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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING **Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** **Board Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 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 – absent; 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.

Trustee Charlie Mattern motioned to amend tonight's agenda for the public good and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye motion carried.

Trustee Mattern said he would like to reschedule the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting from Wednesday, March 18th at 5:30 p.m. to March 18th at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, March 16, 2009 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

FINANCE: Trustee Smith said he is in the process of updating the 3- to 5-year plan and will have it ready for the Committee as a Whole Meeting next Monday night.

ESDA REPORT: Gene Kramer gave an update on weather report with regard to the storm warning and how it affected Freeburg. Gene also informed us that we were going to have a County Wide Team Drill on Wednesday, March 18th and they will notify all schools of this drill. Gene said we still need 5 people to be certified for CPR renewal. Gene said on Tuesday last week, there was a statewide communication test. Gene explained how this was conducted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mayor Danford said the floor is open to Public Participation.

Janet Baechle asked what is happening with the Communication System. Administrator Herzing said they are working on it to get it straightened out. Trustee Valentine asked if the Village is making monthly payments on this and Administrator Herzing replied yes. Trustee Valentine said if we are paying them, we don't pay next month until it is fixed.

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Trustee Miller invited Lyle from Ace Hardware to speak to us tonight. Lyle addressed the Board and those present about the business. Lyle informed everyone that he and his partners are not closing their business here in Freeburg. Lyle said the business has been good and sales were up last year and are again this year. Lyle said even when we did have to reinvest money in the past year or two, we certainly took money out of an own pockets. He would like to stop the rumor from spreading that they are not closing. Lyle said they are definitely not closing and have no plans to do so soon.

Mayor Danford called upon Sheila Gallagher. Sheila said they would like to request permission to have the use of road blocks from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for their Gallagher's Getaway Annual March of Dimes Benefit on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 102 S. Richland. Sheila said she would also like to have the road blocks again for the Frieze Harley Davidson Annual American Cancer Society Ride with Gallagher's Getaway on May 17th from 1:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m. Sheila gave us an update on the Moving Wall. They have raised \$4,500.00 to bring the Moving Wall to Freeburg. The Wall is paid for. The \$4,500.00 is extra and donated to the Moving Wall Foundation to help build the pole barn building. If you would like to donate any money, I will be glad to take it.

Mayor Danford said moving onto Exhibit B is the Proclamation from the Patriotic Sisters of the U.S.A. he assumes. Trustee Miller said yes they are having their B-Que that day and other fund raiser.

Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to accept the Proclamation "Support Our Troops Day" to be held on June 27, 2009 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Danford said, all voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to have the Police Department place the road blocks in place for Gallagher's Getaway Annual March of Dimes Benefit from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2009 and road blocks to be put in place for the American Cancer Society Ride from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday May 17, 2009 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. Mayor Danford said all voting aye, motion carried.

Before voting upon, Trustee Miller asked Chief Woodruff if there have been any problems with this type of gathering before. Chief Woodruff said they did have a problem and it was resolved quickly.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

RECOMMENDATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Danford said next is Exhibit D: Resolution #09-02, A Resolution in Support of 2009 St. Clair Community Development Block Grant.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Resolution No 09-02 by title only and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin

Groth - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – here; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye motion carried.

Mayor Danford said next is Exhibit E: Resolution #09-03, A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. Administrator Herzing explained in detail what this resolution consisted of.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Resolution No 09-03 by title only and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. ROLL CALL Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – here; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye motion carried.

ORDINANCES: Mayor Danford next is Exhibit F: Ordinance No. 1311. Mayor Danford asked for an explanation of this ordinance. Trustee Valentine took the floor on this one and explained what Ordinance No. 1311 consisted of.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1311 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth - aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Danford said next is Exhibit G: Ordinance No. 1312, An Ordinance to Approve Admission of the Village of Riverton, Illinois, into the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency. Public Work Director Ron Dintelmann explained what this ordinance is.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to accept Ordinance No. 1312 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Kevin Groth - aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Committee As A Whole Meeting: Mayor Danford called the Committee as a Whole Meeting to order on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Identifying The Projects: Mayor Danford said there was a discussion on prioritizing the project scheduling under the 3-year plan and the 5-year plan. Trustee Miller asked Trustee

Smith if we are going to make that available to the Zoning Committee to kind of help with the comprehensive plan. Trustee Smith yes, once it is finished, Dennis can forward it to them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Building Code:** Mayor Danford said we discussed the building code and this topic has been discussed at several committee levels. We had a lot of public input at that time.

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting: Trustee Kevin Groth called the Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

1. **Community Improvement Board:** Trustee Groth said they are continuing to meet. We did get the present building code into their hands so they can see what we already have done. Then we can come up with a policy so we can address this situation. Right now, we don't have a written policy on how we are going to handle a building code and their job is to give us the ideas of how the village residents feel about handing the building code.

2. **Status of Public Hazard Homes:** Trustee Groth said there not much left on this from the previous slate. Trustee Groth said Trustee Miller has mentioned the Kinzinger house on the corner of Main and Koesterer Street. He would like us to take a look at it. Trustee Miller said the roof is starting to cave in.

3. **Bill's Autobody:** Trustee Groth said Bill Herr attended our meeting and we told him we have received complaints from residents about his property. Trustee Groth said Bill asked for 30 days to get everything cleaned up and we gave him the 30 days to take care of everything.

4. **Updating Our Code:** Trustee Groth said we also discussed updating our code book. Kevin said if you remember, we had a contract here at the last board meeting. Everyone was a little unclear about what was going on. We discussed how to proceed and at this time, all we are asking for is to have the code book updated. What we already passed is added to the book so come May when we start a new session, the books are updated and complete. Kevin said at this time he would like to authorize Frank Heiligenstein of Illinois Codification Services to update our code books. After a discussion the motion was made.

Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to have Frank Heiligenstein of the Illinois Codification Services to update our Code Books at \$13.50 a page up to 100 pages and not to exceed more than \$1,350.00 and Trustee Charlie Mattern seconded the motion. ROLL CALL Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye motion carried

Trustee Groth said Chad Rhutasel was present to discuss his concerns about landlords being responsible for renter's unpaid utility bills. Trustee Groth said we will check with the surrounding municipalities to see what their renter deposits are.

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee Corby Valentine called the Electric Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, March 11 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg Power:** Trustee Valentine said Ron had a meeting with Ameren last Friday. Trustee Valentine asked Ron how the meeting went. Ron said just ok.

2. **IMEA – Federal Climate Chang Legislation:** Trustee Valentine said that Ron was in Washington with the IMEA and APPA and discussing Carbon tax and what that is going to do to electric rates. APPA's feeling is this is another way for President Obama to generate money for the stimulus package and also feels the technology is not there. Trustee Valentine said there are numbers floating out there which could raise energy rates by 75 to 100%. Trustee Valentine said there is a bill out HB722 that deals with people trying to aggregate their citizens together and going out and buying block energy for them.

3. **Riverton Approval Ordinance:** Trustee Valentine said we talked about Riverton and approved them tonight in joining the IMEA again.

Trustee Valentine said Ron provided copies of IMEA's letter regarding the stimulus package funding of the energy efficient programs and also the stimulus package funding of the broadband projects.

Trustee Valentine said Ron mentioned the arc flash study that needs to be done which would include both power plants, all the switchgear, etc. Dean Park of BHM&G will get us a price. He thinks it will be around \$30,000. As soon as we get the final quote on the study, we will deal with it.

Trustee Valentine said our risk management insurance company Chubb has some recommendations and Ron will deal with them and see what their requirements are.

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting: Trustee Rita Baker called the Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, March 11 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Trustee Rita Baker is absent tonight. Trustee Steve Smith stepped in and reported on the following subjects.

NEW BUSINESS/POLICE:

1. **Generic Police Patch:** Trustee Smith said they have been approached by an individual that would like to donate the cost of purchasing new individualized patches for the police department uniforms. Chief Woodruff has talked to the high school art department and they have agreed to have their classes participate in designing a patch. The committee will pick a winner.

2. **Police Department:** Trustee Smith said the police department was instrumental in catching one of the two brothers who lived here in Freeburg that committed over 40 burglaries in the area.

3. **Safety in the Boardroom:** Trustee Smith we discussed the safety of persons in the board room while meetings are being held.

OLD BUSINESS/PERSONNEL:

1. **Employee Handbook:** Trustee Smith said we discussed the new handbooks.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2009 – 7:35 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.
Committee as a Whole Meeting – Tuesday, March 23, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.
Board of Appeals Meeting – Thursday, March 26, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 1, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 1, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, April 6, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAG PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No, thank you.

Trustee Steve Smith: No, thank you.

Trustee Rita Baker: Absent.

Village Clerk Jerry: No, thank you.

Trustee Corby Valentine: That house on Main and Koesterer it is probably getting close to the condition of the house we took action on. He thinks we need to move on it.

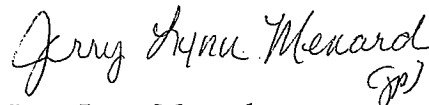
Trustee Tony Miller: No, thank you.

Trustee Kevin Groth: He agrees with Corby's statement. After Tony pointed it out, he went by it and the roof is caving in. There is a hole right now and it doesn't take long after that happens. Dennis said we will keep a close eye on it. Kevin said we need to make another inspection on it.

Mayor Danford: None.

Staff Comments: None.

ADJOURN: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p .m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk