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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, January 4, 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, January 4, 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, 1 absent). Acting Mayor Rita Baker announced there is a quorum. Mayor Danford entered the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, December 21, 2009 and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.*

FINANCE: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Warrant List in the amount of \$67,426.11 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 – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

1. Health Insurance Renewal: Trustee Smith said we talked about the health insurance renewal and our agent, Bill Schmaltz, was at the meeting. Bill explained they have new software where they can send out all the applications to different carriers to obtain quotes. We have narrowed it down to Blue Cross/Blue Shield, GHP and United Healthcare since those are the only companies that allow retirees on the plan. Trustee Smith said the committee thought that GHP was going to be the cheapest, but GHP and United Health Care came back way too high so the committee decided to renew with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which we will have to vote on tonight. Trustee Smith said our renewal premium with Blue Cross/Blue Shield went from \$17,030.37 to \$21,042.18. It will be the same coverage that the employees have right now. Trustee Smith said we will have a decrease of \$632.16 a month because Barb decided not to continue her insurance. Trustee Smith said we talked about the new state law that went into effect on June 1, 2009 where dependent children can be kept on the parent's insurance policy until the age of 26 without the requirement of being a full-time student. We will be discussing this at the committee meeting some more.

2. Committee As A Whole: Trustee Smith said he would like to hold a Committee as a Whole meeting to discuss an update to the 3-year-5-year plan. It was scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

3. Tax Abatement Ordinance: Trustee Smith said we talked about the Tax Abatement Ordinance which we need to pass so we don't triple everyone's taxes. We will vote on this later this evening.

3. Reviewing the Budget: Trustee Smith said Dennis is reviewing the budget and it looks like the state income tax is going to fall short about 32% which is a decrease of \$113,000.00. We have a number of items in the budget which haven't been spent so far, so we are expecting to be alright.

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the FY09 Audit and Trustee Seth Speiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Acting Mayor Baker called on Treasurer Bryan Vogel. Bryan said we should be getting the monthly credit reports.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Acting Mayor Baker asked Village Administrator Dennis Herzing if there is anything from the attorney's office and Village Administrator Dennis Herzing replied, "No, there is not."

ESDA REPORT: Acting Mayor Baker said ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer is not present this evening, but he did drop off a couple of fliers letting us know it is going to get very cold and we should receive total snowfall amounts ranging from 2 to 4 inches and also the H1N1 Vaccine Clinic will be on January 9, 2010 from 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m. at the Carl Barton Elementary School.

Acting Mayor Baker said the vaccine is open to the public and will be given to anyone over the age of 6 months and it is free.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Acting Mayor Baker called on Mr. Andrew Lehman, Superintendent of Freeburg Community High School. Mr. Lehman presented information to the Village Board and to everyone present about a tax referendum that will be voted on in February, 2010. The school is asking the voters to consider a \$3 million bond issue to improve the school's athletic facilities. Mr. Lehman passed out literature to everyone present to review along with his presentation. Mr. Lehman talked to us about the following:

1. Background Information
2. Current Conditions of Facilities
3. Plan for New Facilities
4. Timeline of Project
5. Costs of Components
6. Impact of Bond Sale on Real Estate Taxes

7. Other Plans for FCHS

Before Mr. Lehman asked for any questions, Acting Mayor Baker called upon Mr. Gary Henning to take the floor. Mr. Henning explained that the project would not only improve the school's offering, but would also benefit the entire community. Questions were asked and Mr. Lehman answered them to the best of his knowledge.

Mayor Ray Danford took over the meeting excusing Acting Mayor Rita Baker from her position as Mayor.

Mayor Danford said next on the agenda is the Proclamation. Mayor Danford presented Mr. Lehman, Superintendent of Freeburg High School with a Proclamation to the excellence of the Freeburg High School athletic teams: High School Girl's Volleyball Team, Girl's Cross Country Team, Boy's Cross Country Team and Girl's Golf Team.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: Mayor Danford said next on the agenda is Ordinance No 1341: An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2009 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$5,960,000 General Obligation Bonds. *Trustee Corby Valentine motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1341 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion.*

ROLL CALL: Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern- aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

ORDINANCES: Mayor Ray Danford said next on the agenda is Ordinance No. 1342: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement for the Annexation of 3.0 Acres, More or Less, of Real Estate Owned by Ronald L. Waters, Trustee, situated In the County of St. Clair, State Of Illinois. *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1342 by title only and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion.* **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

ORDINANCES: Mayor Ray Danford said next on the agenda is Ordinance No. 1343: An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois, Waters Property, 1109 S. State Street, Freeburg, Illinois.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1343 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Danford called for any Old Business: Trustee Smith said we need to take a vote on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Insurance.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Blue Cross/Blue Shield monthly premium not to exceed \$21,042.18 and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 6, 2010 - 4:30 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting - Tuesday, January 12, 2010 -5:30 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 14, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - Monday, January 18th

Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

Water Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 20, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting - Wednesday, January 20, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No, thank you.

Trustee Steve Smith: No, thank you.

Trustee Rita Baker: Nothing.

Trustee Corby Valentine: No.

Trustee Tony Miller: No, thank you.

Trustee Seth Speiser: No.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: No, thank you.

STAFF: None.

ADJOURN:

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk