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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Board Minutes

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Dennis Herzing

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Ronald Dintelmann

POLICE CHIEF
Melvin E. Woodruff, Jr.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
Stephen R. Wigginton

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, November 2, 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 has no finance report, but he does have something from the Economic Development Committee. Trustee Smith said we collected \$1,065 for the lights so far. Trustee Smith told Dennis we have to come up with some kind of spec for the lights.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel said he has nothing for tonight.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Acting Mayor Baker asked Village Administrator Herzing if there is an Attorney's Report. Village Administrator Herzing said yes, but it needs to be done in executive session. Acting Mayor Baker asked if we would like to wait until the Mayor is present and have executive session after all business is taken care of. If so, we need a motion to amend the agenda.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session after all business has been heard and properly taken care on tonight's agenda and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

ESDA REPORT: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Acting Mayor Baker asked if anyone cared to take the floor. Police Chief Mel Woodruff took the floor and said Mr. Koerber came into his office in reference to the fire pits ordinance. He explained to him the minutes from the Legal and Ordinance Committee stated they are going to discuss it and he assured him that problem would definitely get resolved. Chief Woodruff said Mr. Koerber was comfortable with that.

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REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Acting Mayor Baker called on Trustee Smith. Trustee Smith said he has a picture of the bench from the Mascoutah Garden Club which is to be placed in the Village Park. After talking to them, we are going to look at some other options--something that lends itself more to the appearance of the park. They are going to look around a little more. Acting Mayor Baker asked if there is a reason why it didn't work. Trustee Smith said the cost was one thing, it was really narrow and the look just didn't fit in the park. Trustee Miller asked if they have a place they want to put it. Trustee Smith said they are going to work with us. He talked to them and they are wanting to donate one to the park. They are trying to raise funds every year to place one in each corner of the park.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Smith said last year we had a proclamation to honor the volleyball team when they won state, he would like to do that again this year.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to create a proclamation to honor the State Champion Girl's Volleyball Team and a separate one for the State Qualifying Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Teams and the State Qualifying Girls' Golf Team and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Smith said he got a call from the Chamber about the Ferris Wheel that will be located in the Freeburg Market Place. The Chamber would like to know if we would be willing to donate something toward the electricity. He said that he would be at the board and talk about it. A discussion took place about the Ferris Wheel Christmas Wreath Candle.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to authorize the electric department to install temporary electric service, the cost of the electricity be donated by the Village of Freeburg for the Ferris Wheel at the Freeburg Market Place for the holidays on completion of a properly secure and safe environment 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 Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:

Personnel & Public Safety Committee Meeting: Trustee Rita Baker called the Personnel & Public Safety committee meeting to order on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

1. Security Camera for lobby: Trustee Baker said we talked about the security cameras. The poles and the camera mounts are being put up. Dennis said the cameras are up and the system is installed but the cameras are not yet focused. The inside cameras are not up yet. We are waiting for Joe Christ.

2. H1N1 Flu: Trustee Baker said we got an update advising there isn't any available vaccine at the present time.

3. Dispatching fees: Trustee Baker said we received a letter from St. Clair County stating they are updating the formula to calculate dispatching fees. Trustee Baker said right now we pay \$9.01 per transaction which costs us about \$18,000 to \$19,000 per year. Trustee Baker said the letter did not say what kind of increases that we would have. It doesn't look like we will be able to have our own dispatching center, which we don't know just yet how we are going to handle this. Trustee Baker said the fire departments are upset about the increase. Chief Woodruff said on the dispatching fees, they are going to try and adjust the cost to the low end users which range from 600 - 2,500. We are considered a high end user. They are going to try and make it a minimum for everyone using to share the load throughout the entire group. Chief Woodruff said the letter stated there is no guarantee what they are going to do to balance that. They did offer for anyone who would like to pursue their own dispatching or go to a private service they are welcome to do that. We have to wait and see what happens right now.

4. Police Budget: Trustee Baker said we talked about the police budget. We discussed the fact that we have police personnel at functions at our school events and they give us a flat rate of \$25.00 per officer and we know this service costs more than \$25.00. Since we are having budget concerns, we might have to arrange something different with the schools or try to come up with a better plan.

5. Employee Handbook: Trustee Baker said the employee handbook is completed with a draft version that the committee is going to review.

6. Public Works on call status: Trustee Baker said we discussed the public works on call status.

7. Job Descriptions: Trustee Baker said we discussed job descriptions.

Trustee Baker said we rehired Joel Elden to help with the leaf pick-up. Ron said he worked for the Village in the past on a part-time basis.

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee Corby Valentine called the Electric Committee Meeting to order on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

1. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg: Trustee Valentine said we discussed the switchover from Ameren to Freeburg power. Dennis had another conference call with Ameren. They sent Dennis some figures and Dennis sent them to Dean Park to do some calculations to see if the numbers that they gave us are in line. As soon as we get that information back, we will bring that back to the board and see what their

opinion is on what we do from here. Trustee Valentine said we would be getting four commercial customers and forty residential customers with this switchover.

2. Three-phase Customer: Trustee Valentine said we talked about the three-phase service and different rates. Trustee Valentine said we will send a letter to all the small 3-phase customers letting them know they qualify for the single service rate which will save them a little bit on their electric bill. Trustee Valentine said they authorized Ron to purchase some new poles for his inventory.

Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting: Trustee Seth Speiser called the Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

1. Community Improvement Board/Material Requirements on Commercial Building/Nuisance Abatement Code: Trustee Speiser said Mike Mitchell was present and discussed questions the committee had on whether or not we should require building permits on commercial buildings for remodeling projects. Trustee Speiser said the committee agreed to come up with some ideas for the next meeting.

2. TIF Litigation: Trustee Speiser said nothing on this.

3. Code regarding bonfires: Trustee Speiser said we discussed the code on bonfires and Stan Koerber's complaint.

Trustee Smith said he has a question with regard to the commercial remodeling permit. Is this a safety issue from the county perspective or is this just money generated for them. Trustee Speiser said it is more of a safety issue.

Pool Committee Meeting: Trustee Tony Miller called Pool Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Pool Feasibility Study/Referendum: Trustee Miller said we had Bill Reichert here to review the Master Plan design on the swimming pool. Trustee Miller said as a Committee as a Whole, we decided we are ready to have him draw up a rendering of the pool. We decided to have all the different angles displayed to see what everything will look like. Trustee Miller said we discussed paying up to \$2,500 for the rendering of the proposed Master Plan. Trustee Miller asked for a motion. Trustee Smith asked before we vote on this, didn't we already sign an agreement with them back in February for \$18,500 which included the 3-D rendering. Why are paying this again? Administrator Herzing said the cost in the original contract did include a rendering. This is an add-on to provide an actual model and generate several renderings with different views so you can get a better picture of what the project is going to look like.

Trustee Smith said that is what is in the original contract, the 3-D rendering, so why are we paying for it again? Dennis said he didn't think the original contract had the 3-D. Trustee Smith said the contract says color 3-D rendering and \$2,400, so why would we pay another \$2,500. Trustee Smith passed his copy to Trustee Miller and Trustee Miller said yes, that is in there. Dennis said he didn't know exactly what was meant by 3-D rendering. In the discussion we had with Bill Reichert, we discussed a rendering as opposed to multiple views. Trustee Smith said it says 3-D rendering, it is his contract and we should not pay for it. After more discussion on what we did or did not

pay for in the contract, Trustee Miller withdrew his motion and Administrator Herzing will contact Bill Reichert and get all the details straightened out and bring back to the committee meeting.

Trustee Miller said there should be a copy of the Master Plan in your packets. It has the aerial view of how it actually will fit in the footprint that is there in our park. It includes phase 1 and phase 2. Trustee Miller said they did one change to the drawing connecting the pools together to make it ADA accessible for the entire pool with zero entry. Trustee Smith said in Phase 2, you have it including a fitness area with lockers and a gym. He questioned why are we getting into the fitness center business when we have 3 fitness workout facilities in town. The town can go to the grade school gym. Why do you want to go to that expense for another one? Trustee Miller said this was drawn up from the people's wish list. Trustee Smith he still doesn't understand why we are competing with a private business. Dennis said the main attention for Phase 2 was a community center. The fitness part was an option you could throw in, that doesn't mean we are going to do that. Trustee Miller said the basketball area was part of the multi purpose area, as well as a meeting place, banquet room with a service kitchen. Trustee Miller told Trustee Smith each project is broken down cost wise.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2009 – 5:00 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
Board of Appeals Meeting - Thursday, November 19, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Economic Development Committee Meeting – Monday, November 23, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING - November 26th & 27th.
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, December 2, 2009 - 4:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, December 2, 2009 - 5:30 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, December 7, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Charlie Mattern: Congratulations to all high school state participants.
Trustee Steve Smith: He concurs with Charlie.
Trustee Rita Baker: am with them.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard: same.
Trustee Corby Valentine: Same as them.
Trustee Tony Miller: Same.
Trustee Seth Speiser : Same.

STAFF: None.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:05 P.M.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel {5ILCS,120/2 - c(1)a.} and litigation {5 ILCS, 120/2- (c)(11)} and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine*

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- aye; Trustee Seth Speiser- aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

8:21 P.M.

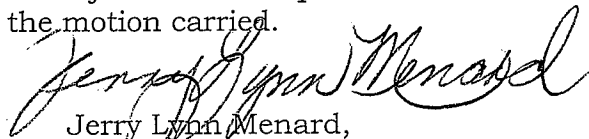
Trustee Rita Baker motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 8:23 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Mayor Danford said the last thing on the agenda, Rita you have the floor. Trustee Baker said as Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, she would like to make a motion.

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to revamp the business office and eliminate a position and Trustee Charlie Mattern seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - nay; Trustee Seth Speiser - nay; (4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 absent). With four voting aye, two voting nay; the motion carried.*

ADJOURN:

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard,
Village Clerk