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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, February 16, 2010 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 Tuesday, February 16, 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 Steve Smith motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, February 1, 2010 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

FINANCE: Trustee Smith said there is nothing to report for tonight.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer said we got a thank you letter from the St. Clair County Health Protection Department for the excellent job we did at our H1N1 Clinic on Saturday, January 9th. Gene mentioned we will have an in-house training operation on February 27th. Gene also said there will be a membership drive on March 13th and it will be held here. Gene went on to give us an update on the weather.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet Baechle questioned Gene in the event the power goes off in the village, would the shelters be able to provide heat. Gene said yes, if this was to ever happen, they have provided St. Joe's and St. Paul's with direct heating.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: Acting Mayor Baker said next is Exhibit B: Resolution #10-01 - IDOT Permit Resolution No. 8-28055.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to adopt Resolution #10-01 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee

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Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

ORDINANCES: Acting Mayor Rita Baker said next on the agenda is Exhibit C - Ordinance No. 1347: An Ordinance Amending Title XV, Chapter 51 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair Count. Acting Mayor Baker said this is for the 3-phrase service.

Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to adopt Ordinance No.1347 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:

Economic Development Committee: Trustee Steve Smith called the Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Growth strategies & recommendation to retain & attract businesses: Trustee Smith said we talked about developing some new growth strategies to be able to attract and maintain the businesses that we have in town. We will be talking more about this at our next meeting which will be next week.

2. Christmas Lighting Event: Trustee Smith said we have \$724.99 left over from the Christmas lighting which we are going to put in a CD. Trustee Smith said we also talked about having a Santa's Cottage built so we can have it located in the Village Park for the next Christmas Lighting event.

3. Summer Event: Trustee Smith said we have been approached to sponsor the July 4th fireworks. As a committee we decided not to pursue it--at least not this year. Trustee Smith said another summer event we talked about was to have movie night in the village park on July 17th and July 31st.

Trustee Smith said Village Administrator Dennis Herzing said that Bill Holtzmann was considering buying a five acre lot at the Industrial Park.

Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting: Trustee Seth Speiser called the Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

1. Community Improvement Board/Material Requirements on Commercial Buildings/Nuisance Abatement Code: Trustee Speiser said we discussed some material requirements on commercial buildings in the B-1 & B-2 zoning districts. Trustee Speiser said Village Administrator Herzing is getting something drawn up so we can get it to the Plan Commission. Trustee Speiser said Trustee Baker found some

corrections in the Nuisance Code that needed to be corrected. We should get this back next month.

2. Status of Public Hazard Homes: Trustee Speiser said a couple of letters have been sent to Mr. Sheets regarding one of his properties on North State Street.

3. New Class of Business License: Trustee Speiser said we talked about creating a new class of business license. Trustee Speiser said Mr. Anderson had a concern about last summer when other produce stands came into town. He would like to see us do something on this issue.

Public Property Committee Meeting: Trustee Tony Miller called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Trustee Miller said we mainly discussed the pool at this meeting.

1. Pool Feasibility Study/Referendum: Trustee Miller said we have the drain cover ordered for the pool.

2. Job Descriptions: Trustee Miller said we talked to Scott Schulz about the duties of the pool managers. Trustee Miller said there has been a request from Scott for a computer/printer to make it easier to track schedules and food orders.

Trustee Miller said we will hold our Swim After Dark Events on June 5, July 9 & August 6. Family Days will be held on June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25 & August 8. Trustee Miller said swim lessons will be held from June 14-21.

3. Lifeguard Hiring: Trustee Miller said we received 10 applications for lifeguard positions. We had 15 lifeguards last year, so we will advertise in the paper for some more.

4. Safe Routes to School: Trustee Miller said the only thing we discussed in Streets was Safe Routes to Schools and Dennis is working on this.

