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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, November 6, 2006 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Raymond S. Danford announced Officer Paul Omelson lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, November 4, 2006, and visitation is tonight at Valhalla-Holten Funeral Home, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at St. Joseph's Church, Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. and the funeral procession will travel to Greenville. The Mayor held a moment of silence.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raymond Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., on Monday, November 6, 2006, in the Freeburg Municipal Center Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Those present and Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Charlie Mattern – here; Trustee Mary Krieg – here; Trustee Rita Baker – here; Trustee Corby Valentine – here; Trustee Tony Miller – here; Trustee Kevin Groth – here, and, Mayor Raymond Danford. (7 present, 0 absent) Mayor Danford announced there is a quorum.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, October 16, 2006, as presented and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.*

FINANCE: Trustee Mary Krieg reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held Tuesday, October 31, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to pay the Electric Bond bills in the amount of \$42,765.89 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to pay the MFT bills in the amount of \$9,662.75 and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to pay the General bills in the amount of \$27,419.11 and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to pay the IMLRMA bill for the Village's liability insurance in the amount of \$93,939.86 and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to celebrate the Christmas holidays on Monday, December 25, 2006 and Tuesday, December 26, 2006 for Village employees and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel had nothing to report. Mayor asked about audit procedures and Treasurer Vogel stated it is in process. Administrator Herzing is to get a letter from the auditors on the cost of an audit.

ESDA REPORT: Nothing to report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Mr. Fred Keck reported on the demolition of buildings in Freeburg. Notices will go out this week and the individuals have fifteen days to respond to Mr. Dennis Herzing or Attorney Steve Wigginton. The Village Board will decide on how long the property owner has to do their plan. If no one responds within the fifteen days, the Village may petition the court to demolish the problem. If the property is for sale, the property owner still has the responsibility to comply with steps.

ESDA REPORT: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mrs. Janet Baechle asked about the Villages budget for this year and Administrator Herzing responded the Village is overall in good shape. Discussion was held reference the Village's web site and that is being presently worked on and working with the Freeburg Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Baechle thought the Village should be promoting more of the Village. Mrs. Carolyn Anderson is chairman of the Merchant's Committee for the Chamber of Commerce and they try to spotlight a business in town. It is expensive to do these types of promotions.

Mr. Dirk Downen asked about the cost of demolition of buildings in the Village. It was explained there would be no cost to the Village, but the cost would be put in a lien against the property.

Mayor Danford made a comment regarding an article in the "Belleville Opinion Section". There was a comment about the Village of Freeburg just slapping on the wrist as far as the police work with the missing money regarding Donna Bateman. This Village Board, in particular, tried to pursue that to the fullest extent of the law that was allowed. There was no pulling of any

punches by this Board for any reasons political or otherwise, as far as trying to allow just a slap on the wrist that was quoted in the paper. I am sorry that has worked out that way so far. It is still a matter that is probably not laid to rest yet, although, the lack of incriminating records has been a real problem as far as pursuing it on a legal basis. I think that, am I safe to say Fred, that since it has gone through the courts, double jeopardy would prohibit any further pursuit of that any how in that manner at least with that person? Fred, "Yes". We are still fighting with the insurance company for supplying the appropriate documentation that they are requiring for the satisfaction of our insurance claims on the missing funds. Also, not a dead issue and we do have other legal avenues to pursue in that case if it becomes necessary. That issue is not dead by any means. It is just taking for ever.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Old Newsboys Day Proclamation: Mayor Danford declared a Proclamation for the *Old Newsboys Day* for Thursday, November 16, 2006.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Nothing

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: Nothing

BIDS: None

RESOLUTIONS: None

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 1230 – An Ordinance Amending The Revised Code Of The Village Of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois (Building Regulations) - *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1230 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1231 –An Ordinance Amending The Revised Code Of The Village Of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois (Open Burning) - *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1230 by title only and Trustee Tony Miller seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee ita Baker – aye; Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – no. (5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

There was a discussion concerning not including Agricultural "A" in the ordinance and it was explained when the Village started annexing agricultural properties, it was understood by those annexing that open burning would continue for Agricultural zoning.

Ordinance No. 1232 – An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of The IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement - *Trustee Mary Krieg motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1232 by title only and Trustee Kevin Groth seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee

Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Public Works Committee Meeting (Trash/Water/Sewer): Trustee Charlie Mattern reported on the Public Works Committee Meeting held Wednesday, October 18, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Mattern reported they discussed the Agreement with Freeburg Fire Protection District and the fire hydrant spacing requirements

It was reported the Village received a \$25,000 Grant for the Route 15 Water Main Replacement Project.

The Village is working with Smithton reference the Regional Wastewater Project.

Discussed building regulations' ordinance which was passed tonight.

Police Negotiations Committee Meeting: Trustee Rita Baker reported on the Police Negotiations Committee Meeting held Thursday, October 19, 2006, 5:00 p.m.

It was reported the Negotiations Committee is still working.

Public Property Committee Meeting (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation): Trustee Tony Miller reported on the Public Property Committee Meeting held Friday, October 20, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

The Committee discussed the ongoing issues: Carpet bids for the Village Office Building and the Industrial Park Sign.

*Trustee Tony Miller motioned to purchase two signs from Econo Sign at an approximate cost of \$561.00 each for the Industrial Park businesses with wording on both sides of the signs and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – no; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent) Motion carried.*

Further discussion was held regarding a directional sign directing traffic to the Industrial Park on South Route 13.

Village roads were discussed; leaf collection starting on October 30th; ordinance on open burning which was passed tonight; culvert on High Street; street oiling complaint; sidewalk being put in along East Hill Street; and, 10-day pool pass donation.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to donate a 10-day pool pass to Megan Hacker for her brother's benefit auction and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Tony Miller motioned to hire Mr. Randy Klotz for the Leaf Collection Program and Trustee Corby Valentine seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Tony Miller – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; and, Trustee Kevin Groth – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) Motion carried.

Police Negotiations Committee Meeting: Trustee Rita Baker reported on the Police Negotiations Committee Meeting held Thursday, October 26, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

It was reported still proceeding with police negotiations.

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting: Trustee Kevin Groth reported on the Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting held Wednesday, November 1, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Groth reported they discussed a number of issues under old business: on the Dickerson litigation, we are waiting to hear from their attorney; Freeburg Fire Protection District - discussed their agreement and waiting to hear from their attorney; legal descriptions of the Kaiser property – hope to have a report by the end of the year; talked about multi-family impact fee; directed Administrator Herzing to work with Attorney Wigginton about the Freeburg fireworks banning Class “C” fireworks; and, material requirements on commercial buildings.

New Business discussed: the Village did not have a problem with John Dahm's special use permit requested who lives in the County.

Trustee Kevin Groth motioned to refund Mr. Phil Sheets \$730.27 for the Village's portion of his tax bills for parcel numbers 14-06.0-406-001, 14-06.0-407-003, 14-06.0-400-009 and 14-05.0-300-023 per terms of the Annexation Agreement between Mr. Phil Sheets and the Village of Freeburg and Trustee Rita Baker seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Kevin Groth – aye; Trustee Rita Baker – aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern – aye; Trustee Mary Krieg – aye; Trustee Corby Valentine – aye; and, Trustee Tony Miller – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

Open burning of leaves was discussed; Rynder's complaint reference retention basins created on a previous subdivision and later filled in and homes built on the lots – this will be checked into by staff; and, the Koesterer house was questioned about being a hazard – will be further investigated.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Electric Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 5:00 p.m.
Personnel & Public Safety Meeting, Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 6:00 p.m.
Public Works Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 15, 2006, 5:00 p.m.
Public Property Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 15, 2006, 6:30 p.m.
Plan Commission Meeting, Wednesday, November 15, 2006, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Appeals Meeting, Thursday, November 16, 2006, 8:00 p.m.
Board Meeting, Monday, November 20, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No thank you Mayor.

Trustee Mary Krieg: No thank you Mayor.

Trustee Rita Baker: No thank you sir.

Trustee Corby Valentine: No Mayor.

Trustee Tony Miller: We did get our pool grant. Would like for the community to give us feedback. We will not do the project if we do not get support. Thanked Kevin for going out to find the grant and Dennis Herzing and Ron Dintelmann for the work on the grant.

Trustee Kevin Groth: Give my condolences to the Omelson family. Paul was an exceptional person. We had one organization step up to the plate and hope there will be more organizations in town who would work to help with the pool renovation.

Administrator Dennis Herzing: Nothing

Public Works Director Ron Dintelmann: Nothing


Chief Mel Woodruff: Absent

Treasurer Bryan Vogel: Nothing

Assistant Public Works Director John Tolan: Absent

ADJOURN:

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. and Trustee Mary Krieg seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Billie Louthan, Village Clerk