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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, March 15, 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 15, 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 Monday, March 1, 2010 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

FINANCE: Trustee Steve Smith said Dennis distributed the preliminary budget to everybody.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: Acting Mayor Baker asked if anyone knew how the open house went. Mike Blaies said it was very slow.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: Acting Mayor Baker said we have Ordinance No. 1348 which is an Ordinance Setting Forth Provisions for Compliance with FOIA, the Freedom of Information Act.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adopt Ordinance No.1348 by title only and Trustee Seth Speiser seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine- aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye;

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Trustee Seth Speiser - 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.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Miller said the Freeburg Women’s Club is asking to use the Village Park for their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and in case of rain, the rain date would be Saturday, April 3, 2010 at the same time.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to allow the Freeburg Women’s Club to use the Village Park for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - 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.

Trustee Miller said he would like to make another motion to hire the following lifeguards for this summer.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to hire the following lifeguards Kelsey Blackwell, Molly Etling, Rachel Harris, Courtney Heidorn, Hannah Lanter, Jake Lanter, Taylor Richards, Jillian Rouse and Krystin Wahlig at the pay rate of \$8.25 per hour; Kyle Greenlee and Mackenzie Hudnut at the pay rate of \$8.75 per hour; Michael Ross at the pay rate of \$9.25 per hour; and pending four applicants on completion of their lifeguard training: Dillion Czech, Amy Fournie, Chelsea McCain and Kirsten Thouvenot at the pay rate of \$8.00 per hour and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - 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.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:

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

1. **Community Improvement Board/Material Requirements on Commercial Building/Nuisance Abatement Code:** Trustee Speiser said we passed the draft ordinance for Material Requirements onto the Economic Development Committee for their review and comments.
2. **New Class of Business License:** Trustee Speiser said Dennis is working with our attorney on a new class business license.

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

Trustee Valentine said we had two employees from the grade school District #70 present to discuss a past due utility bill on a piece of property they have purchased. Trustee Valentine said once the school board has made a decision on the outstanding bill, it will have to be taken to our board for a decision.

1. Switchover of Ameren to Freeburg: Trustee Valentine said Ron meet with Jason Kline and now we are waiting to hear back from Ameren.

Trustee Valentine said Ron updated us on HAPS Rule for catalytic converters on engineers 6, 8 and 9 at the new power plant at the cost of \$50,000 each. Trustee Valentine said this is a major expense, but it is a clean air rule.

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

1. Police Contract: Trustee Baker said we talked about the police contract and said the union attorney has been notified to talk to our Village Attorney Steve Wigginton with respect to contract negotiations.
2. Officer Marquardt request for vacation pay: Trustee Baker said we have a request from Officer Marquardt to be paid for vacation that he was unable to use. Trustee Baker asked for a motion on this request.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to approve the request of Officer Marquardt be paid for twenty hours of unused vacation time and Trustee Charlie Mattern seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; Trustee Corby Valentine - 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.

3. Employee Requests: Trustee Baker said we discussed some of the issues that the employees brought up.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 17, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 17, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 31, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

Economic Development Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 31, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 2, 2010

Board Meeting - Monday, April 5, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEE'S COMMENTS

Trustee Charlie Mattern: None.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: None.

Trustee Corby Valentine: None.

Trustee Tony Miller: Tony said he was wondering if anyone else heard about the billboard we have on the outside of town. He has had a lot of complaints about it. Trustee Miller said he really thinks the Board of Appeals should think more about the variances on this kind of sign. Trustee Miller said we have had sign issues in this town for the last five years, and he just wants to let everyone here tonight know that the Village Board had nothing to do with this sign being put up. Trustee Miller said this oversized sign is not what he wants people to see when they first drive into our town. Trustee Miller said this is his opinion.

Trustee Seth Speiser: None.

Acting Mayor Rita Baker: Rita said her grandson won a Gold Medal in the Special Olympics in basketball.

STAFF: None.

ADJOURN:

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard,
Village Clerk