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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING **Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.** **Board Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, December 15, 2014 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

ROLL CALL: Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Steve Smith – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – here; Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Matt Trout – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent). Mayor Speiser announced there is a quorum.

EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes for approval from the Regular Board meeting Monday, December 1, 2014.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to table the minutes of December 1, 2014 until next board meeting due to not receiving all of the pages of the minutes and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser said next we have our ESDA Report. If you have any questions on his report please contact ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer.

PULIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT C:

REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE:

Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator's Report. If you have any questions please contact Zoning Administrator Gary Henning.

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EXHIBIT D:

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Speiser stated next we have the Proclamations. He would like to start with the Cross Country Team. Mayor Speiser said before he reads the Proclamation he would like highlight some of the boys and girls Cross Country individual and team accomplishments for the season.

Mayor Speiser asked the Cross Country Team to please stand and be recognized. Everyone present applauded and congratulated them.

Mayor Speiser stated before he reads the Proclamation for the Freeburg High School Varsity Football Team he would like highlight some of the football team off the field accomplishments as well as on the field. Mayor Speiser recognized the boys for their service projects that they participated in though out the season as well as individual accomplishments on the field.

Mayor Speiser asked the Varsity Football Team to please stand and be recognized. Everyone present applauded and congratulated them.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT E:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1526. An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, Authorizing the Village to Enter Into and the Mayor to Execute An Agreement Between the Village of Freeburg, Illinois and Smithton, Hecker Water Commission.

Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to accept Ordinance #1526 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT F:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1527. An Ordinance Authorizing the Village to Enter Into and the Mayor to Execute A Contract with FSH Water Commission for Purposes of an Emergency Interconnect.

Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to accept Ordinance #1527 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Nirbruegge – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT G:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1528. An Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding and Accepting Bid Proposal of Altec Bucket Truck.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to accept Ordinance #1528 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Nirbruegge – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT H:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1529. An Ordinance Authorizing the Village to Renew the Village of Freeburg Liability Policy with BRIT and Authorize the Mayor and /or Village Administrator to Execute the Village of Renewal Paperwork.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to accept Ordinance #1529 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Nirbruegge – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT I:

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser stated we have Compensatory Time Carryover Request.

Trustee Matchett said we would like to make a motion for the carryover compensatory time.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to approve the request for Compensatory Time to be carried over by the following employees Zach Kramper 25.63 hours; Terry Marquardt 97.00 hours; Stan Ruhmann 38.50; Daniel Turner 216.00 hours; and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser said we have another special guest tonight with us. Officer Boeving would like to introduce our guest. Officer Boeving said this is our new K-9 dog and his name is Duke. Officer Boeving gave us an up date on what is going on with Duke and his training.

APPOINTMENTS - None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:

EXHIBIT J:

Electric Committee Meeting:

Trustee Mike Blaies called the meeting of the Electric Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

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The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Surplus Temporary Service Equipment: Trustee Blaies said Shane is getting our bigger items ready to be listed for the auction in Springfield.
2. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Trustee Blaies said we accepted an Ordinance on this at the last meeting. We discussed how we can get the geothermal program started and make it accessible for the village and business that are in town and residents of the community.
3. Shed: Trustee Blaies said we are still working on the interior part of the shed.
4. Charter Pole Agreement: We are still waiting for AT&T.
5. New Bucket Truck: Trustee Blaies said we discussed the new bucket truck which we purchase and passed that ordinance tonight.
6. IMEA/Ameren Settlement: Trustee Blaies said John received confirmation that we are going to receive \$125,500 and this will be used toward purchase of the bucket truck.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tyler Isaak: Trustee Blaies said Tyler Isaak completed his top out exam and ranked very high in his class. We are really proud of him. He will be moving to Journeyman in January.

EXHIBIT K:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer)

Trustee Dean Pruett called the meeting of Public Works Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer project: Trustee Pruett said Tony has talked to Fred Helms and we should hear something soon.
2. Countryside Lane Annexation: Trustee Pruett said we have received the EPA permit. We found out the road is owned by Smithton Township. Once we receive the paperwork transferring ownership to us and then we can move forward.
3. West Treatment Plant Exception: Trustee Pruett said we had the EPA inspection and everything went well. The inspector commented for a 40 year old plant it looks pretty good. He gave some pointers to John and Greg.

Trustee Pruett said the fire hydrant testing is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Water Tower Painting: Trustee Pruett said we are moving forward on the water tower painting project.

Trustee Pruett said we discussed the Village of Freeburg Liability Insurance Renewal and the FSH Emergency Connect Agreement which was taken care of earlier on the agenda.

EXHIBIT L:

Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Niebruegg said we talked about some upgrades for the pool. The bath house floors should be replaced and hot water needs to be installed in the concession stand area and the bath house sinks should be replaced.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MFT/Ditch on North Main: Trustee Niebruegge said we will be starting next year's MFT in January.
2. Drainage Problem Areas: Trustee Niebruegge said John and Tony drove around when we had all of that rain checking out some of the problem spots and everything seems to be looking fine.
3. Village Park Gazebo: Trustee Niebruegge said we are in the process compiling a rental policy on the gazebo in the park.
4. DCEO Sidewalk Grant: Trustee Niebruegge stated we received the final paperwork for the \$27,000 sidewalk grant. We will need to get this information out to the community to find out who has dangerous sidewalks that need to be fixed. We have 1 year to spend the money.
5. Donations Collection Time Limit: Trustee Niebruegge said for the donations collection time limit. We are gathering notes so we can form an ordinance on this issue for approval from the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Niebruegge said we are looking at a request from the Freeburg Police Chief at reducing the speed limit on all side streets from 30 to 25 mph or 20 mph.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 17, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 17, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 17, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
Plan Commission Hearing – Thursday, December 18, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS, Wednesday 12/24/14 and Thursday 12/25/14
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR DAY – Thursday, January 1, 2015
Park Action Committee Meeting – Monday, January 5, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, January 5, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Dean Pruett – It was nice to have the Cross Country Team and the Football Team here this evening for the reading of the Proclamation. He would like to thank Matt for the extra work he did for the bucket truck.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – He said he would like to say the same thing as Dean said. He would like to congratulate all the athletics who were here tonight.

Trustee Mike Blaies – He would like to congratulate the Cross Country Team and the Football Team. He would like to congratulate Tyler Isaak for doing a great job on his top out exam.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge –

Trustee Steve Smith – He said ditto with all of the comments that has been said and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Matt Trout – He said on the bucket truck he just wanted the public to know this wasn't something we wanted to do but we had to do. This was do to the safety for our lineman. Our old bucket truck was 30 years old and had to many unsafe issues. He would like to congratulate the Cross Country and Football Team on their accomplishments and Merry Christmas.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – She said ditto with all of the comments made tonight in this room.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg: Everyone is invited to an Holiday Open House at the Cedar Trails Assisted Living this Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and after that you are more then welcome to come to the hearing being held right here. Look for me he will be wearing the Santa Hat.

Village Attorney Brian Manion: - After all of that, Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men and Merry Christmas.

Head Lineman Shane Krauss: He would like to thanked everyone who work with him on getting the bucket truck. He appreciates it and so do the guys. "Go Midgets"

Public Works Director John Tolan:

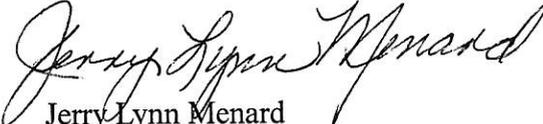
Village Zoning Administrator Gary Henning: Ditto on the comments here tonight. He said he had a lot of good comments on the gazebo and with things that have been done for the village around town within this last year. Congratulation to the Cross Country and Football Team and Merry Christmas.

Mayor Speiser - He would like to congratulate the Cross Country and Football Team for all of their accomplishments. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He thanked everyone for coming tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk

