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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, June 7, 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, June 7, 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 – absent; 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, May 17, 2010 with corrections and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

FINANCE: Trustee Smith said we talked about the following items.

1. **CD's:** Trustee Smith said we have a CD that is coming due June 28th and we have another one in August, we talked about the rates. Trustee Smith said Village Treasurer Bryan Vogel gave us a list of pledged securities. Trustee Smith asked Bryan why some of the securities are rated and other ones are not.
2. **Attorney's Invoices:** Trustee Smith said we discussed the attorney invoices to see if there was a way we could recoup attorney's fee for ordinance violations when someone is found guilty.
3. **Health Insurance Renewal:** Trustee Smith said we investigated trying to form or join a co-op to try to lower our health insurance premiums. Trustee Smith said we did find out if we were to do that, we would be in a group that has a higher risk and that would raise our premiums. We will continue to research other health care.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Acting Mayor Baker called upon Village Attorney Steve Wigginton to take the floor. Attorney Wigginton asked to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and Trustee Smith said we can do that now or later. Acting Mayor Baker said we can do this now if everyone agrees.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:35P.M.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, 5 ILCS, 120/2 - (C)(11) and Trustee Seth Speiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller - absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

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Mayor Ray Danford entered Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller entered Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED
8:55 P.M.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 8:57 p.m. and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Danford asked if there any questions on the ESDA Report from Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mayor Danford asked if there anyone present who would like to take the floor.

1. Chad Rhutasel took the floor to address the whole board about a utility billing problem he had with one of his rental properties he owns. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Danford said we need to re-evaluate the policy and procedures on cases like this.

2. Stan Koerber asked if there was going to be any announcement on what was discussed in executive session. Mayor Danford replied that nothing was to be announced at this time. He also said he would like to thank Seth for doing a good job on the bonfire ordinance. Mr. Koerber also would like the village to reconsider now that it is getting hot about spraying for mosquitoes more often, because last year we did a poor job. He hopes this year we do a better job. Mr. Koerber said next time before the board decides to go into executive session they should do Public Participation first so we can state our business and leave. Village Administrator Dennis Herzing informed Mr. Koerber we did find a different vendor for the chemicals that are used for mosquito spraying and this vendor has cut the cost so this will allow us to spray more often than usual. Mr. Koerber asked when we start spraying and Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan said we started spraying twice a week in April.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: Mayor Danford said Exhibit C is the bids for Save Site/Lee Hopp Drive Watermain Replacement. A small discussion took place before voting.

Trustee Charlie Mattern motioned to accept the bid of \$102,997.00 from Korte-Luitjohan Construction of Highland, Illinois for the Save Road/Lee Hopp Drive watermain project, subject to negotiations of line items and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Tony Miller - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - 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.

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Danford said Exhibit D is Resolution No. 10-05: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, Establishing the Policy of the Village Regarding Permit Requirements for Alterations, Repairs, or Changes in Use of Commercial Structures in the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adopt Resolution # 10-05 by Title Only and Trustee Seth Speiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Tony

Miller - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - here; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

ORDINANCES: Mayor Danford said next on the agenda is Exhibit E is Ordinance No. 1354: An Ordinance Amending Title III, Chapter 32 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois; requiring full-time employees to maintain their residence within 6 miles of the boundaries of the Freeburg High School #77 School District, except that no employee shall reside within the city limits of Belleville, Illinois.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1354 by title only. Mayor Danford gave last call for a second on this motion. Mayor Danford said there is no second on this motion, this motion dies.

Mayor Danford said moving onto Exhibit F, Ordinance No. 1355: An Ordinance Amending the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois (Nuisance Abatement). Trustee Smith asked how this gets handled when someone parks a boat on the street. Mayor Danford said this does not address those problems, only commercial buildings. Trustee Valentine asked if we pass this ordinance, is it going to be enforced and Mayor Danford said yes it will be enforced. Before voting upon Ordinance No. 1355, a discussion was held about garbage containers.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1355 by title only and Trustee Seth Speiser seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Smith said he talked to Mascoutah Garden Club and they are interested in putting a bench in the park, not unless anyone has objection to this. Mayor Danford said this came up once before and we asked for a description of what kind of bench. Trustee Smith said they are looking at what is already in the park. Trustee Smith said it is going to be in concrete with a plaque on the ground, and at some point they may want to plant some flowers around it. The Board of Trustees and staff held a discussion on the bench and also how well the Welcome sign to Freeburg isn't very well kept up. Nothing was decided on the bench.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Corby Valentine said he had a gentleman who inquired about a lot out at the Industrial Park, and Corby gave him Dennis' name and he told him Dennis was out of town last week. The gentleman called him again this morning and he also gave him the name of the bank who owns the rental property. Trustee Valentine said he is an industrial contractor from West Virginia who is looking to locate in this area.

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:

Economic Development Committee: Trustee Steve Smith called Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Growth strategies & recommendation to retain & attract businesses: Trustee Smith said we invited the business owners from the Industrial Park to come and share their thoughts on economic development and if they knew of anyone interested in looking at the Industrial Park and how we can help could help that move forward. Trustee Smith said we had a very poor turnout. Trustee Smith said we are going to try this again in about three or four months. Trustee Smith said he did talk to Bob Gebhardt from Exchange Cart after our board meeting that night. He was planning to come to the meeting to let us know

that the owners expressed to him that they would like to have a sign at the Industrial Park. Dennis said we did put together a sign, but they said it was too fancy and expensive which left us hanging with nothing.

2. **Christmas Lighting Event:** Trustee Smith said we talked to Dennis Kaiser about the nativity scene; he is going to look at it and see what he can build for us and what the cost might be. Trustee Smith said he also went to see Craig Niebruegge but he was closed when he got there. He will catch him later.

3. **Summer Event:** Trustee Smith said for the summer event we are going to have two movie nights. July 17th will be the movie, "Up," and the July 31st movie will be, "The Blind Side." We are going to sell hot dogs, popcorn, soda and water and all proceeds will be put towards the Christmas lights.

Public Property Committee Meeting: Trustee Tony Miller called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Pool Feasibility Study/Referendum:** Trustee Miller said the pool is up and running and nothing is peeling. Trustee Miller said we did have a little delay in opening the pool, everything is working now. Trustee Miller said the new grate was installed and everything is good now.

2. **Safe Routes to School:** Trustee Miller said Marsha Maller of TWM was here to start the process for Safe Routes to School; we have given her some ideas on where we want to start. Dennis said there will be a meeting this Wednesday with her.

3. **Draco Drive:** Assistant Public Works Director ohn Tolan said it is done.

4. **Handling of unlawful weed growth:** Trustee Miller said we talked about the nuisance of weed growth and we are going to handle it the same as we have in the past. We will put a lien on the property.

Trustee Miller asked if we have talked to someone about removing some trees stumps. John Tolan said we are going to help remove the tree and the stump and the resident has agreed to share in the cost of replacing the sidewalk.

Trustee Miller said we received a \$50,000 grant from DCEO and we were to discuss how to use that tonight. Trustee Miller said we will discuss this at the Committee as a Whole Meeting.

Trustee Smith said he has a couple of questions.

1. Are we going to have a pool referendum? Mayor Danford said financing hasn't really been discussed at the committee meeting that he is aware of. Trustee Miller said we just tossed around a few ideas. Mayor Danford said this should probably be discussed at the committee meeting. Dennis is already working on this if the board decides to move on this. Trustee Miller said he and Dennis discussed this at the last committee meeting to move with it just in case we decide to have the pool referendum. Trustee Smith also said asked about the \$5.00 recreation tax and how it will affect our pool passes.

2. Trustee Smith said wasn't Marsha Maller from TWM supposed to have a cost proposal to us 2 weeks ago, has she given that to us. Dennis said no he hasn't received that yet, but he thinks she is waiting to meet with IDOT first. Dennis said the meeting was delayed because he was on vacation. Trustee Smith said he would like to discuss with the board if he should move forward on the next Safe Routes to School grant.

Public Works Committee Meeting: Trustee Charlie Mattern called Public Works Committee Meeting to

order on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

1. **SAVE Site Water Situation:** Trustee Mattern said we took care of the bids for the SAVE Site Water project already this evening.
2. **Sewer Project:** Trustee Mattern said the public hearing for the sewer project was held on May 19th.
3. **Recycling:** Trustee Mattern said the recycling continues to do very well.
4. **Dumpster on White Street:** Trustee Mattern said we are investigating the use of the lot we purchased on White Street.
5. **Towers Fire Apparatus/Fire Hydrants:** Trustee Mattern said we reviewed the water tower inspection reports from the contractor.

Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting: Trustee Seth Speiser called the Legal & Ordinance Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

1. **Community Improvement Board/Material Requirements on Commercial Building:** Trustee Speiser said we sent a proposal to the Plan Commission on the requirements for commercial buildings.
2. **New Class of Business License:** Trustee Speiser said we discussed raising the business license fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Electric Committee Meeting - Wednesday, June 9, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting - Wednesday, June 9, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, June 16, 2010 - 4:30 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting - Wednesday, June 16, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.
Committee as a Whole Meeting - Monday, June 21, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing on Sewer Project - Wednesday, June 21, 2010 - 7:15 p.m.
Board Meeting - Monday, June 21, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS:

Trustee Charlie Mattern: None.

Trustee Steve Smith: Dennis, for the meeting Committee as a Whole, can you have copies made of the Economic Development Plan and make sure everyone has it.

Trustee Rita Baker: None.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: None.

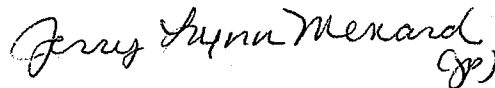
Trustee Corby Valentine: Wish Ron well.

Trustee Tony Miller: Same as Corby.

Trustee Seth Speiser: None.

STAFF: None.

ADJOURN: *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 10:09 p.m. and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard,
Village Clerk