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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 3, 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 3, 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 Tuesday, February 19, 2008 and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** Trustee Smith said the first part of business we a need motion to approve the Warrant List of \$37,957.26

Warrant List: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Warrant List in the amount of \$37,957.26 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.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Audit: Dennis said he has been through the draft audit and will advise C.J. Schlosser to go ahead with the final version.
2. Health Insurance Renewal: Trustee Smith said we need to make a motion to approve the current renewal premium with United Healthcare.

*Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the renewal premium with United Healthcare of \$23,776.49 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.

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Trustee Smith said part of the insurance renewal discussion was to send it to the personnel committee so we can look over options and let the committee make recommendations on what insurance plan would be the best for the employees.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Electric Department Franchise Fees: Trustee Smith reported on the Franchise Fee. The purpose of an ordinance that was passed in 1996 was to transfer 5% of the Electric Fund to the General Fund, and it never had been collected or transferred. Dennis said there has been a transfer every year just not in the correct amount they had been matching to the excise tax which had been collected and sent to state which is a completely different matter. Trustee Smith said as a result, the Village has not transferred the proper amount for the past 10 years, which accounts for this large deficit of \$268,597. Trustee Miller asked we haven't paid who? Trustee Smith said we haven't transferred Electric Funds to the General Fund. Trustee Miller said so we underpaid ourselves, am a little gray on this area here. Trustee Valentine said we need to get the dates straight. The Franchise Fee was passed in 1999 under Ordinance No. 944 and in 1996, Ordinance No. 874 was another 5% utility tax on the gross electric receipts of all electricity sold with the village. Dennis said basically what happened was in 1996, a utility tax was imposed and that was 5% of the gross revenue. Trustee Miller asked what was the reason for that? Mayor Danford answered Trustee Miller's question by saying it was for expenses incurred for transmission of utilities across village properties. Dennis said the excise fee is billed to the customer and the franchise fee is not billed to the customer. Dennis said the auditor has suggested the money be transferred and accounted for in this year's audit. Trustee Valentine said he was concerned that an immediate transfer of the money may have a negative impact on the Electric Fund and asked if this will have a impact on the village bonds. Dennis said it is not enough to impact the bonds or revenue, the Village can still meet all of its current bonding obligations. Trustee Mattern made a motion to table this subject until next Electric Meeting or Finance Meeting which ever comes first. Trustee Mattern with drew his motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** No Report

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No Report

**ESDA REPORT:** No Report

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mayor Danford called upon Jackie Gallagher. Jackie passed out flyers to request the street be blocked off for their March of Dimes Fundraiser. Trustee Miller asked what time do you need this for, Jackie asked to have it blocked off until 1:30 in the morning. Mayor told Jackie to check with the Chief of Police on the street issue.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the request for the street to be blocked off during the March of Dimes Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, April 27, 2008 from 11:00 am. - 6:00 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trust 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.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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

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

**BIDS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:** Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways By Municipality

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept Resolution 08-01 for MFT 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.

**ORDINANCES:** 1. Ordinances No. 1283 Declaring Certain Personal Property to be Surplus Authorizing the Sale or Disposition Thereof - Massey Tractor/Loader.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1283 by title only and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

**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 Tuesday, February 19, 2008 6:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Sewer Study:** Trustee Mattern said first order of business was a presentation by Horner & Shifrin on the sewer system study that we asked them to do and it is being taken under advisement until all the firms we asked have been interviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**GENERAL CONCERNS:** Trustee Mattern said we had a letter from the Fire Chief Lee Smith providing a list of fire hydrants to be added to 5 locations.

**Pubic Property Committee Meeting:** Trustee Miller reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Swimming pool: Nothing new.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **PTO Spring Carnival Request:** Trustee Miller said he had been approached by the PTO Spring Carnival Committee for a donation.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to donated two 10-day swimming pool passes to the PTO Spring Carnival 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.

2. **CYO Silent Auction:** Trustee Valentine said that being the FCAA did not pick up their two 10-day swimming pool passes, he would like to donate them to CYO Silent Auction for their Trivia Night.

*Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to donate two 10-day swimming pool passes to the CYO Silent Auction and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller– 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.

3. **Ditch cover:** Ron advised the board that this project should be done by the next committee meeting.
4. **MFT:** Trustee Miller said we approved this item early in the meeting.
5. **Drainage around Jerry Menard's House:** Trustee Miller said that John Tolan and Jeff Mohr reviewed the situation at Jerry's house.
6. **Lawn mowing bids:** Mayor Danford said we need a motion to go out for bids with April 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. to be the deadline.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to go out for Lawn Mowing Bids with all bids due April 3, 2008 by 2:00 p.m. 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

7. **Easter Egg Hunt:** *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to let the Freeburg Women's Community Club use the Village Park on Saturday March 15, 2008 for a Easter Egg Hunt with rain out date March 22, 2008 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
8. **Summer Help:** *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to advertise for summer help 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

9. Spring Clean Up: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to have our Spring Clean Up held Friday, April 11, 2008 through Monday, April 14, 2008 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
10. Pool Managers: *Trustee Miller motioned to rehire our pool co-managers from last year, Anita Greenlee, Dawn Krauss and Scott Schulz with an \$80.00 raise from last year 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

Trustee Miller said pretty much of the rest of the meeting was with EWR/Councilman-Hunsaker. We are waiting to see what our budget can accommodate regarding the feasibility study. Trustee Valentine, Trustee Mattern and the Mayor went to the Park Board Meeting. Trustee Miller asked if they had anything they wanted to report from that meeting. Mayor Danford said they were very interested and want to participate in the study that we recommended. Mayor Danford said Scott stated he would like to be included in the Steering Committee. Trustee Smith asked if they are willing to help pay for the cost of the feasibility study. Mayor said that Scott was interested enough to say if additional scope was necessary from comments received, they would consider that. Trustee Miller said the \$33,000 will cover what the village is looking for. If there were other things outside of the scope that came out of this depending on where it leads, then there would be two studies that would be \$7, 500 each and if it went that way it would be the park board's responsibility. Mayor Danford said the park board is very interested in the public's input and will see what direction the public would like to go from the future discussions held and comments from the study.

Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann and Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan talked about the Freeburg Boil Order. They brought us up to date on what happened. A 45 degree elbow separated on a downgrade at the Silver Creek crossing point. Ron said there was no significant water loss. John said Smithton and Hecker were not included in the boil order because each community has a water tower with adequate capacity to carry their communities for a period of time. Freeburg has about 350,000 to 450,000 gallons of water storage on hand during the day. Ron said at the end there was still about six feet of water in each tower in town. John said the Environmental Protection Agency has a requirement that if water pressure is lost, a boil order is mandatory. Ron said Monday evening, five water samples were collected for testing purposes from different points in Freeburg and the testing is done at Teklab in Collinsville. They received a call Tuesday afternoon shortly after 3:00 from the lab, permitting the boil order to be lifted.

Trustee Miller said that Janet Baechle wants the parking lot at the pool striped, this will be looked at advised Trustee Miller.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Monday, March 10, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
- Water/Street Committee Meeting – Monday, March 10, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.
- Electric Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 11, 2008 - 5:30 p.m.
- Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Tuesday, March 11, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – Monday, March 17, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

## VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

**Trustee Charlie Mattern:** Trustee Mattern said he does have a comment. He would like to commend everyone who is working for the Village right now, the Public Works, to staff, auditors and office personnel to this board. Even though we quiver among ourselves we all are heading in the right direction.

**Trustee Steve Smith:** No, thank you.

**Trustee Rita Baker:** Nothing, thank you.

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

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

**Trustee Tony Miller:** No, thank you.

**Trustee Kevin Groth:** No, thank you.

**STAFF:**

### ADJOURN:

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

Handwritten signature of Jerry Lynn Menard in cursive script, with a small '(jr)' at the end.

Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk