officer Unverferth who recently responded to a 911 call from Alice.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None

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RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCES NO. 1282: An Ordinance Amending Title XV, Chapter 154 of the Revised Code of the Village Of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois (Subdivision Code):

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1282 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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Janet Baechle asked if they could salt the street that goes into a cul-de-sac. On Silverthorne as you come in, they put salt at the stop sign, but they didn't as you come out heading towards Freeburg Douglas Road. She said you kind of slide through the stop sign until you came to the salty places where it stops you. The salt truck comes around the corner and puts some salt right there at the other stop sign. The North side didn't get any salt at all. The Mayor was satisfied with the job the city workers had done. Mayor Danford asked Ron if he had any comment on this. Ron said he will talk to the workers to make sure they hit all intersections.

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Committee As A Whole Meeting: Committee As A Whole met on Monday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Danford said at this meeting we basically listed a lot of projects that the Village needs to look at. Steve presented the concept that we actually categorize the projects on a 3-year or 5-year plan schedule Mayor Danford said this is a good idea and the major purpose was to bring this to the Trustees' attention. We are going to have a lot more discussion on those concepts as we get into the budget which we are working on currently. He said we will have to pick and choose which projects to spend our dollars on. Mayor Danford asked if anyone had any questions on the 3 to 5 year plans. If anybody has questions or needs a copy of the plan, check with Village Administrator Dennis Herzing.

Committee As A Whole Meeting: Committee As A Whole met on Monday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Danford said this meeting basically had to do with some questions the trustees had dealing with EWR and Counsilman-Hunsaker regarding the feasibility study, and he has nothing to add on to this. It was informative and he thinks the trustees got what information they needed. Trustee Miller said one thing he would like to add is that we make a motion to enter into contract negotiation with EWR and Counsilman-Hunsaker on the pool feasibility study. Mayor Danford said he has no problem with this as long as it don't lead us to any type of financial obligation at this time until we decide what the budget going to do. Trustee Miller said he is just making it as a contract negotiation.

Trustee Mattern asked have we added anything to our wish list. Dennis said we will talk about that at tomorrow's meeting, but he doesn't know of anything that has been added on.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to negotiate a detailed scope of work and cost proposal with EWR teamed with Consilman-Hunsaker for the pool feasibility study 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.

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting: Trustee Groth reported on the Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Trustee Groth said we had a lengthy public participation discussion with Charlotte Vielweber who came to talk about the small satellite dish her neighbor installed on his home. During that discussion, we looked at the FCC Ruling that came down in 1996. It seems like it pretty well does away with our own ordinance concerning dishes, at least the small dishes, and we need to look at our ordinance and clean it up so that we meet the federal guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Status of Public Hazard Homes:** Trustee Groth said Attorney Wigginton was at the meeting and brought us up to date on the status of public hazard homes. We are still going to keep plugging away with Mr. Sheets and see what the judge has to say about recovering the costs which is going to cost us a little extra money. The committee suggested that we stay with it and see what we get back. If we get anything back from him it will probably be a larger sum than what we are going to spend.. We advised Attorney Wigginton to keep right on going and see what happens.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Subdivision Code:** We talked about the subdivision code that we passed this evening.
2. **Countryside Lane Annexations:** Trustee Groth said we discussed under old and new business the possible annexation that would include a water line extension along Countryside Lane. We asked Dennis to put together a pre-annexation agreement to show to Mr. Gass and Mr. Luechtefeld and see what their answer is. Trustee Groth asked Dennis if he has the agreement drawn up yet. Dennis said no not yet. Dennis said he has not had a chance to talk to Gass yet, but he has talked to Luechtefeld and his is all for it. Mr. Luechtefeld thinks that Gass will be to. A small discussion took place on this subject.
3. **Attorney:** Trustee Groth said we talked about an issue mentioned to him by a couple of the other trustees on limiting how much time the attorney is at our regular board meetings. Trustee Miller expressed his concerns about not having the attorney present at the meetings, when we have a legal problem come up and can't answer it. Dennis said the original discussion was to invite attorney Wigginton to the meetings if we felt we were going to need him there, but he also added that is hard to predict. The attorney suggested that he would try to have a status report for us at regular board meetings.

