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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 17, 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, March 17, 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 – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – here; Trustee Tony Miller – absent; Trustee Kevin Groth – here and Mayor Raymond Danford – here. (5 present, 2 absent) Mayor Danford announced there is a quorum.

Mayor Danford stated before we start tonight's agenda for regular board meeting, our attorney Steve Wigginton dropped off another ordinance that he would like added to tonight's agenda. He would like for one of the trustees to make a motion to add Ordinance 1285 to our agenda tonight.

*Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to add Ordinance No. 1285 to our agenda and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Tony Miller – absent. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** *Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, March 3, 2008 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** Trustee Smith said we met last Monday, March 10th and discussed the 2009 budget. We realized we will have a lot of tough decisions. We are going to have to do some cutting for next year's budget. We are going to meet again Monday, March 31st to discuss the budget and hopefully we can get to a resolution quickly since the next fiscal year is starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Smith said we need to approve the annual audit tonight

*Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the last year audit and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion; ROLL CALL:* Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine aye; Trustee Tony Miller – absent. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

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Trustee Smith said the only other thing he has for tonight is Northern Illinois University should be here the end of April or beginning of May for the I-Map study. The purpose is try to identify what the assets are for the village as well as what we need to make improvements on, so when we go forward we can better address our economic development as well as business processes practices if there is anything as a board we want to make sure that gets addressed as part as that study, we should start putting together a list that he can forward to the I-Map committee before they come so they know what our interests are.

Mayor Danford asked did they assign a fee to that this study? Trustee Smith said the way it works is if it is already subsidized, which our study is, there will be a fee of \$2,500.00 and if it wasn't subsidized, it would have been \$25,000.00. Mayor Danford asked Trustee Smith if we need a motion to authorize payment to them or is that something you want to do later. Trustee Smith responded it should be all ready included in the budget.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPOT:** Mayor Danford said we received the status report from Attorney Wigginton. Mayor Danford asked Dennis if he had anything to add to this report. Dennis said he did meet with Steve this afternoon and most of what we talked about is on this report. Two of the things talked about are: 1. Steve would like to attend our first meeting in May to bring the board up to date, he will probably ask for an executive session to discuss some pending matters; and 2. The Zoning Board of Appeals has requested Steve to schedule a meeting or two to provide them some legal guidance and training on the matters which they handle, because they feel they need training and guidance on the legal aspects of what the Zoning Board of Appeals does. Steve would like to go ahead and schedule meeting but the board will have to approve it.

**ESDA REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet Baechle took the floor and asked if we have heard anything about getting the new microphone system up and running. Dennis said they are just waiting on some parts. Janet asked what is Ordinance 1285? Mayor Danford said it actually creates the right-of-way for a portion of a public street known as Temple Street. We need to make it a little bit wider to make it a legal street. Janet then asked if you are going to vacate a portion of it then widen it. Mayor Danford said no, we are going to widen it first then vacate it.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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

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

**BIDS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**ORDINANCES:** Ordinances No. 1284: An Ordinance Allowing the Village of Freeburg to Vacate a Portion of a Public Street Commonly Known as Temple Street, Freeburg, Illinois.

*Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1284 by title only and Trustee Charlie Mattern seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker - absent; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Tony Miller – absent; Mayor Danford – aye (5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Ordinances No. 1285: An Ordinance Dedicating Goose Bottom Lane Right-of-Way.

*Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1285 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker - absent; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - absent, (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting:** Trustee Groth reported on the Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 5:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Material Requirements on Commercial Building:** We have looked at Fairview Heights Code for material requirements on commercial buildings. Dennis is going to come up with something for the committee to look at.
2. **Nuisance Abatement Code:** We looked at the Maryville Code and discussed it. Trustee Groth said Dennis is going to put something in writing for us on both of these subjects. Trustee Groth stated he would like to make something clear, before we would attempt to act on these two items, we would make sure we have plenty of public participation. As soon as we have something in black and white, we will get it out to the public.
3. **Emergency Notification System:** We discussed the emergency notification system and Jean Schaefer is supposed to get us more information on that.

**Pool Committee Meeting:** Trustee Corby Valentine reported on the Pool Committee Meeting held on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the absent of Trustee Miller. Trustee Valentine said this meeting was called to set fees for swimming pool season coming up this year.

1. **Pool passes/User Fees:** *Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to recommend the fee for swimming lessons be \$50.00 for in-town residents or \$35.00 if a season pass is purchased and \$60.00 for out-of-town residents or \$45.00 if a season passed is purchased 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 - absent;; Trustee Tony Miller - absent (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

*Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to recommend the fee for the 10-day pool pass be \$40.00 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 - absent; Trustee Tony Miller - absent. (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to recommend the fees for the season passes and user fees remain the same as the 2007 fees and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker - absent; Trustee Tony Miller - absent (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to recommend the part-time pool employees be re-hired as listed below 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 - absent; Trustee Tony Miller - absent (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

Concession Stand Workers:

Kelsey Blackwell	\$7.50	Catherine Crowe	\$7.75
Emily Harris	\$7.75	Emily Kessler	\$7.75

Lifeguards:

Markie Chatham	\$9.00	Kristin Dinges	\$7.75
Joel Elden	\$8.50	Kyle Greenlee	\$8.00
Courtney Heidorn	\$7.25	Mackenzie Hudnut	\$8.00
R.J. Huelsman	\$8.00	Timothy Mueller	\$8.00
Ryan Rainbolt	\$7.75	Zack Reis	\$8.00
Michael Ross	\$8.50	Jillian Rouse	\$7.50
Alysse Rubemeyer	\$7.50	Holly Salvatore	\$7.50
Kelsey Thouvenot	\$7.50		

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to recommend the pool open May 24, 25 and – May 26, 2008; be closed May 27, 2008 to May 29, 2008; open May 30, 2008 to September 1, 2008; be closed August 15 to August 17, 2008 for homecoming week-end; be open only on the weekends from August 18 to September 1, 2008 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion; **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Corby Valentine– aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern -aye; Trustee Rita Baker - absent; Trustee Tony Miller – absent; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; . (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Valentine said the final thing we discussed was Swim after Dark. We think this is a neat thing to do and the residents seem to take advantage of it. We decided to let the pool mangers make out the schedule when those nights will be held. Janet Baechle asked if there will be adult swim after dark this year. Trustee Valentine asked Janet to talk to the pool mangers. He is sure they would be open to that suggestion. Trustee Valentine asked Janet if they had one last year? Janet replied no, they talked about it, but never went anywhere with it. Trustee Valentine said be sure to talk to the mangers.

**Public Works Committee Meeting:** Trustee Mattern reported on the Public Works Committee held on Wednesday, March 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Mattern stated the main focuses of the meeting was to have a presentation from Rhutasel & Associates, a local engineering firm. They gave a presentation on Freeburg's Wastewater Facilities Planning Study. Larry Rhutasel and Tim Pruett were both present to give the presentation on what Rhutasel & Associates has to offer the village on this project. Questions were asked by several trustees

that were present and answered by Larry and Tim.

**Electric Committee Meeting:** Trustee Valentine reported on the Electric Committee Meeting held Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. South Circuit Contract/Lugge Easement: Trustee Valentine said there is a easement we are trying to get and Ron is working something out with the owners that are involved in these properties. Ron thinks they have it worked out with everyone.
2. Power Plant: The new control panel they have been building to help the two plants talk to each other is in the process of being tested. By next meeting we should know if it worked.
3. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg Power: Trustee Valentine said we are getting closer to the switchover. Ron and Dennis have a meeting with Ameren people within the next week or two to iron out some of the disputed costs.
4. Generators: The crews are modifying the lift stations so you can pull the units and plug these in at the different life stations. Meadowbrook is done and they are working on Woodsvew now. This should be done in short order here.
5. Village Utility Needs Analysis: There was a little discussion of the utility needs analysis. Dean Park will meet with Dennis and Ron on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month to discuss the preliminary report.
6. Streetlights North on Rt 13/15: We are going to put some temporary lights and poles up at the intersections on north 13/15.
7. Electric Department Budget: We talked a little about the electric department budget in this meeting. We are looking for some ways we can balance this budget a little better and try to keep it in good shape.

**Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting:** Trustee Smith reported on the Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Smith stated the first order of business was a discussion of the health insurance renewal. Our premium had increased approximately 24%, so we are continuing to look at other health insurance options.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Public Safety Notices via E-mail: We talked about the public safety notices by e-mail and the committee decided they would only require the e-mail address to be a required field and the name and address would be optional.
2. Sergeant Burrows: Chief Woodruff provided us with a copy of his commendation for Sergeant Burrows on the Ashley Reeves investigation.
3. Stop signs on Belleville Street: Chief Woodruff said there was nothing to report other than the school has rerouted some of the buses to help relieve some of the congestion. Trustee Baker also reported that she had talked to Mr. Hawkins and he said that the bus drivers were happy with the stop signs.
4. Replacing Police Car: The committee talked about replacing one of the older police cars, the 2003 Impala has over 131,000 miles.
5. Police Department Expanding: In our Planning Meeting we talked about in 2011 it looks like we will have to expand and provide additional space for the police department.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Water/Street Committee Meeting – Monday, March 19, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, March 21, 2008

Street Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 26, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, March 31, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 2, 2008 - 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday April 2, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting – Monday, April 7, 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:** Absent.

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

**Trustee Corby Valentine:** No, thank you.

**Trustee Tony Miller:** Absent.

**Trustee Kevin Groth:** Yes, about the incident over at Millstadt. He would like to see that subject of underground safety be added to the agenda of the Water and Sewer Committee if that is okay with you Charlie.

**STAFF:** None.

**ADJOURN:** *Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk