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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING **Tuesday, January 22, 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 Tuesday, January 22, 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 PUBLIC HEARING MEETING: *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on Willard Henry Holtzmann Jr. & Debby Joann Holtzmann's annexation held Monday, January 7, 2008 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, January 7, 2008 after the corrections and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

FINANCE: Trustee Smith said last Monday night we met as a Committee as a Whole and discussed identifying projects as we move forward for the next three to five years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: Gene Kramer sent a report on ESDA. Mayor Danford said that Gene will be attending the "Earthquakes Mean Business Seminar on February 1st."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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:

Ordinance No. 1279: An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code of the Village of Freeburg by the addition of Chapter 55 establishing standards for the construction of facilities on the rights-of-ways.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1279 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

Ordinance No. 1280: Cable/Service Provider Fee. A discussion was held before Ordinance No. 1280 was voted upon.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1280 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

Ordinance No. 1281: An Ordinance Amending Title VII, Chapter 73 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois (Traffic Schedules). A discussion was held before Ordinance No. 1281 was voted upon.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1281 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting: Trustee Groth reported on the Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

UNDER OLD BUSINESS

1. **Material Requirements on Commercial Buildings:** Trustee Groth said we discussed putting

something in black and white so we can look at it.

2. Status of Public Hazards Homes: Nothing new there. We just talked about the clean up on Monroe Street.
3. Nuisance Abatement Code: Trustee Groth stated Dennis is to come up with a proposal on this to be put in the paper for public comment, we have the attorney looking at it.
4. Countryside Lane Annexations: We talked somewhat about the annexation on Countryside Lane with Gass and Luechtefeld coming into the village. We are working on putting a package together on cost for them.

NEW BUSINESS

1. William Starnes: We talked about the barking dog and how our code book applies to this.
2. Satellite Dishes: Trusted Groth stated by our ordinance you are supposed to have a building permit to put up a satellite dish and this will be discussed further at our next committee meeting.
3. Recording System: Dennis went over again what the system will consist of.

Trustee Groth motioned to accept the bid of \$4,444.00 for the Recording System and Trustee Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Kevin Groth - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - 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

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee Valentine reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

1. South Circuit Contract/Lugge Easement: We discussed the South Circuit upgrade on the Lugge easement, however Mr. Lugge requested the easement to be placed on the east side of the strip and we will get the legal description revised.
2. Power Plant: We invited Dave Stephens and BHM&G to the meeting to explain why Altorfer wanted to charge us \$39,854.00 to fix the load sharing problem like they are supposed to, we had a discussion about that. The committee decided to go ahead and pay the fee and work out the details on what we think we really should pay for this later. If we don't fix the problem, the power plants aren't going load share correctly.

Trustee Valentine motioned to pay Altorfer \$39,854.00 which includes a one-year performance warranty and Trustee 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

3. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg power: Trustee Valentine said, Ameren is still balking--they still want us to share the cost of tearing down their facilities. Ron didn't like that idea, he went back to Ameren one more time. Ron said he is still waiting for a reply.
4. Streetlights: We had a discussion about the new highway north of town. We don't think it is appropriate to install additional streetlights until the project is done, but there were some concerns about couple of the intersection out there we were going to look into. Trustee Valentine asked Mel to take a look at them and see if we need to put up a couple of streetlights for safety until the project is done. Paul brought up lighting up some of

driveways going into the business. Trustee Valentine stated they also will look into this.

Personnel & Public Safety Committee Meeting: Trustee Baker reported on the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Attendance Annual Conference: Trustee Baker said Mel would like to attend the yearly conference.

Trustee Baker motioned that we pay for Chief Woodruff to attend the administrative training conference in Springfield on February 27-29, 2008 and Trustee 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.

2. Resignation of part-time officer: We accepted the resignation of part-time officer Mike Haluch, and right now we are not going to fill that position.
3. Public Safety Notices: Trustee Baker said Charlie would like to look into posting public safety notices on the internet. We had some discussion on that and nothing has been decided.
4. Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant: We talked about the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant. We are in this with St. Clair County. Mel said St. Clair County has come up with a grant package that would allow us to transition over to a new system at 20% of the cost or \$13,426.44. Trustee Baker said if we did not take advantage of this offer now, we wouldn't be able to receive the equipment at 20% of the cost and we would have to provide our own dispatching equipment.

Trustee Baker motioned to enter into the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant program with St. Clair County in the amount of \$13,426.44 and Trustee Mattern seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Kevin Groth - aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

5. Probation Period: Nothing new.
6. Zoning Administrator Position: Phil Borger was present to express his interest in the zoning administrator position and answer any questions.

Trustee Baker motioned to offer Phil Borger the position of Zoning Administrator 20 hours per week at \$14.00 per hour to increase to \$15 per hour after successful completion of the 60 day probation period to be paid as a salaried position and Trustee Mattern seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Kevin Groth - aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jacket/Uniform for Animal Control Officer: We had a request from our animal control officer, Tim Cavanaugh, to get a jacket or something to identify himself when he is working on behalf of the village.

Trustee Baker motioned to purchase an embroidered jacket and photo id for the Animal Control Officer and Trustee 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.

2. United Healthcare Renewal: We discussed the United Healthcare renewal. There was a meeting with Greg and Misty of Insurance Planning. Dennis said they were here last Thursday and Friday and all the employees filled out applications, and they are going to try and get something back to us by next week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee as a Whole - Monday January 28, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 30, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.
Water/Street Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 30, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting - Monday, February 4, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No thank you.

Trustee Steve Smith: No thank you.

Trustee Rita Baker: Nothing sir.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: No thank you.

Trustee Corby Valentine: He was pleased after the last board meeting that the 2 S. Monroe property got cleaned up. Thanks to the public works crew for putting up that fence right away. He is glad it is cleaned up and looking better on that corner.

Trustee Tony Miller: Nothing tonight.

Trustee Kevin Groth: Nothing tonight, thank you Mayor.

STAFF: None.

Paul was called upon to make a comment. He has always had a problem with the 10% penalty on the electric bill after the 7th of the month. He doesn't think it is a fair amount to charge someone. He thought about this a lot and one of the things he would like to see the village do is start taking credit cards and give people a chance if they don't have the money to pay their electric bill on the 7th. They could put it on their credit card and be able to protect themselves from the 10% penalty. It would also help people when they are on vacation if they forgot to pay their bill before they left. He said you can't depend on the mail nowadays to get stuff here on time. This way it would give them a chance to call the village and tell them they are out of town and put it on their credit card. Paul would like to see the village look into this. Trustee Miller said he didn't think that was a bad idea. He would like to see online paying. Mayor Danford asked who would like to look at this Finance or Legal and Trustee

Smith said Finance will look into it.

ADJOURN:

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

Jerry Lynn Menard
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