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting: Chairperson Rita Baker called the meeting of the Personnel and Public Safety to order on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Trustee Baker started with the old business under the police department

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Public Safety Notices Via E-mail: Trustee Baker said Dennis has talked to Jean Schaefer who advised that Norcom can handle this kind of program. The resident would have the responsibility to go to the website and fill out the required information. Trustee Baker said then they could receive e-mails of public safety that are of interest to them.
2. Burrows 6-month probation: Trustee Baker said Sgt. Burrows has finished his 6-months probation and we would like to congratulate him at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wal-Mart Grant \$500: Trustee Baker said Chief Woodruff informed us at the meeting that they received a \$500 grant when Wal-Mart opened the new store. This is our second grant from Wal-Mart. These grants are used to help the police department buy something they normally would not buy. Trustee Baker said the Chief is targeting this grant towards the Safe Neighborhood Program and applied it to the Tobacco Compliance Program.
2. ILEAS: Trustee Baker said the ILEAS dues were paid (\$125.00) and this is for the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System.
3. SIPCA – Unit Citation: Trustee Baker announced that Sgt Burrows received a Unit Citation from SIPCA on the Ashley Reeves investigation.
4. Kirkwood Incident: We tried to think of ways that we could insure the safety of our people and the employees.
5. Grade School 4-Way Stop: Trustee Baker said we received a few complaints. We decided that we are going to give it a little more time and see if it straightens itself out.
6. Executive Session 6:39 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Probation Period: Nothing new on this.
2. Health Insurance Renewal: We had a meeting with Greg and Misty of Insurance Planning on Friday and they gave us some quotes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Unpaid Sick Leave At Retirement: Trustee Baker said we had an employee request information on unpaid sick leave at retirement, Julie is researching information on this.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Water/Street Committee Meeting – Monday, February 11, 2008 – 5:00 p.m. (canceled) rescheduled for
Tuesday, March 4, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.
- Street Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 20, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Appeals Meeting – Thursday, February 21, 2008 – 8:00 p.m.
- Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 27, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – Monday, March 3, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No, thank you Mayor.

Trustee Steve Smith: No, thank you.

Trustee Rita Baker: Nothing, thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: No, thank you.

Trustee Corby Valentine: Trustee Valentine said he has two questions. He asked Trustee Baker in her minutes under "A" Old Business you said there has been a meeting set up to review the quotes. Has that happened yet? Dennis answered yes, we did, and based on the quotes we got, we won't be making any change. We got three different quotes from companies and they were all higher. Trustee Valentine said in the future meetings we have to make a formal decision what to do there. Dennis said not really the policy renewed at a higher premium.

Trustee Valentine asked where is the new PA system at? Dennis answered there is an item on backorder.

Trustee Tony Miller: Trustee Miller had one comment on the stop signs. He had three telephone calls from people who had to sit in line on Apple Street waiting to turn in. He doesn't mind the phone calls, but he was at work when they called him. He knows Mel and the guys are still looking at this problem and he doesn't know if there is any other alternative. He knows the personnel/police committee has discussed about the property behind the library. Maybe this could be looked at under Streets if it is feasible to do that. He is all for the safety of kids, everybody knows that, but he doesn't know if the signs are the right answer. Not only do we have to be concerned with the safety of the kids but everybody. He talked about the issue if someone doesn't stop at the stop sign and blows through there and hits a kid while they are walking across. Then there is the safety issue of the people driving there. There hasn't been an accident there yet, which is a good sign. We need to keep looking at this problem. Trustee Miller asked Chief Woodruff if he has any suggestions about this. In the future, he would really like to hear about them. Chief Woodruff said he did present those issues at the police committee meeting. When this project was initially looked at, it was a concern of his. It doesn't seem to be as bad as it was at first. Chief Woodruff said we need to give it a month or so and see what happens.

Trustee Kevin Groth: Trustee Groth said he thinks the Chief is right about this, the signs are there, let's see what happens. Trustee Groth said his impression with this is we were doing this hand and hand with the school district and with what he read in the e-mail doesn't think this is the case. He said next time we need to make sure when other entities involved what they are really asking for. Trustee Miller said the phone calls that he did get the people did go in the school and complained. They were told that the signs were placed there at the village's request and he also thought this was a hand and hand operation. Chief Woodruff said the stop signs at St. Joe's have improved that area. This has actually worked out to their benefit and something positive has come out of this.

Mayor Danford asked if there is anything else before we adjourn. Trustee Mattern said he thinks we need to look at the insurance. Trustee Valentine said he didn't think that we could spend \$28,000.00 dollars without the board approval, Trustee Mattern said right on that, and Dennis said you both are

right. Trustee Mattern said lets go ahead and bring that to wherever that is supposed to go. Dennis said coverage has been automatically renewed with the new premium. We didn't have a choice.

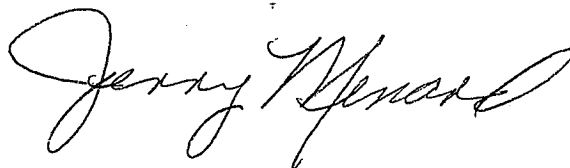
Trustee Valentine said on behalf of the village board, we want to thank the officers who help Mrs. Boeving and Officer Burrows for his Unit Citation The police department does a wonderful job and they earn respect by doing things like that, this shows that their not always the bad guys. They are out there doing public services for us and we do appreciate the work they do for us.

Janet Baechle asked Chief Woodruff if he has a gun on him. Chief answered yes and Jan said she didn't see one on him.

STAFF: None.

ADJOURN:

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jerry Lynn Menard".

Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk