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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, May 19, 2008 at 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, May 19, 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 May 5, 2008 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

FINANCE: Mayor Danford called upon Trustee Smith to give the finance report. Trustee Smith said the only thing he has to report tonight was there will be a Finance Meeting tomorrow night May 20th at 5:00 p.m. at which time we will review the budget for the final time then present it for approval on June 2, 2008 at the Regular Board Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel stated he passed out monthly treasurer's report for June, July and August to be reviewed by the board. Bryan asked to have the treasurer's report for April and May be approved tonight.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for April and May and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – 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.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Danford said he does have a report from Gene tonight listing his training schedule for different functions which are coming up. Gene is still researching grant money for the telephone emergency system and the ESDA members are scheduled to have CPR refresher training.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: (person did not stand and state name) The gentleman spoke about the cannon in the park becoming rusted. Mayor Danford said he usually has the boy scouts take care of it. Trustee Groth brought up the flag in the park and that he talked to Rick about it. Trustee Groth said Rick said the Legion usually puts up a new flag in the park for the Memorial Services.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Danford said the first correspondence he has is a letter from Debbie Ross for a request to use the Park each Sunday during June for the Concerts in the Park. *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to allow them to use Park for their concerts on Sundays in June and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent).* All voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Danford said we have a Thank you note from St. Joe's Youth Ministry for two 10-day pool passes that were donated to them for their auction. He also has a thank you letter from St. John the Baptist School for our donation of two 10-day passes to the pool for their Annual school Dinner Auction.

Mayor Danford announced we have a guest from the American Cancer Society Relay For Life which is going to take place June 6 & 7. Mayor Danford said we do have a Proclamation here tonight for the American Cancer Society where Relay For Life is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and honors cancer survivors, anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer and remembers those lost to the disease: Whereas, money raised during the American Cancer Society Relay For Life or St. Clair County East/Freeburg helps support research, education, advocacy, and patient services; and Whereas, Relay For Life events in Illinois helped raise more than \$19 million to fight cancer last year and now therefore be it resolved the Village of Freeburg does here proclaim June 6 & 7 as Relay For Life Days. Mayor Danford said he is asking all residents of Freeburg to participate. Mayor Danford asked our guest Ron if he would like to comment on this tonight. Ron said he would like to thank the Village of Freeburg for their support now and in the past. We already have 400 people signed up and we have 35 teams and are looking forward to another successful year.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Miller asked if we received the Proclamation from the Patriotic Sisters. Mayor Danford said yes we did and they have it already. Trustee

Miller asked a few questions about why we are not voting on the budget tonight. Trustee Smith explained that he would like to give the board another chance to review the budget at his Finance Meeting tomorrow night before the final vote takes place on June 2, at our regular board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting: The Legal and Ordinance Meeting was called to order on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. by Trustee Kevin Groth. Trustee Groth said we discussed several things.

1. **Material requirements on Commercial Building:** Trustee Groth said Dennis is still working up an ordinance for the Community Improvement Board to use as a starting point.
2. **Countryside Lane Annexations:** Trustee Groth said Dennis had a meeting with Gass and Luechtefeld. Dennis said everything should be in order.

New Business:

Trustee Groth said we discussed drafting an ordinance regarding recordings of the meetings and the length of time they should be kept.

Pool Committee Meeting: Trustee Miller called Pool Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2008. We discussed the Pool Feasibility Study. Bill Reichert from EWR and Kevin Post from Counsilman-Hunsaker were present. We discussed scheduling the public meeting and hoped to hold it at the high school. Trustee Miller said we talked about different options, i.e., a Community Center, aquatic needs or just a pool. Trustee Miller said hopefully we can get the Park Board involved with this study to cover part of the cost. Mayor Danford said we have to outline our priorities which will give our consultants an opportunity to begin to build their questionnaire base. We are still working with them on setting up meetings with various organizations and business of the Village of Freeburg.

Public Works Committee Meeting: Trustee Mattern called the Public Works Meeting to order on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Trustee Mattern said we committed most of the evening to the Water Rate Study which had been reviewed at the previous meeting. At the previous meeting, several questions were raised. The numbers were revised, and based upon the corrected numbers which they did they came back with, we are looking at a water rate increase in order to make the water fund a solid fund for the village.

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee Valentine called the Electric Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 5:35 p.m. Trustee Valentine said the first item on the agenda was South Circuit.

1. South Circuit Contract/Lugge Easement: Trustee Valentine said the Easement contract is ready and we are just waiting for both parties to sign.
2. Power Plant: Trustee Valentine said we are still having problems, a letter was sent to BH&MG with a date set to have the problem fixed.
3. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg Power: Trustee Valentine said we are still not having any luck with Ameren coming up with what a fair cost to us or them would be. Our next step will be to get our customers ready and take the lead instead of sitting back and waiting for them.

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting: Trustee Baker called the Personnel and Public Safety meeting to order on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Baker said the first thing we discussed was the Earthquake Pamphlet.

1. Earthquake Preparedness Pamphlet: Trustee Baker said the pamphlet is pretty costly when adding postage. We decided to wait and see if the Red Cross has anything available for us to use.
2. Stop Signs: Trustee Baker said we had another complaint about the back up at the school. Trustee Baker said the backup is on days with bad weather when parents are trying to turn into the parking lot where the buses used to park.
3. Health Insurance renewal: Trustee Baker said we will try to get the renewal process started in September rather than waiting on UHC to get the renewal package to us in December.
4. Sexual Harassment Training: We talked about our sexual harassment training and Julie will look into getting a video on this.
5. Employees' Badges: Trustee Baker said we are going to have employee badges made and pictures on going to be taken on June 16.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 20, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 21, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY – Monday, May 26, 2008

Street Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, June 2, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES' COMMENT'S

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No, thank you.

Trustee Steve Smith: No, thank you.

Trustee Rita Baker: Yes, she was at the social security office today and she needed the Village to fax over some paperwork for her over to their office and the lady at the social security office was very impressed on how fast the ladies in the office faxed the information over. Rita would like to thank the ladies in the Village office for a great job they do.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: No, thank you Mayor.

Trustee Corby Valentine: No, thank you Mayor.

Trustee Tony Miller: No, thank you.

Trustee Kevin Groth: Trustee Groth asked some questions about Ameren. He asked has anyone from IMEA done what we are doing, will we be the first ones to do it. Ron said we will be the first ones in this area.

STAFF: None.

ADJOURN:

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk