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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Board Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 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 – absent; 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 Monday, December 15, 2008 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). With 5 aye votes, motion carried.*

FINANCE: Trustee Smith said he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Warrant List of \$17,179.14 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 – absent; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent.) With 5 aye votes, the motion carried.

Review of Investments: Trustee Smith said we also discussed our investments and how we want to proceed with the \$250,000 deposits limit. Trustee Smith said that Treasurer Bryan Vogel said, later this year it is possible that it could go back down to \$100,000, so we discussed that and how we would cover the CD's.

Alternative Payment Method for Utilities: Trustee Smith said we are still proceeding with this. We are going to put a survey in the Freeburg Tribune so we can get some feedback from the community.

Trustee Smith said we did discuss approving the audit and asked everyone to review it for the next meeting. It will be voted on at that time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

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ESDA REPORT: Gene Kramer reported on the following:

1. Letter Memorandum of Understanding was sent to St. Joseph Parish Center for use of the Parish Center as a temporary shelter for cooling, warming, evaluation, etc., but not to be used as a Community Storm Shelter. A response was received with two areas of modification/changes suggested by Father Mark Reyling. These changes, as recommended by Village Administrator Dennis Herzing, have been sent to the Village Attorney, Steve Wigginton, for review and recommendation.
2. On Saturday, December 27, 2008, a Tornado Watch was issued for Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties from 4:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A wind advisory was issued by the NWS St. Louis, Mo., for the metro area from 12:00 noon until midnight on December 27, 2008 for sustained wind speeds of 30-35 mph with gusts to 50mph. A second tornado watch was issued by NSPC which extended the Tornado Watch until 7:00 p.m. Gene said he responded to the Freeburg ESDA office for both Watch alerts.
3. A Severe Thunderstorm Warning was issued by the NWS at 1:11 p.m. and valid until 2:00p.m. for St. Clair County as radar was showing a line of server thunderstorms with damaging winds in excess at 60 mph just west of the Mississippi River moving NE at 75 mph. Shelter Managers June Williams and Gary & Sharon Lautz activated St. Paul's UCC shelter. Bob & Lana Evans activated the FCHS underground shelter. Gene maintained communications with the local PD, NWS via the Amateur Radio Emergency Service Skywarn operations, and communications with St. Clair Co. EMA on both VHF and Starcom. FCHS was conducting Holiday Tournament Basketball activities and Superintendent Mr. Lehman contacted Gene at the ESDA office to obtain weather data and Gene assured Mr. Lehman he would make immediate contact with him if there was a need to move people to the underground shelter area of the school. Fortunately, Gene said there was no wind damage reported to the ESDA office despite the wind gust and the heavy rainfall.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Danford said Sheila Gallagher called him; she will reset her appointment for a later time with regard to her request.

RECOMMENDATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Mayor Danford said the next thing on the agenda is the Plan Commission's recommendation for Harbor Pointe at Westview Lake's Preliminary Plat. Trustee Miller explained that they did move the entrance street and Tony said he thinks everybody was in agreement that it looks good. Trustee Miller said the way it is set up, we could put in a three-way stop if we need to. Village Administrator Herzing said it was a big advantage by moving it. It is a better location and it will help slow down traffic down. Before voting upon this recommendation, Trustee Groth asked if the public did not show up as they did before and Trustee Miller replied no. Mayor Danford said Trustee Valentine was part of this move. Village Administrator Herzing said there were several residents who requested notification about the meeting when we were going to approve this. He advised Julie sent letters and called them.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation that is submitted here tonight with the proposed change 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 – absent; Trustee Kevin Groth - aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent).). With 5 aye votes, motion carried.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: Ordinance No. 1307: An Ordinance Amending Title VII, Chapter 73 Of The Revised Code Of the Village of Freeburg, and St. Clair County, Illinois (Traffic Schedules).

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1307 by title only 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 – absent; Trustee Kevin Groth - aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). With 5 aye votes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Public Property Committee Meeting: Trustee Miller called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at 4:41 p.m.

Pool Feasibility Study: Trustee Miller said we talked about the pool and we have two of the pool mangers returning from last year. We will advertise in the paper for a third manager. Trustee Miller said we talked about the referendum and Village Administrator Herzing is getting that all together. We are going to have our next committee meeting before our next board meeting to discuss having a referendum on the ballot for April's election.

Culvert on Cemetery Road and West Street: Trustee Miller said we also talked about the culvert bids we got back. We are still looking at that and will make a decision on possibly doing one of the projects in this year's budget and one in next year's budget before the next meeting.

Trustee Miller said we already took care of Harbor Pointe. Trustee Miller asked if we need to do anything about Press Road Railroad Crossing and Village Administrator Herzing said no. Trustee Smith asked:

1. With regard to the intake drain at the pool, is that to meet the new federal regulations and Village Administrator Herzing said yes, we have to take a look at it and decide what needs to be taken care of.

2. Trustee Smith said regarding the referendum, are we just going to have one option on the referendum--either we approve or not approve. Trustee Miller answered that is what we are looking at right now. He is going to talk with EWR and Counsilman-Hunsaker being they are the consultants on this project and ask them what the best way to handle this is. Trustee Miller asked if it is three questions on a referendum and said he does not know if anyone else has applied for any referendum on this ballot or not. Village Administrator Herzing said a referendum has to be a question and it is possible that somebody else has submitted something. Trustee Smith asked what are we going to do if our referendum is rejected, what is the next step? Mayor Danford supposes we will talk that over at the next meeting. Trustee Miller said then it is basically decided--if we are going to do anything to the swimming pool or if we just shut it down.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

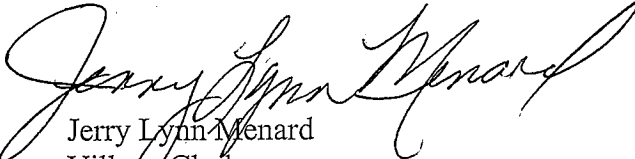
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 7, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
Community Improvement Board Meeting – Monday, January 12, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 14, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 14, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – January 19, 2009
Board meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAG PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

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

Staff Comments: None

ADJOURN: *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:02 p .m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk