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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. Board Meeting 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, January 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 – 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, 0 absent). Acting Mayor Rita Baker announced there is a quorum. Mayor Danford entered into the Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Acting Mayor Rita Baker said we have the Public Hearing minutes. *Trustee Charlie Mattern motioned to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 Public Hearing and Trustee Smith seconded the motion;* (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, January 4, 2010 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion.* All voting aye, the motion carried.

**FINANCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** Acting Mayor Baker said we have two residents, Faith T. and Juanita Kemper, that sent letters thanking our police department.

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

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

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** Acting Mayor Rita Baker said next on the agenda is Ordinance No. 1344: An Ordinance Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute a Contract Between the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, Police Department and St. Clair County, Illinois, for Coordinated Communication Services. Before a motion was made, questions were directed to Chief of Police, Mel Woodruff, by Trustee Miller, Trustee Speiser, Trustee Valentine and Village Clerk Jerry Menard. Chief Woodruff answered

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all questions.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1344 by title only 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 – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**ORDINANCES:** Acting Mayor Rita Baker said next is Ordinance No. 1345: 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).

*Trustee Seth Speiser motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1345 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Seth Speiser – aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine- aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**ESDA REPORT:** ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer said Barbara Whitaker, Emergency Response Manager from St. Clair County Health Department, sent him an email thanking us. She said without community support we would not be able to have a successful H1N1 vaccination clinic. She does have certificates of appreciation for the ESDA team. Gene said there was a total of 485 who received the vaccine within a 3-hour period. Gene said Ms. Whitaker also talked to several of our volunteers about becoming part of the St. Clair County Medical Reserve Corps and would like to invite our group to join. ESDA Coordinator Gene went on to update us on the weather. Gene also said Mike Blaies has joined ESDA and has been officially sworn in. His training will begin later this month. Gene talked about the Haiti situation and what is being done and what we can do.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:**

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

1. **Improvements on Commercial Building:** Trustee Speiser said Dennis is going to send something over to Trustee Smith for the Economic Development Committee to take a look at regarding the requirements for commercial buildings. Dennis is working on the permit requirements with respect to commercial building remodels.

2. **Status of Public Hazard Homes:** Trustee Speiser said Dennis sent a letter to the St. Clair County Health Department on the well issues that we have out at the Sheets property and Phil is talking with Mary Kinzinger about her property on Main Street.

3. **TIF Litigation:** Trustee Speiser said we are still waiting for Dennis and Steve to get

together on that.

4. Stumpf Lawnmower Business: Trustee Speiser said everything been settled on the Stumpf Lawnmower situation.
5. Bonfire Code: Trustee Speiser said the Bonfire Code was adopted tonight.

**Personnel & Police Committee Meeting**: Trustee Rita Baker called the Personnel & Public Safety Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Repairs on Ford Expedition: Trustee Baker said we talked about repairs to the 2001 Ford Expedition. Chief Woodruff told the committee a new engine was installed into the Ford Expedition. We had three bids-- two from Freeburg and one from New Athens. Green Mill didn't have time to do it. Acting Mayor Baker said the bid went to Micks. She advised we could have saved money by going out of town but we decided to keep the business in town.
2. Employee Handbook: Acting Mayor Baker said we went over the handbook, made some revisions. There will be a printout with all of the changes and we are going to go over it at the next committee meeting.
3. Public Works On Call Status: Acting Mayor Baker said we talked again about public works on call status, nothing is etched in stone yet.
4. Employee Clothing Reimbursements: Acting Mayor Baker said we talked about the reimbursements on employee clothing and we might have some changes on that.

**Electric Committee Meeting**: Trustee Corby Valentine called the Electric Committee Meeting to order on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

1. Switchover of Ameren To Freeburg Power: Trustee Valentine said one of the first topics under old business was the switchover from Ameren to Freeburg Power. We're getting real close to closing the contract, we got the final numbers from them and at the end of his report, he said he would like to go into Executive Session. Trustee Valentine said Dennis gave us a spreadsheet comparing Freeburg Care Center's current rates from Ameren to ours. They are part of the package we are going to get from Ameren as one of the properties to provide Freeburg power to. Trustee Valentine said Ameren rates are currently lower than ours. We agreed to hold their rates to Ameren's rates until theirs get caught up with ours.
2. Christmas Lights: Trustee Valentine said we discussed the Christmas lights in the park and the donations. There is some money left over and it is going to be invested until next year.
3. Lighting Highway 13/15: Trustee Valentine said we talked about the lighting of the new highway 13/15 and Ron is looking at options on where to place them and things like that.

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

*Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to go into Executive Session citing pending litigation {5 ILCS,120/2 - (c )(5)} 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 – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED  
8:04 P.M.**

*Trustee Rita Baker motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 8:05p.m. and Trustee Corby Valentine second the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

Mayor Danford asked Trustee Valentine if that takes care of the Electric Committee Meeting's report. Trustee Valentine said we authorized Dennis to complete the negotiations and bring back a contract from Ameren on the real estate transaction that we have been working on for the last two to three years.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Streets Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 20, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.  
Water Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 20, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 27, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.  
Economic Development Committee Mtg. – Wednesday, January 27, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, February 1, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

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

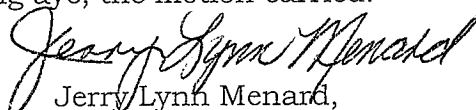
**Trustee Charlie Mattern:** No thank you.  
**Trustee Steve Smith:** No thank you.  
**Trustee Rita Baker:** Nothing sir.  
**Village Clerk Jerry Menard:** No thank you.  
**Trustee Corby Valentine:** Nothing thank you.

**Trustee Tony Miller:** Trustee Miller said he knows we will have a meeting before this takes place. Trustee Miller went on to talk about the tax referendum that the high school will have on the ballot on February 2. He would like everyone to take a close look at it and make sure they get out there. It is something good for the community and something that is really needed.

**Trustee Seth Speiser:** Illegible.  
**Staff:** None.

Mayor Danford called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene said he just opened his mail and the St. Clair County Health Department did send us a thank you.

**ADJOURN:** *Trustee Rita Baker 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