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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Board Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Mayor Rita Baker called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, December 21, 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 Seth Speiser – here and Mayor Raymond Danford – absent; (6 present, 1 absent). Acting Mayor Rita Baker announced there is a quorum.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, December 7, 2009 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** Trustee Steve Smith said he gave the audit report to everyone to look at and review and vote on it at the next board meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Acting Mayor Baker said Treasurer Bryan Vogel is not present this evening.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Acting Mayor Baker announced that we will not go into Executive Session this evening. Village Administrator Dennis Herzing said we will be putting this back on the agenda for the January meeting.

**ESDA REPORT:** Acting Mayor Baker said our ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer is not present this evening.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Acting Mayor Baker asked if anyone would like to take the floor. Janet said the Freeburg Women's Club would like to make a \$25.00 donation to the Christmas Lights Fund.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** Acting Mayor Baker said we have a letter from St. John the Baptist School asking for a donation for their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Auction.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to donate a 10-day swimming pass to St. John the Baptist School Annual Dinner Auction 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 Seth Speiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.  
**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:** None.  
**BIDS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS:** Acting Mayor Baker said next is Resolution #09-13: A Resolution Authorizing a Representative to Sign Loan Documents.

*Trustee Charlie Mattern motioned to adopt Resolution #09-13 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Acting Mayor Baker said next is Resolution #09-14: A Resolution of Intent Regarding National Flood Insurance.

*Trustee Charlie Mattern motioned to adopt Resolution #09-14 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**ORDINANCES:** Acting Mayor Baker said next on the agenda is Ordinance No. 1339: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Commonly Known as the “Mueth Property” to and in the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1339 by title only and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Acting Mayor Baker said next is Ordinance No. 1340: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory Commonly Known as the “Wilkerson Property” to and in the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1340 by title only and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**ESDA REPORT:** Acting Mayor Baker called on our ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene brought us up to date on the weather and what we can expect for the next couple of days. Gene said area residents who are interested in getting the H1N1 shot will be able to do so locally at Freeburg’s vaccination clinic. Gene said the clinic will be open on January 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Freeburg Elementary School. Gene said the vaccine will be available free of charge, to all age groups over six months of age. Gene said anyone under the age of 18 years must have their parent or

legal guardian present.

Gene also reminded us starting on January 1, 2010 the "Illinois New Cell Phone Rules Become Law." This means you no longer will be able to text while driving or using cell phone in school speed zones.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Acting Mayor Rita Baker called for any old business at this time.

Trustee Steve Smith asked if we have the proclamation to honor the State Champion Girl's volleyball team and the other sports done yet and Dennis replied we are working on it.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:** Trustee Corby Valentine called the Electric Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg:** Trustee Valentine said we discussed the switchover from Ameren to Freeburg power. Trustee Valentine said Ameren offered to sell their facilities to us at a cost of \$300,000. We gave it to our engineering firm to do the analysis on it to see if the numbers they used were correct. There are some questions about copper verses aluminum. When they said they used copper, the engineer that is working on our request actually worked for Ameren back then. We are going to get that cleared up. It won't make a big difference in the final number. As soon as we get that back and get a final cost, it will come out of the committee to the board.

2. **Three-phase Customer:** Trustee Valentine said we talked about the three-phase power service fees and we have a couple of questions for the attorney.

**Public Works Committee Meeting:** Trustee Charlie Mattern called Public Works Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Sewer Project:** Trustee Mattern said we got an update on the sewer project from Larry Rhutasel and will be passing the resolution this evening authorizing the Mayor to sign the necessary documents for the loan applications.

2. **SAVE Site Water Situation:** Trustee Mattern said we got an update on the Save water situation. We are waiting for the release from the St. Clair County Grants Department.

3. **Recycling:** Trustee Mattern said the recycling is doing very well-at least for the first couple of weeks. Dennis said it is still doing very well. Trustee Mattern asked how the turnout was for the Township on Saturday. Dennis said he was not there, but we had two dumpsters and they were stuffed when he got here Monday morning. Trustee Mattern said on behalf of the rest of the committee

and the board, he would like to thank everybody in town for bearing with us as we made that transition. It seems to working quite well.

4. **Sewer Backup Policy:** Trustee Mattern said we are going to take some measures to eliminate some sewer backup problems on Main Street pending completion of the project Rhutasel is working on. At this time, Trustee Mattern said he would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Charlie Mattern motioned to authorize the Public Works Department to install a temporary lift station on North State Street not to exceed \$15,000 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

5. **FSH System:** Trustee Mattern said we are proceeding with making modifications to our connection with FSH to improve the water services to the village by being able to access all the water that is in the FSH tower just outside of town.

**Public Property Committee Meeting:** Trustee Tony Miller called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Pool:** Trustee Miller asked Dennis if he called Bill Reichert. Dennis said no, not yet. Trustee Miller said we talked about the job descriptions for the managers for the pool and we have come up with a plan. Trustee Miller said that John, Dennis, Julie and Ron are working on a list. Tony talked to Scott, and he does plan on coming back. Trustee Miller said we also discussed the lifeguards and we will take care of that also. Trustee Miller said letters are going out to our past lifeguards over the holidays while some of the college students are home.

2. **Street Safe Routes To School:** Trustee Miller said we discussed the Safe Routes. Trustee Miller said Dennis was going to make a phone call to IDOT. Dennis said the guy he needs to talk to is out for the rest of the week.

3. **Cemetery Road:** Trustee Miller said we still have not heard back on this.

4. **Street Banners:** Trustee Miller said we have four people who are purchasing a banner for next year.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. CLOSED IN OSBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS - December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup>
2. Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, December 30, 2009 - 4:00 p.m.
3. Economic Development Committee Meeting – Monday, December 30, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.(CANCELLED)
4. CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY - Friday, January 1, 2010
5. Board Meeting – Monday, January 4, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

## VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

**Trustee Seth Speiser:** No, thank you.

**Trustee Tony Miller:** Merry Christmas everyone and on the proclamations he would like to have that set up for the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and invite a representative from each of the sports. Trustee Miller asked if anyone would like to add anything to this. Trustee Smith said he agrees we should do this and it should have been done already.

**Trustee Corby Valentine:** Merry Christmas to everyone.

**Acting Mayor and Trustee Rita Baker:** Merry Christmas.


**Trustee Steve Smith:** Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Village Clerk asked is everyone going to be here at the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are going to get our picture taken, if possible.

**STAFF:** None.

### **ADJOURN:**

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard,  
Village Clerk