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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, April 19, 2010 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, April 19, 2010 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Those present and Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; 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; (5 present, 2 absent). Acting Mayor Rita Baker announced there is a quorum.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, April 5, 2010 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:** *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes of Wednesday, March 24, 2010 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** Trustee Smith said only thing he has tonight is that he talked to Dennis on items for the Three Year & Five Year Plan that he needs to finish. Trustee Smith said he hopes to have the revised Three Year & Five Year Plan for the next board meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**ESDA REPORT:** Gene gave Acting Mayor Baker a 445-page book from St. Clair County regarding their Mitigation Plan.

1. Gene went on to explain a little about the St. Clair County, Illinois, Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan book and how the plan helps Freeburg. Gene said the Mayor will have a copy of the book if anyone would like to look at it.
2. Gene said just as soon as the insurance comes through, we will start training our new members for ESDA. They need to be covered through our insurance before the training can begin.
3. Gene talked about the Illinois State Police merging with the Communication of Illinois

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Management Agency. Gene explained they had to merge for communication reasons.

4. Gene said this Friday after 5:00 p.m. the storm system will be approaching our area it will rush in and stall, will be looking at anywhere from 2 to 3 inches of rain which may affect Ron and John.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Acting Mayor Baker asked if anyone would like to take the floor for Public Participation tonight.

1. Janet Baechle asked Dennis if he found anything out about the battery recycling. Dennis said Julie was checking on it. Janet said she asked for this to be checked on about a month ago.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:** None.

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Acting Mayor Baker said we have Resolution No. 10-04 - A Resolution Adopting Freeburg's 2010-2011 Operating Budget. Trustee Smith asked about the changes and Administrator Herzog said all the changes are included.

*Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adopt Resolution # 10-04 by title only and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**ORDINANCES:** Acting Mayor Baker said we have Ordinance No. 1349 - An Ordinance Amending Title IX, Chapter 94, Section 94-63 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois, (Bonfire Regulations). Before voting, a small discussion took place.

*Trustee Seth Speiser motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1349 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Acting Mayor Baker said we have a list of Appointments that Mayor Danford would like to make, but we will wait until next meeting to vote upon.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:**

**Committee as a Whole Meeting:** Acting Mayor Rita Baker gave the report in the absence of Mayor Danford. Mayor Ray Danford called the Committee as a Whole Meeting to order on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

1. Budget: Acting Mayor Baker said this meeting was called to discuss the budget and the employees were also present for this discussion. Acting Mayor Baker said we passed the budget tonight.

**Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting**: Trustee Seth Speiser called the Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

Trustee Speiser said John and Barbara Olack were present to request to be able to raise chickens on their property on North Walnut Street. Trustee Speiser agreed to bring it to the full board for a discussion. Trustee Speiser read the current ordinance on animals which prohibits residents from raising cattle, cows, horses, sheep, swine, goats, chickens, ducks, turkey, geese, rabbits, or other livestock. Trustee Speiser said they want us to change the ordinance so they can raise chickens. Chief Woodruff told the board that he has enforced the Village ban on chickens just within the last several months. Chief Woodruff said he forced the removal of chickens from a residential property following complaints from other residents.

1. Community Improvement Board/Material Requirements on Commercial Building/Nuisance Abatement Code: Trustee Speiser said we passed the draft ordinance for Material Requirements onto the Economic Development Committee for their review and comments.

2. New Class of Business License: Trustee Speiser said we are still waiting to hear on this.

3. Beer Gardens: Trustee Speiser said Rod Kapp, owner of Burgards, wants to open a beer garden. Trustee Speiser said we explained to him why Tequilas has one.

**Personnel & Public Safety Committee Meeting**: Trustee Rita Baker called the Personnel & Public Safety committee meeting to order on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Police Contract: Trustee Baker said we talked about the police contract. The union attorney has been notified to talk to Village Attorney Steve Wigginton. They are setting up some dates to get together.

2. Relay For Life Request: Trustee Baker said Relay For Life is requesting we have police officers at their event, and we need to make a decision on this issue by the full board tonight. Acting Mayor Baker said we talked about the budget restraints and that we can not no longer offer police coverage. We thought if they wanted to pay the charge of \$50.00 per hour for this service that we would send our police. Dennis said we did send a letter to them explaining why we could not offer this service for free anymore, but we have not heard from them. Chief Woodruff, Village Administrator Herzing and the full board held discussion on this issue. Trustee Valentine thinks community events should look for volunteers. Trustee Valentine said it is a shame that we had to get to this point, but we had to put our foot down to balance the budget to give the employees some hope by October we can straighten things out. If we turn around and go against what we decided at the last meeting, this would not be good for anyone. Chief Woodruff asked the full board to make a decision tonight so he knows how to approach this when people asked him for their service.

*Trustee Seth Speiser motioned to approve to continue the service on the condition that we get reimbursed for our services and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL*

**CALL:** Trustee Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the the motion carried.

Chief Woodruff said with the permission of the board he would like to send the organizations a letter so they are aware of this.

3. Employee Handbook: Acting Mayor Baker said we did not discuss the employee handbook.

4. Employee Requests: Acting Mayor Baker said we did discuss the employees' requests. The committee agreed on the following recommendations:

Raises: Employees will receive a 1% raise retroactive to April 1, 2010 as long as the State does not fall more than four months behind in their revenue payments to the Village;

Vacations: The committee recommended receiving 3 years after 8 years of employment, 4 years after 18 years and 1 day per year after 18 years.

Health Insurance after Retirement: Employees already have this benefit.

Holiday Pay: The trustees agreed to grant the employees to receive 2.5 times the normal rate of pay for time worked outside of the 8 hour working day.

Birthday Holiday: The trustees agreed to allow the employee to take his/her birthday holiday any day during the week his/her birthday falls as long as the employee has their supervisor's approval.

Causal dress for the office: Agreed as long as employees don't wear jeans with holes in them.

Utilities at cost: Denied.

New employees to receive some vacation during first year of employment: Denied.

Acting Mayor Baker asked for a motion.

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

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, April 21, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting - Wednesday, April 21, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, April 28, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, May 3, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

#### **VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS**

**Trustee Steve Smith:** None.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard:** None.

**Trustee Corby Valentine:** Trustee Valentine asked when do we expect this situation to improve, not that he doesn't like sitting next to Rita. He thinks the board needs to function as a whole not as a part. We have not had the president of the board here since November. Trustee Baker said we discussed this at the last board meeting and Trustee Valentine said he was not here. Trustee

Smith said he asked at the last board meeting if we could move the board meetings to 8:00 p.m. since Ray cannot get here until then. Trustee Valentine said he does not know why Ray is not here and he feels some what slighted as a board member that we never had a discussion , nothing has ever been sent through a memo or even sat down and discussed what is going on. Trustee Baker said we are going to discuss this at all of the committee meetings and come back with something. Trustee Speiser said we discussed this at Legal/Ordinance Committee and we would have to change the ordinance on this. Trustee Smith asked if we have to have an ordinance change or if we just post the time change. Dennis said an ordinance change would be required because the meeting time is in the village code. Trustee Baker asked if we have any kind of indication when he will be back. Dennis said he hasn't talk to him about this.

**Trustee Tony Miller:** Trustee Miller said we have one more business item to take care of tonight.

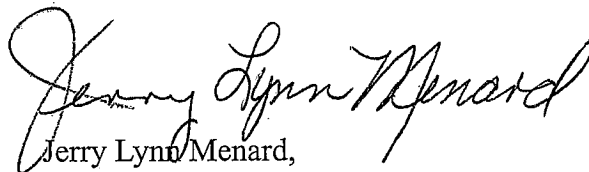
*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to accept the following bids on the contingency that the bids are accepted by IDOT: E.J. Dougherty Oil & Stone for Bituminous Materials HFE 150 @ \$2.09 per gallon; Dressler Truck Service for Seal Coat Aggregate CA16/CM16 Limestone @ \$10.00 per ton; Beelman Truck Company for Crushed Stone CCA6 @ \$73.9 per ton; and Beelman Truck Company for Crushed Stone CA11,/CM11 @\$12.44 per ton; and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – ye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**Trustee Seth Speiser:** None.

**STAFF:** Chief Woodruff said he would like everyone to know that police officer Terry Marquardt's father-in-law has passed away.

**ADJOURN:**

*Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard,  
Village Clerk