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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Board Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 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 – absent; 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 (6 present, 1 absent). Mayor Danford announced there is a quorum.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the minutes of Tuesday September 2, 2008 and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**FINANCE:** Trustee Smith said the trustees and department heads completed the IMAP Study interviews on Thursday and Friday of last week. From talking to them, it takes about 2 months to complete the study, so we should hear from them around end of October, first of November.

Trustee Miller said the interview was strange. He thought it was supposed to see how we could attract business to Freeburg. We didn't discuss that as much as he thought we would. Administrator Dennis Herzing thinks they look at the overall operation, how we are doing and come back with letting us know what we are doing right and make suggestions on what we can be doing to better ourselves. Trustee Miller said he was expecting more business-related questions. Trustee Smith said they are looking at the village as a whole, as Dennis said, looking at what we are doing right and make suggestions, and at the same time put recommendations together on what we can do to retain business as well as attract business in Freeburg.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Bryan Vogel had nothing tonight.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Dennis advised Sheets has filed an appeal.

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Danford said he has nothing from Gene for ESDA.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

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**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Danford said we got a note from the March of Dimes for the Gallagher's Getaway post party ride for the 2008 Bikers for Babies thanking the Village for our support.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS:** Mayor Danford said this is the AT&T Telephone Service Contract. Administrator Herzing said Julie did a lot of research and found out if we contract with them rather than just paying month to month, we can cut our phone bill by \$400 a month. Trustee Miller asked the length of the contract and Dennis answered one year. Dennis said it doesn't change anything, we are signing up with them for a year, rather than going from month to month. Trustee Miller asked if this locks the price in for a year and Dennis said yes. Trustee Valentine asked if this is just for the mobile phones and Dennis advised it is for land lines. Trustee Smith asked if this include long distances calls. Dennis said no, this is just for our local calls.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to accept the AT&T local telephone service contract and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth - aye; (5ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent).) All voting aye, motion carried.

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Danford said Exhibit D is a contract change adding life insurance coverage for dependents. Trustee Baker said our police contract requires life insurance for dependents as well as for employees. The dependent coverage will be \$4,000 for spouses and \$2,000 for children. This was overlooked and needs to be corrected. The insurance will be added to the employees with dependent coverage for 25 people at \$1.58 per month for a total of \$39.50. Dennis confirmed it is required of us as it is in the agreement with the police department. Mayor Danford asked if this will cost the village 39.50 a month and Dennis said that is correct. Trustee Groth asked if that is for all the employees and Dennis said it is for the employees and their dependents.

Trustee Valentine asked if we are bound to continue this at retirement and Dennis said only if the employee chooses to keep it and pay the premium. Trustee Groth said the only requirement is we have to offer the same package to the retirees which they pay for and Dennis said that is correct.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to pay the \$1.58 per employee for dependent life insurance coverage and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; (5ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent).) All voting aye, motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Miller said he would like a little clarification on the letter in the trustees' mailboxes because he was not at that meeting. Mayor Danford said his concern primarily was the fact that we had asked village employees for help in going through budget irregularities. He agrees, in principal, on what we were trying to do, but he had some concerns with the way it came out. He said it looked like we were looking for a reason to blame somebody. As it progressed, Mayor Danford said he had a procedural problem with how it was being handled and he thinks we should have more care for the legal and ethical implications on how that matter was handled. Trustee Miller said the procedural thing for this was to take it to the committee. Mayor Danford said we need to observe the procedural concerns for the employee relationship that we have and address those in Executive Session. Mayor Danford also said we shouldn't be looking to lay guilt, especially in a public meeting,. There should have been another process for this. Trustee Miller thinks somewhere down the line we need to discuss this issue in Executive Session so we can get everything out of the way and continue to do business in a timely manner. Mayor Danford said the message he wants to send to our employees is that we want to keep discussion open with them and not have them fear repercussions at the same time. Trustee Miller said he can't comment on this because he wasn't there, he just ended up with this letter in his box and he was concerned. Trustee Valentine said he would look forward to an Executive Session concerning this letter anytime anyone wants to bring one up. Trustee Miller asked if we would like to discuss this in Executive Session tonight. Trustee Valentine said he would like to wait until Trustee Mattern is here.

Mayor Danford asked for any other business. Trustee Groth said he doesn't know if this fits under old business or new business. He is concerned about our wood chipper and how it is holding up. It looked a little rough the other day when it was at his house. Some teeth were missing off the roller and asked if we are wearing the chipper out with this program that we undertook. Do we need to look at buying a new one? Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann answered not yet.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

## **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:** Trustee Kevin Groth called the Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2008.

1. **Public Participation:** Trustee Groth said we had some Public Participation from resident Carol Gentry. We discussed an ongoing problem that we have talked about in the past. She has a neighbor who has been running a commercial business in a SR-1 neighborhood. Kevin did a little research and found a change in the code book. We decided to go ahead and instruct the code enforcement officer to address the problem and see if we can get the neighborhood back to a residential area.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance for Recording Meetings: Trustee Groth said one of things we have been working on is an ordinance on how long we retain recordings of meetings. Trustee Groth said Dennis is working on that.
2. Ordinance for Drainage Easement Grades: Trustee Groth said we are still working on this.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motor Vehicle Code: Trustee Groth said we looked at the Motor Vehicle Code that was sent to us by Frank Heiligenstein on the use of golf carts on public roads and have taken it under advisement.
2. Clean Up Property: Trustee Groth said we talked about possibly cleaning up another property along the highway. We have directed our lawyer to do a little investigation on it and the best way to approach it.

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee Corby Valentine called the Electric Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2008.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. South Circuit Contract: Trustee Valentine said that Ron updated them on South Circuit. He advised that we saved approximately \$40,000 by completing this project ourselves.
2. Warning Sirens: Trustee Valentine said they are still having problems getting parts for the defective siren.
3. Power Plant: Trustee Valentine said we had Dave Stephens and Dean Park of BHM&G at the meeting to discuss their concerns about the invoice we sent them for the work done on the load sharing issue between the two power plants. After discussion, the committee decided that BHM&G will place a \$5,000 credit on our account with BHM&G for future work.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Holtzmann Service: Trustee Valentine said we had a discussion on the Holtzmann lights at the Electric committee meeting as well. Trustee Groth said he does have a question about the committee meeting. Tony had asked the question about the damaged equipment during the power plant testing and we never got back to that topic. Trustee Valentine said he doesn't know of anyone turning any bills in and he doesn't know of any damage that people might have had. Trustee Miller said a lot of people didn't know what was going on. Trustee Valentine said as far as the village is concerned, nothing was brought to the committee saying there was damage due to a power outage.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Tuesday, September 16, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.  
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 17, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.  
Street Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 17, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.  
Plan Commission – Wednesday, September 24, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 1, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.  
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 1, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, October 6, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

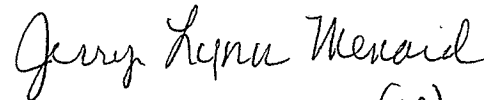
## VILLAG PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: Absent.  
Trustee Steve Smith: No, thank you.  
Trustee Baker: No, thank you.  
Village Clerk Jerry: No, thank you.  
Trustee Corby Valentine: No, thank you.  
Trustee Tony Miller: No, thank you.  
Trustee Kevin Groth: No, thank you.

**STAFF:** None.

## ADJOURN:

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Village Clerk  
Jerry Lynn Menard