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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, May 5, 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 5, 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, April 21, 2008 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

FINANCE: Warrant List: Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Warrant List in the amount of \$15,503.51 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.

Trustee Smith stated that we also talked about:

1. Health Insurance and some other options and that this has been sent to the Personnel Committee.
2. Alternative payments methods for Utilities - we are waiting for Jane to get us some more information.
3. We talked about the sale of a lot in the Industrial Park which is on the Agenda tonight.
4. Trustee Smith also talked to Northern Illinois University to find out when they would be in town for the I-Map Study and they said they are behind. It will be August or September of this year.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Steve Wigginton said we need to go into closed session for Litigation 5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c).

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:38 P.M.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. based on Litigation 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.

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Trustee Rita Baker motioned to end Executive Session and enter into Regular Session at 8:43 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED
8:43 P.M.**

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 8:44 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel passed out the Monthly Treasurer's Report to be reviewed by the Mayor and Trustees. It will be voted upon at the next Regular Board Meeting.

ESDA REPORT: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Shelly Gallagher requested Richland Street be closed from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, 2008. **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.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Danford read the requests from the Locklar-Smith American Legion Post 550 to use the Village Park on May 24, 2008 to place crosses in memory of our fallen comrades and also permission to use the Village Park for their Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26, 2008. **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.

Permission is also requested to use West Apple St., Monroe St. and White St. as the parade route to the Village Park. **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.

RECOLLENDITIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None

BIDS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES: Ordinances No. 1287 Authorizing the Sale of Lot 11A of Freeburg Industrial Park.

Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1287 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – 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.

Trustee Miller asked to go back to Reports and Correspondence, he would like to know if we got something from the Patriot Sisters? Mayor Danford said he thinks they were looking for some kind of proclamation. Trustee Miller said Phyllis Sheppard asked him about a proclamation because they are going to have the state give a proclamation. He would like to do this before the state does it. Dennis will have Julie look into this right away.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Valentine said he noticed that the hole is filled up at 2 S. Monroe. Did they buy that fence from us or is that still our fence? Dennis said it is still our fence. Trustee Valentine asked when it is an appropriate time to take that fence down. Dennis said he talked to Mr. Sheets and he said Mr. Sheets made arrangements with Mr. Gass to haul the dirt from his duplexes behind Phillips. Dennis talked to Mr. Gass and verified what Mr. Sheets said and Dennis asked the attorneys to hold off. Dennis said he will find out if it is filled, when it is safe to take the fence down, then we will.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Danford said there is a list of Appointments that are due for reappointments this year. He has nothing new to add to it.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept and approve these Appointments 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:

Finance Committee Meeting: Trustee Smith reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Smith said the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2009 Budget.

1. **Radio Meters:** We talked about the cost of the radio meters and how we are going to pay for those.
2. **Water Department:** We discussed the \$70,000.00 deficit in the water department and how to address this problem, which included the possibility of increasing the water rates. Trustee Smith said that John Tolan was going to check into a rates study.
3. **Public Works Dept. Employee Requests:** We talked about increasing sick days from 65 days to 240 days and increasing the clothing allowance to \$200.00 per year with stipulation on their footwear.

Trustee Miller asked if we are going to do anything with the budget tonight since we did have our water committee meeting. Mayor Danford replied no, the committee decided to wait an extra two weeks for the next board meeting for a reconfigured water study.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:

Public Works Committee Meeting; Public Works Meeting was called to order on April 30, 2008 at 6:30 by Trustee Mattern. Trustee Mattern said the first thing on the agenda that evening was Public Participation.

1. Water Leak: Trustee Mattern said a resident came to us with a massive water bill. After reviewing the circumstances, it was determined we would like to recommend his bill be reduced to cover the actual expense incurred by the village. His normal usage bill would be calculated as the average of the previous 12 months and then billing out the balance of the water used at rate the village pays FSH for it. This means he owes a total of \$710.50.

Trustee Charlie Mattern motioned that a resident (no name was given) to reduce his bill by \$954.54 which leaves the balance of the bill of \$710.50 and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – 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.

2. Water Study: We reviewed the water rate study that has been discussed this evening. We're revising those numbers to determine what that correct study should be as there were some numbers that were over-inflated.
3. Radio Read Meters: The status of the radio read meters is also part of the rate study. As soon as we get the study back we can address this.
4. There are ongoing reviews of some sewer overflows that were experienced during the recent rain events.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sewer Study: We discussed the sewer study. We are waiting on information from the meeting that was held with the two engineering firms and should have that on May 14th. We will proceed after that has been reviewed.

Trustee Smith asked to go back to the first page where Ron had made a comment that there were several meters that not been read for several months. Are we going to try and go back to the company that was reading the meters and get a refund on the meter reading? Mayor Danford said it didn't seem like we had a whole lot that we can go back to them to force that issue.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 7, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.
Pool Feasibility Kickoff Meeting – Wednesday, May 7, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 14, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 14, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 14, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, May 19, 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, thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: No, thank you.

Trustee Corby Valentine: No, thank you.

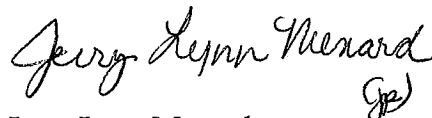
Trustee Tony Miller: No, thank you.

Trustee Kevin Groth: No, thank you.

STAFF:

ADJOURN:

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk