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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## **FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING** **Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** **Board Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2009, 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 6, 2009 with corrections and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** Trustee Smith said he asked everyone to review the budget so we could approve it tonight. Trustee Smith asked Dennis if he received any comments or changes and Administrator Herzing said no. Trustee Smith asked if he needs to explain the budget revisions. Administrator Herzing said based on last minute events, the purchase of property to expand the Public Works Department sheds, several lines item revisions have been made to finalize the budget. Dennis said there was an oversight in line item 01-41-890 Streets and other improvements--it was revised to reflect a budget amount of \$5,000. Several other line items in the Street Department were adjusted downward. These final budget revisions did balance the budget. Trustee Miller said he has one question before we vote on the budget. Trustee Miller asked Administrator Herzing if we changed the salaries on the co-mangers for the pool. Administrator Herzing replied, yes, we did. Trustee Smith asked Tony when the swim team requested the pool be ready at 7:15 a.m. so they can start their swim practice at 7:30 a.m. if there is any cost to the village to do this. Trustee Miller said no, the manager goes out and takes care of that which is included with their duties as managers. The swim team pays for a lifeguard to be on duty. Administrator Herzing asked all the trustees to return their copy of the budget and the appropriate revised pages will be inserted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**ESDA:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

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**REPORTS and CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Danford said he we have a thank you note in the packet from Brooke Krauss and Genie White.

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

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

**BIDS:** Mayor Danford said we have the 2009 MFT Bid results for the village. Mayor Danford asked Tony if would he like to take this and Trustee Miller said yes.

*Trustee Tony Miller motion to accept the MFT Bids of CA16/CM16 Limestone from Beelman at 9.25 per ton, CA6 Stone from Beelman at 7.25 per ton; CA11/CM11 Crushed Stone from Clinton City Compost at 11.89 per ton; and for the oil from Mike Maedge at 2.34 per gallon; 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

**ORDINANCES:** Ordinance No. 1314: An Ordinance Amending Title VII, Chapter 73 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois (Traffic Schedules). Mayor Danford said this is for two stop signs at the intersection of North Main St and West Phillips.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1314 by title only, and Trsutee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Trustee Smith said in the April Illinois Municipal bulletin there was an article about IMLRMA representatives will come out and do inspections of playgrounds and pools at no cost to its members. He would like to see us contact them and have them come out and do an inspection just to make sure that we don't have any issues that they normally see with pools and playgrounds. He just wanted to make sure everything is up to code.
2. Trustee Groth said he had a couple of people talk to him about voter irregularities at this last election. Trustee Groth said Kenny Joseph and Shelia and Dennis Tewell didn't received the correct ballot. He talked to Frank about it and Frank said it is our responsibility to make sure those papers are filed at the courthouse. Administrator Herzing said the annexation papers were filed. Trustee Groth said a resident stopped him at the grocery store the other day and was a little put off about the situation and suggested that the most important part of our jobs is to make sure the papers are filed correctly. After talking to Frank, he said it is our responsibility to make sure it is done correctly. Kevin asked if is there a way we can verify that the annexation papers are filed from for the last 10 years. Administrator Herzing said he guesses we could go back and search the files. It should be an easy enough matter to search the county records and see all the stamped files of the annexations papers for Freeburg.

Frank told Trustee Groth those papers just don't get filed with the clerk, they also get filed with the Recorder of Deeds' office and the Assessor's Office. Trustee Miller said the Tewells had this problem four years ago. Trustee Valentine said he had this problem at this election and he has been in the village for 26 years and that his wife received the wrong ballot as well and it is not an annexation issue with him. Trustee Groth said the issue he dealt with was an annexation problem. Trustee Groth said that Kenny Joseph did talk to one of the election judges that day and did get the right ballot. Trustee Miller said the Tewells did not get the right ballot. Trustee Baker said she noticed when the registration book is reviewed by the election judges, they leave in all kinds of people who are deceased and she thinks that is the county problem. Trustee Baker said even when people inform the county that their relative is deceased, they still don't erase them. She said we write deceased on a lot of the applications doesn't know if it makes any difference. Carol Anderson said she has served many years and it is better than it used to be, but there are still bugs. Most of the time it's people that moved and have not changed their address and that causes a problem when they get there to vote. We had some problems when 911 came into effect. The county changed some addresses and it kicked those voters out. Mayor Danford said he never heard about the problem with the Tewells. Administrator Herzing said the address was correct, they just received the wrong ballot. Administrator Herzing said if there is anything else we can do, he would be glad to talk to Frank about it. Trustee Groth said he told the person he spoke to if he was to bring this up at the Board Meeting, some people might view it as sour grapes on his part and their answer was to that, it is your job and you need to do it. Kevin said this is why he brought it up. He asked the board how we want to proceed--do you want to do anything? A discussion with the board and public continued a little longer.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

**ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING:** Trustee Corby Valentine called the Electric Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

**Old Business:**

1. **Switchover of Ameren:** Trustee Valentine said we discussed the switchover from Ameren and Ron is still having meetings with them.
2. **Loss Control Inspection:** Trustee Valentine said there is one particular item that is quite involved and Ron is trying to get in touch with John Osseck.

**New Business:**

1. **IMUA Annual Conference:** Trustee Valentine said that the committee agreed to send Ron to the IMUA Conference at the cost of \$185.00 plus the hotel cost.
2. **Repair of Breakers:** Trustee Valentine said Eaton will be here on May 11<sup>th</sup> to repair the breakers. This is critical for the breaker operators and the safety for the employees to be around

those breakers. Trustee Valentine said Ron reported the meters at Deerfield have all been replaced for the electric and water. This job is done.

**PERSONNEL and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING:** Trustee Rita Baker called the Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

**POLICE:**

**Old Business:**

1. **Cell Phones:** Trustee Baker said we discussed cell phones and she would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to provide cell phones for our police officers to be included in the Verizon Wireless Cell Phone Plan with each officer receiving a cell phone with 300 cellular minutes to include a payroll deduction of \$10 per month and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **Officers' Annual Training:** Trustee Baker said this is the annual training of the officers from SILEC and the contribution is \$85.00 per person with 9 members enrolled for a total cost of \$765.00.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned that we pay for the officers' annual training at a cost of \$85.00 per person for a total cost of \$765.00 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – 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. **Stop Signs:** Trustee Baker said we talked about the stop signs on Main Street and Phillips Street and this has already been taken care of this evening on the agenda and the signs are already up.

**PERSONNEL:**

**Old Business:**

1. **Employee Handbook:** Trustee Baker said we have the first draft part of the employee handbook for the members to look at.

2. **Public Works On Call Status:** Trustee Baker said we talked about the public works on call status and that is an ongoing discussion.

3. **CTY System:** Trustee Baker said we discussed the CTY System and the latest time we heard from the last call was 6:45 p.m. with 84% of the people being notified.

Trustee Miller asked Mel if we are going to patrol that area around the new stop signs for a while and Mel said we are going to put it in the paper for next week to notify the public to be aware of the new stop sign at Main Street and Phillips.

**PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING:** Trustee Tony Miller called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 5:30 p.m

**Old Business/Pool:**

1. **Pool Feasibility/Study:** Trustee Miller said we had a long, long discussion on this subject.

2. **Employee Pay Rates:** Trustee Miller said we talked about the employees' pay rates and at this time he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to have the following persons be hired for the 2009 swimming pool season 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.

Kelsey Blackwell	\$8.00 per hour	Joel Elden	\$9.00 per hour
Molly Etling	\$8.00 per hour	Kyle Greenlee	\$8.50 per hour
Emily Harris	\$8.25 per hour	Courtney Heidorn	\$8.00 per hour
Mackenzie Hudnut	\$8.50 per hour	Hannah Lanter	\$8.00 per hour
Jake Lanter	\$8.00 per hour	Tim Mueller	\$8.50 per hour
Michael Ross	\$9.00 per hour	Jillian Rouse	\$8.00 per hour
Alysse Rubemeyer	\$8.00 per hour	Kelsey Thouvenot	\$8.00 per hour
Kyrstin Wahlig	\$8.00 per hour		

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to have Emily Harris and Kelsey Blackwell and the third one complete the new lifeguard certification through the YMCA at a Cost of \$235.00 per person 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 we also discussed CPR/AED training and we are looking into that right now.

Trustee Miller said we will offer swim lessons this year and we are going to hold the price the same as last year \$50.00 for in-town residents or \$35.00 if season pass is purchased. Out of town residents will be \$60.00 or \$45.00 if season pass is purchased. The dates will run from 6/8 to 6/12 and 6/15 to 6/19. Pool parties will remain at \$150.00 and co-managers will receive \$10.00 per hour for pool parties.

We talked about getting umbrellas since we are trying to get more shade out at the pool. This will depend on if we get the park grants or not. We are going to have the Swim after Dark events but he did not bring those dates with him tonight. We also are going to have family days on a couple of Sundays this summer. On those days, parents or guardian accompanied with a child gets in free and the child will get in for half price. Trustee Baker gave the dates for Swim after Dark; June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup>. Family days will be June 21<sup>st</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business/Streets:**

1. **Sidewalks:** Trustee Miller said we are going to look at some sidewalks and see if we have any money in the budget to take care of some of those.
2. **MFT:** Trustee Miller said we talked about MFT which we already took care of this evening.
3. **Summer Help:** Trustee Miller said at this time would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to advertise for temporary summer help not more than 250 hours per person at \$8.00 per hour 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 Baker said she did ask for a donation of money from the Optimist Club to help buy pool toys and Janet did present a check to Trustee Tony Miller from the Woman's Club to help purchase some pool toys.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING:** Trustee Charlie Mattern called the Public Works Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Mattern said we continued through the list of ongoing items.

**Old Business:**

1. **Old Water Treatment Plant:** Trustee Mattern said the first thing we are going to do is to try to correct an issue over at the old water plant which has been hanging around since that took place many many years ago.
2. **SAVE Site Water Situation:** Trustee Mattern said the grant application has been submitted.
3. **Special Fund for Extraordinary Repairs:** Trustee Mattern said we are continuing to discuss a perfect solution to the extraordinary repair issues for sewer lines which are in the right-away.
4. **Recycling:** Trustee Mattern said the recycling grant process continues and we are trying to secure the money.

5. **Utility Deactivation Fee:** Trustee Mattern said we are moving forward to possibly institute a deactivation fee for trash pick-up.

6. **Sewer Line Underneath Highway By AnRus:** Trustee Mattern asked Ron if the sewer cleaners made it out and Ron said it is scheduled this Wednesday. We will continue to monitor that.

7. **Relocation of Sewer Line in Woods Edge:** Trustee Mattern said for those that might recall, we did relocate sewer line at Estates Woods Edge in places that would not conflict with setbacks. This project has been completed.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee as a Whole Meeting – Monday, April 27, 2009 – 5.30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 29, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.

Plan Commission Meeting – Wednesday, April 29, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, May 4, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

#### VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No, thank you Mayor.

Trustee Steve Smith: He would like to thank Kevin for serving on the Finance Committee.

Trustee Rita Baker: She would like to thank Kevin for serving on the Board.

Village Clerk Jerry: She would like to thank Kevin for doing a great job as a Trustee.

Trustee Corby Valentine: He also would like to thank Kevin and wish him good luck.

Trustee Tony Miller: He will wait to thank him next meeting.

Trustee Kevin Groth: He thanked everyone for the well wishes.

Mayor Danford: None.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURN:** *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:26 p .m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk