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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Board Minutes

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to approve the minutes of Monday September 21, 2009 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

FINANCE: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Warrant List in the amount of \$62,276.58 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser– aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Smith said we completed the audit this month. It is all done and has been given to the auditors.

1. **Health Insurance Renewal:** Trustee Smith said we are should be getting a quote from GHP this week. We are supposed to receive a quote from Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance within the next month.
2. **3 to 5 Year Plan :** Trustee Smith said we are looking at the 3- to-5 year plan and Dennis is going to update it with which projects have been completed and which ones are in the process of being completed.
3. **Star Cushion Lot:** Trustee Smith said Star Cushion showed interest in purchasing the lot next door at the Industrial Park, but they decided to put this on hold due to their tax increase.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report for October, November and December 2008.

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Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for October, November and December of 2008 and Trustee Charlie Mattern seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

ESDA REPORT: Gene Kramer, our ESDA Coordinator, sent around a paper talking about the H1N1 nasal spray vaccine for the board to look at. Gene said he appreciates all the hard work that this city is doing. We are the only ESDA in the county so far that has put anything out for the general public. Gene said there is a Q& A that the CDC has put out. A number of states have asked for the order for the nasal vaccine for H1N1 and there are some concerns on who can and who cannot take the nasal spray. Gene said Ms. Whitaker will let us know as soon as the vaccine becomes available here in St. Clair County. They have been ordered, they just haven't arrived yet.

Gene said St. Clair County is gathering information regarding tornado sirens that are currently located in St. Clair County. They encourage all municipalities to fill out the attached form giving them information on the capabilities and locations of all tornado sirens in our area. Other information provided are directions, how the sirens are activated, etc. This will also allow them to quickly route information to the proper agencies when issues arise. They want one of these filled out for each siren.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked if there is a cost for the H1N1 flu shot. Mayor Danford said there will be no cost since it is paid by the government, depending where it is done there might be a charge for administration. Mayor Danford said he thinks the flu shots are about \$25.00 at most places but the vaccine is free.

Mayor Danford called on Gene Crowe to take the floor. Gene said he is here tonight to voice his opinion about the utilities that went up this past month which hit his business very hard. Gene said his sewer bill was an 80% increase from his last month's sewer bill. Mayor Danford asked Gene if he finds the rate increases untenable, are they a jeopardy to his business. Gene responded with yes, if it keeps this up. They are talking about an increase when we get the new mechanical plant, plus our real estate tax went up 10%. That is a lot of money hitting us all at once. *Gene said he will have to pass these additional costs along to his customers. Not only is his business being affected by the rising costs, so will the other larger water users, such as the schools, which comes back to the taxpayers to help cover the additional costs.* Gene said his main concern is that the public was never really told what happened in the negotiations between Freeburg and the Smithton board and why the combined mechanical plant was turned down. Now we are stuck in building one by ourselves and asked what the maintenance costs of this plant, about \$300,000 a year? Mayor Danford said that part of the cost hasn't been passed onto you yet. Mayor Danford asked Gene if this is his primary concern or is it the initial increase? Gene said yes, the initial increase, and what is down the road. Mayor Danford said there has been some pressure put on us by the EPA that we have to prepare for which is our one of our primary issues we are talking about regarding the mechanical plant. We have some studies showing us the most economical way to repair our current system and also detail the expenditures necessary to our current system to solve some problems we have.

Mayor Danford said he doesn't know if he speaks for the all of the board here, but he agrees that with the economic times the way we are, barring being shoved into something by the EPA, which hasn't happened yet, Mayor Danford said it would be his inclination to hold off as long as possible on the major part of the expense for the new plant as long as possible. Mayor Danford said he sees that those costs would probably be several years down the road. Gene asked how much more increase do you consider down the road? Mayor Danford said if he remembers right, just the service on the loans is

probably about \$20.00 a month for the new sewer plant. Gene asked what about the cost per month per every thousand gallons. Mayor Danford said we can get that information for you. The only thing he has tonight is some preliminary figures showing usage if that would help you. Mayor Danford said that the Village may have to look at Gene's situation. He invited Gene to attend the next sewer committee meeting on October 21 at 4:30 p.m. Gene said he will try and make that meeting to express his concerns.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Danford said Exhibit D is a request from the Freeburg Women's Community Club for their annual Halloween Parade asking for permission to use the Village Park and South Belleville Street around 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept the request of the Freeburg Women's Community Club to use the Village Park and South Belleville Street for their annual Halloween Parade and Trustee Seth Speiser seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Mayor Danford said Exhibit E is the Plan Commission's Recommendation for Annexation and Rezoning of the Todd Cook and Megan Daumueller - Cook property. We held the hearing prior to this meeting. Mayor Danford asked for a motion to accept the Plan Commission's recommendation.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept the Plan Commission's Recommendation and Trustee Seth Speiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: Cook Annexation-see Exhibit F.

BIDS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES: Mayor Danford said Exhibit F is: Ordinances No. 1331- An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of the Cook Annexation for the Annexation of 5.0 Acres, More or Less, of Real Estate Owned by Todd Cook and Megan Daumueller-Cook situated in the County of St. Clair, State of Illinois.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1331 by title only and Trustee Seth Speiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Mayor Danford said Exhibit G is: Ordinances No. 1332 - An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois (Cook Property, 7576 Press Road, Freeburg).

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1332 by title only and Trustee Seth Speiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Mayor Danford said Exhibit H is: Ordinances No. 1333 - An Ordinance Amending the Freeburg Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of Rezoning Certain Property Commonly Known as the Cook Property.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1333 by title only and Trustee Seth Speiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Smith said on September 30th, the Economic Development Committee met and discussed activities to attract customers to local businesses. Trustee Smith said in the first two meetings, the Committee discussed long-term goals of attracting additional business to meet the committee's objective. Trustee Smith said since these goals could potentially take several years to accomplish, the Committee decided to focus on short-term projects to benefit local businesses, promote the image of the Village, and provide more family activities in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Smith said based on the short term, the Committee made the decision to initiate a holiday lights activity on December 6th in the evening. Trustee Smith said the Committee is hoping to make this an annual event for the residents of the Village of Freeburg. Trustee Smith said the activity will consist of decorating the spruce tree in the Village Park across from the old Tribune Building and holding a community lighting ceremony on December 6th, at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Smith said the Committee will be requesting contributions from local residents and businesses to purchase the lights for the tree. Trustee Smith said depending on the amount of contributions received, if there is enough, we could purchase additional lights to decorate other parts of the Village Park. Trustee Smith said the Committee is asking the Village to donate the labor to decorate the park as well as to the electricity. Trustee Smith said we will give Tom an article to put in the paper. Trustee Smith said we are going to ask for the donations up to November 20th to help purchase the lights. Trustee Smith said what he is looking for is a consensus from the board to move forward with this event.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to provide the small expenditure for this event and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – absent; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Valentine said to Steve he thinks as this event gets going, the community will want to donate their time to help with this and this way it might not be a labor expenses for the village. A small discussion took place with the trustees and public took participation also on this topic.

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 14, 2009 – 4:30 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 14, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
Board of Appeals Meeting - Thursday, October 15, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.
Electric Committee Meeting – Monday, October 19, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, October 19, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, October 21, 2009 - 4:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS:

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No thank you.
Trustee Steve Smith: No thank you.
Trustee Rita Baker: Nothing thank you.
Village Clerk Jerry Menard: No thank you.
Trustee Corby Valentine: Trustee Valentine said welcome to the Village of Freeburg to Todd & Megan Cook.
Trustee Tony Miller: Welcome to Freeburg.
Trustee Seth Speiser : No thank you.

STAFF: None.

ADJOURN:

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard,
Village Clerk