Trustee Miller said we will discuss negotiation of the contract with Rhutasel & Associates and MFT tomorrow night at our committee meeting.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:45P.M.**

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to go into Executive Session for personnel {5 ILCS,120/2 - (c)(1)} and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion . **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED
7:54 P.M.**

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 7:54 p.m. and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Miller said also at the Public Property Committee Meeting, we changed job descriptions for the management positions at the pool. We now have a lead manager which will be Scott Schulz who will take on full responsibilities for everything at the pool and two co-managers and that will be their titles.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned that the salaries be set for the lead manager at \$4,400 and the two co-managers \$3,200 each and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

Committee as a Whole Meeting: Trustee Steve Smith called the Committee as a Whole Meeting to order on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Village's 3-year to 5-year Plan: Trustee Smith said basically we talked about the 3 to 5 year plan and we have to go back and re-prioritize those projects. Ron and Dennis are going back and re-prioritizing projects in the 3 to 5 year plan and then Steve will go back and update the plan and pass them back out to everyone to review.

2. Tax Levy: Trustee Smith said we talked about the tax levy and what our options would be and what the statutory maximum limits are for the various taxes.

Electric Committee Meeting: Trustee Corby Valentine called the Electric Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg: Trustee Valentine said we discussed the switchover from Ameren to Freeburg power. Trustee Valentine said there are some differences that need to be cleared up and Ron and the crew will go out to make sure the list that Ameren has matches our before we enter in to the contract.

2. Three-phase Customer: Trustee Valentine said we talked about the three-phase rate change and said it really isn't a rate change. The ordinance we passed tonight is a modification of our existing ordinance that states if somebody uses less than 30,000 kilowatts they had to fill out a form to get the Rate 1. The ordinance we passed tonight makes it automatic. Trustee Valentine said several of our customers will see a lower power bill because they will get a lower rate automatically. They won't have to come up and ask for that rate.

3. Highway Lighting: Trustee Valentine said Ron is looking at lighting options for us on Rt. 15 north of town. Our first priority is going to be the intersections and get them lit up due to safety concerns. Then we will look at what it is going to take to light up the rest of the highway and how we are going to do that.

Trustee Valentine said that Ron filled us in on a bucket truck that is sick, the old

bucket truck we have is dying, it has been fixed for right now, but we need to think about ordering a new one.

Personnel & Public Safety Committee Meeting: Trustee Rita Baker called the Personnel & Public Safety committee meeting to order on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Police Contract:** Trustee Baker said they won't be ready to start negotiations until April.
2. **Employee Handbook:** Trustee Baker said we had a lot of the employees here at our meeting and we went over the handbook that we are working on. They gave us a lot of good suggestions for changes in it.
3. **Employee Requests:** Trustee Baker said we also listened to list of requests they had for negotiations.
4. **Public Works On Call Status:** Trustee Baker said we discussed the public works on call status again.
5. **Job Descriptions:** Trustee Baker said and we also discussed job descriptions and we are hoping to conclude some of these things soon. Trustee Baker said the employee handbook is almost to the end of being completed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, February 17, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting - Wednesday, February 17, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting - Tuesday, February 23, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday, February 23, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting - Monday, March 1, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: Absent.

Trustee Steve Smith: He would like to thank the Streets Department for plowing the streets.

Trustee Rita Baker: Nothing, sir.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: St. Joe's is starting their Fish Fry's every Friday until Good Friday.

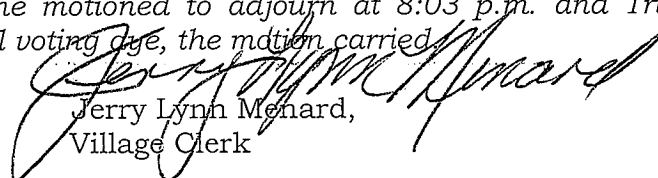
Trustee Corby Valentine: Nothing, thank you.

Trustee Tony Miller: Nothing.

Trustee Seth Speiser: Nothing.

STAFF: None.

ADJOURN: Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard,
Village Clerk