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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 4, 2008

7:30 P.M.

### Board Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Raymond Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, February 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, January 22, 2008 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**FINANCE: Warrant List:** Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Warrant List in the amount of \$20,758.17 and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth - 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.

1. Health insurance renewal: We are still getting quotes and information.

2. Alternative Payment Method for Utilities: The committee is still looking at options on this. Mayor Danford said he also had a couple of inquires for budget billing and that could be one of the options to look at.

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** None

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None

**ESDA REPORT:**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet Baechle took the floor to talk about bike trails and walking paths. She said these are two good way to get grants because the grant committee seems be more in tune with this kind of grant money rather than grants for swimming pools improvements.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

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**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:** None.

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Public Works Committee Meeting:** Trustee Mattern reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Alternate Connection on the Water Line at Deerfield: We continue to look at improvements that involve better fire protection for Deerfield trailer park.
2. Power Outage Concerns: We are containing to work hand and hand with the electric committee on the power outage issues for our lift stations.
3. SAVE Site Water Situation: We have already started the credit process with the water issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Radio-Read Meters: Trustee Mattern asked Dennis to bring us up to speed where we stand with our radio-read meters. Dennis said we will talk about this next meeting. He needs to go over it again.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:**

1. IDOT: Trustee Mattern said there was a issue involving IDOT that impacted one of our residents with the sewer line but this has been resolved.
2. Jan Baechle asked about a water concern at her daughter's house. Jan said her daughter's water was off all day. She said her daughter called the village and asked if there was a boil order for her area that they she did know about. Jan said the water was off for more than 12 hours. Mayor Danford asked if there was a boil order. Ron replied no and Ron told Jan he talked to her daughter and explained what was going on.

**Pubic Property Committee Meeting:** Trustee Miller reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Pool Bids: We talked to Mike Hatchel from Kimley-Horn, Bill Reichert from EWR and Scott Hunsaker of Counsilman-Hunsaker who was the aquatics specialist for both Kimley-Horn and ERW. We are going to invite them to our next meeting.
2. Streetscape: We talked about the streetscape again. Ron and Dennis are going to check with a couple of different engineers to see about the streetscape program.

3. Swipe Card Access: Dennis advised the board he has a meeting set up with a company. This is just to talk to them about their equipment.
4. Industrial Park: Dennis advised us the closing is done with the Express Design. Dennis has been talking to another gentleman about moving his business from Belleville Industrial Park to Freeburg Industrial Park. Dennis will have more information on this for the next meeting.
5. MFT: We talked about MFT. Trustee Miller asked Dennis how is this coming. Dennis said he has started putting information together for Ron to take a look at and should have something by next meeting.
6. Rogers' Home: Dennis hasn't sent the letter to the lady expressing our interest in buying her property.
7. Drainage around Jerry Menard's Home: Ron will look at the property before next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Stop Signs Request from St. Joe's: Trustee Miller mentioned this request was taken care of with a vote to approval at last meeting. Dennis said the stop signs went up Monday, February 4th.
2. Stop Signs at Grade School: Trustee Miller said the stop signs have been put up at the grade school. Trustee Miller reported that people did not make the stop when they approached the stop signs. Trustee Miller felt that people just aren't used to them and it will take about a week to remember they are there. Trustee Miller said he heard secondhand that Rob Hawkins said it was causing a problem at the high school with backed up traffic, he doesn't know if the stop signs are the answer to this problem. Trustee Miller asked Trustee Smith to pass this onto Mel. Trustee Miller said the one stop sign going north might work, but he doesn't know about the one going south. Dennis feels if you are going to stop one direction, you should have it for both directions. Trustee Smith will take everything in consideration and talk to the Chief Woodruff about how to get this problem under control as soon as possible. Trustee Smith said we need to keep the safety of the children in mind.
3. Speed Limit on SAVE Road: This problem has been taken care of.
4. Highway Authority Agreement: Dennis said this is an EPA Agreement. Dennis found a number of errors in the agreement that the consultant sent us. Dennis will put together a list of the errors and send it to them to have corrected before we sign off on it.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept the EPA Agreement as long as the necessary changes have been made to our satisfaction 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.*

5. Cable/Video: Trustee Miller said this ordinance has been already taken care of.

Trustee Miller added it was nice to see that Sheets got his property cleaned up on Monroe Street.

**Public Works Committee Meeting**: Trustee Mattern reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

1. Route 15 Water Line: Trustee Mattern said after the new line was put in over on Route 15, the residents are having problems with their water. Trustee Mattern explained the original water line came through town was capped off when we put in the new 8-inch line which made it a dead end. Now the residents are saying they are having more problems with their water. We are correcting this situation. Trustee Mattern said we are looking at taking out the cast iron line that has served the village since 1939. That is going to take a little bit more money than we have. Right now we are going to try and stop the problems that are immediately before us and we will continue to look at this project in the future.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. RFQs for Sewer Study: We had a lengthy discussion on the qualifications of the engineering firms that were selected. It was decided to interview two firms to do the study for our wastewater treatment study, Horner & Shifrin from St. Louis and Rhutasel & Associates from Freeburg. Both firms will be here for their presentation on Monday, February 11, 2008, one at 5:00 p.m. and the other presentation will be 6:30 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Inspection EPA: Trustee Mattern updated us on the annual inspection from the EPA. We got through the inspection with only a couple of points taken off, which they worked very hard to find. We will get those problems taken care of.
2. Resident: Trustee Mattern said we had a resident who had a sewer line problem coming off of his house. After sending a crew out to look at it, they decided it really is the resident's problem and he will fix it himself.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 6, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.  
Water/Street Committee Meeting – Monday, February 11, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.  
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 13, 2008 – 5:30 p.m. (canceled)  
Personnel & Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 13, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.  
Plan Commission – Wednesday, February 13, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008 – CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY  
Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 19, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Danford called upon Gene Kramer for a report on ESDA

Gene let us all know we are under a severe Thunderstorm Watch from now until 1:00 a.m. Lightning and thunderstorms have just developed and are 4 hours away from us, and the line is solid from 50 miles south of Chicago all the way back to Kansas City. It is moving very slowly to the East, South East at 60 to 65 miles per hour. Gene passed out an ESDA Activity Report for us to look at and he went through it step by step explaining what was going on with the weather.

Gene said we received information that came out from Homeland Security about "Code Red." This is a service that is provided but you have to pay for it. Gene is checking with Homeland Security Grants to

see if there are any funds for this service. This Code Red is an Emergency Communications Network concerning village-wide telephone notifications of emergencies. They record the emergency message and it is delivered in full on truncation of the message. The projected annual cost for this capability is \$5,000.00. Gene said he will be checking with the County EMA as well as with ITTF to see if there are any grants for such system access.

#### **VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS**

**Trustee Charlie Mattern:** He would like to thank the public works department on a job well done in removing the snow.

**Trustee Steve Smith:** I also agree on a great job the public works department has done. He has a comment on the the stop signs that were put up. He knows it is going to be an inconvenience for people to get used to the stop signs and making the stop, but everyone needs to keep in mind that the purpose behind the stop signs was to make it safe for the kids coming and going to school.

**Trustee Rita Baker:** She agrees with Trustee Smith. We need to keep our kids safe and if it is a inconvenience to some, too bad, safety for our children comes first.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard:** No thank you.

**Trustee Corby Valentine:** He had one question. He asked Dennis or Ron who has the lead on providing information to Dean Park on the utilities rates study they are doing. Dennis said he and Ron are putting that together. Dennis talked to Dean today and e-mailed him our zoning maps to use. We have one more packet of information that he needs and that should be sent to him tomorrow.

**Trustee Tony Miller:** Nothing tonight.

**Trustee Kevin Groth:** Nothing tonight, thank you Mayor.

**Gene Kramer:** He would like to thank the police department for relaying information to Ron concerning the winter storm warning.

**STAFF:** None.

#### **ADJOURN:**

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard,  
Village Clerk