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Charlie Mattern  
Kevin Groth  
Corby Valentine  
Steve Smith  
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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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**FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, January 7, 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 Raymond Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, January 7, 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, December 17, 2007 after the correction is made on page 2 under public participation #3, which should read Bob Koerber and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** Trustee Smith reported the first thing we have tonight is the Warrant List.

Warrant List: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Warrant List in the amount of \$32,256.34 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. Industrial Park: Trustee Smith said we need our attorney to wrap up the sale with Joe Tantillo. Dennis sent him some information about the Industrial Park and he forward it to RCGA on December 30<sup>th</sup>. He's waiting to hear back from them and see what the next steps are.
2. Health Insurance Renewal: Trustee Smith said they talked about the health insurance premium which increased by 23.4% this year, so we requested some others options to look at.
3. Planning Meeting: Trustee Smith said next week we have the Long Range Planning to be discussed at the Committee as a Whole on January 14th.

Trustee Miller spoke up and asked Trustee Smith if Tantillo hadn't come to us to buy the lot a couple of months back? Trustee Smith answered yes. Trustee Miller asked what is holding that up? Dennis said Julie talked to both Mr. Tantillo and the attorney last week, but Dennis does not know if they have something schedule for the closing or not.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Bryan Vogel said, Nothing tonight Mayor

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

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**ESDA Report:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:** See Ordinances.

**BIDS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 1276:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement for the annexation of 5.05 acres, more or less, of real estate owned by Willard Henry Holtzmann, Jr., and Debby Joann Holtzmann, located in the county of St. Clair, State of Illinois.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1276 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. 1277:** An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Commonly Known As the “Holtzmann Property” to and in the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair, State of Illinois.

*Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1277 by title only and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried

**Ordinance No. 1278:** An Ordinance Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of rezoning certain property commonly known as the Holtzmann Property from SR-1 to A.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1278 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

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Smith asked about the property on White/ Monroe. There is a plastic fence lying down--is there any way we can notify the owner to put up a chain link fence until that is cleaned up. It is a hazard for kids--they could stumble into the fence chasing a ball and get hurt. Dennis answered that we put him on notice--the attorney send him a notification letter Friday. He has five days to clean that up. Mayor Danford said he didn't think we can hold him to standard like a chain link fence for safety reasons. Trustee Groth asked in the interest of public safety could we take that plastic

fence that is there now and put it up. Mayor said we could probably do that and asked Ron. Ron answered yes we can, but you might have to still run that through the attorney. Mayor Danford said he guesses it is private property, but we could put the fence on public property on the side walk. Ron said it is hanging over on the sidewalk. Ron said you can rent a fence and barricade it off, you won't recover the cost. Trustee Groth said why can't we use the plastic fence that is already there. Ron said you have to give him proper notice. Jan said he has five days and after the five days go get him. Dennis said something should happen on the debris pile this week or otherwise we can hire someone to go take care of it. A lengthy discussion was carried on about the subject. The decision was made to put up the orange fence on Tuesday. Ron said he will take care of it.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Public Property Committee Meeting;** Trustee Miller was absent for the meeting and he apologized for not being there. Trustee Baker reported on the Public Property meeting, in place of Trustee Miller, which was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

1. MFT: Trustee Baker said Ron advised they are pretty much done on MFT for 2007.
2. Rock Prices: Ron had called for the 2008 Rock prices.
3. Speed Limit: Trustee Baker said we are going to post a 30 mph speed limit signs on SAVE Road.

Trustee Miller had a question since he was not there. He would like to know did we check on that house we talked about. Dennis said we did and we thought someone else owned it but the lady still owns it. Trustee Miller asked is she not interested in selling it? Dennis said he has not talked directly to her yet, someone else has talked to her about selling it and she didn't express any interest in selling it. We can still go ahead and approach her, she may have a different opinion if she realize the village has an interest in it.

**Public Works Committee Meeting;** Trustee Mattern reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Regional Wastewater Project: Trustee Mattern said we are still discussing the Wastewater facilities and where that is going to go in the next 10 to 30 years.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 9, 2008 - 4:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 9, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.

Personnel & Police Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 9, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.

Plan Commission - Wednesday, January 9, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

Committee as a Whole - Monday January 14, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

Water & Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 16, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.

Street Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 16, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.

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Board of Appeals – Thursday, January 17, 2008 – 8:00 p.m.

CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY – Monday, January 21, 2008

Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 22, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

### **VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEES' 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: Nothing.

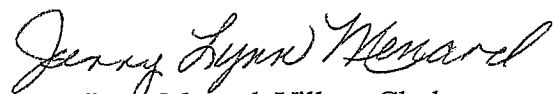
Trustee Tony Miller: Yes Mayor just one. He would like to thank John Bloomkamp for resolving the issue with receiving the money from the Koesterer demolition. Legally he wasn't responsible but he made sure the village received the fees that were incurred during the process as we didn't have a lien on the property at the time and hopefully this won't happen again. So he would like to thank John for speeding that up for us.

Trustee Kevin Groth: He has a question under old business and missed it. Mayor Danford told him to go ahead and ask it. Trustee Groth asked the property on Main Street that R & N cleaned up. Did we lien the costs to clean that property up. Dennis said we sent the notice in attempt to file a lien. Dennis said hopefully when she will receive the notice, she will pay the bill. Mayor Danford said he caused some confusion there by not acting when the court order was posted on those properties. Of course we are still waiting on the Sheets one which is the one he is most concerned about with the other legal work going on there. If there was any confusion there, we did talk about the fact we certainly could post a lien on property to protect ourselves. He was under the impression that wasn't going to be automatic for that procedure. We still have to file notice first and they have a certain deadline to meet before we can file a lien, so it is difficult to protect ourselves 100% from day one, especially if a sale is coming through at a fast pace on a property that we working with. The Mayor said if you want to automatically file as a matter of procedure, he will check with Steve to verify that. He thinks we probably should have a discussion and vote on that. Otherwise, it is his intent to wait and see if we need to file one in order to be able to protect ourselves. A lengthy discussion continued on this subject.

**STAFF:** None.

### **ADJOURN:**

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard, Village Clerk