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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, March 1, 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, March 1, 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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 16, 2010 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

FINANCE: *Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the Warrant List in the amount of \$58,409.05 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. CD's: Trustee Smith said we talked about the CD's which are renewing soon. The current interest rate is 3.5%.
2. 3 to 5 Year Plan: Trustee Smith said that Dennis and Ron are re-prioritizing the items. Steve will get it updated and copies to everyone.
3. Penalty Policy for Utility Bills: Trustee Smith said we talked about the penalty policy for utility bills. We are going to check with other communities and see how they charge for late bills. It will also be taken to the Water/Sewer and Electric committees for discussion. Trustee Smith said that Trustee Valentine brought up exploring the option of giving the residents the opportunity to add \$1.00 to their bill to help residents that need financial assistance in paying their utility bill. We are going to check with Locis to see if that program is capable of doing that.
4. Compensation of Officials: Trustee Smith said we talked about compensation for board members and Mayor. Currently, they get paid \$50.00 a meeting whether or not the board members and Mayor attend. Trustee Smith said the committee wanted the full board to discuss this. The board briefly discussed the topic and Acting Mayor Baker asked the trustees to discuss this in the upcoming committee meetings and bring it back to the next board meeting.

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5. Warrant List: Trustee Smith said we are going to look into whether or not the warrant list is needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Acting Mayor Baker said our current code states the Village Attorney receives an annual retainer and asked Dennis if we still give our attorney one. Village Administrator said no and Trustee Smith asked if this should be revised. Dennis advised it should because the attorney gets paid on an hourly basis. Trustee Valentine said without a retainer, we don't have a bidding contract with the attorney. Dennis advised the village attorney is an appointed position. Trustee Mattern said we could always choose to hire someone else for a special situation and Trustee Miller said he thinks not having a retainer would give us more flexibility.

ESDA REPORT: ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer was absent, but Acting Mayor Baker read from Gene's flyer the monthly tornado test has been rescheduled to March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Freeburg ESDA will be holding an "Open House/Membership Drive" at Village Hall on March 13th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Acting Mayor Baker read the Relay for Life Proclamation.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: Acting Mayor Baker said Resolution #10-02 is the Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Resolution #10-02 by title only in the amount of \$140,000.00 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser – absent; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, the motion carried.

ORDINANCES: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:

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

Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

1. SAVE Site Water Situation: Trustee Mattern said we are continuing to move forward on this.
2. Recycling: Trustee Mattern said the recycling is going like gangbusters. Trustee Mattern said we appreciate the people that are following the rules for using the recycling bins.
3. Grade School Bill: Trustee Smith said there will be no utilities turned on at that location. Trustee Miller said we can deal with this subject at the next electrical meeting.

Public Property Committee Meeting: Trustee Tony Miller called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Safe Routes to School: Trustee Miller said we talked about this and we have sent the Request for Qualification letters out to the engineering firms regarding the work that needs to be done.

Trustee Miller said we already took care of the MFT Resolution tonight.

2. Limb Pickup Program: Trustee Miller said we are discussing the limb pickup program.

Economic Development Committee: Trustee Steve Smith called the Economic Development Committee Meeting to order on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Growth Strategies and Recommendations to retain and attract businesses: Trustee Smith said we talked about trying to attract some businesses that will complement the Industrial Park. He said we are going to make some improvements to the website and add a section that highlights a "Business of the Month."
2. Christmas Lighting Event: Trustee Smith said we talked about adding a Santa's Cottage to the Village Park this year and also adding a nativity scene.
3. Summer Event: Trustee Smith said we are going to hold two "Movies in the Park" this summer and Corby Valentine has volunteered his time to provide the equipment for the events which will be held at the Village Park on July 17th and July 31st.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 3, 2010 - 4:30 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

ESDA Membership Drive & Open House - Saturday, March 13, 2010 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Board Meeting - Monday, March 15, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS:

Trustee Charlie Mattern: Nothing.

Trustee Steve Smith: Nothing.

Trustee Rita Baker: Nothing.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: Nothing.

Trustee Corby Valentine: Nothing.

Trustee Tony Miller: Nothing.

Trustee Seth Speiser: Nothing.

STAFF: Nothing.

ADJOURN:

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. and Trustee Charlie Mattern seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk