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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, February 3, 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, February 3, 2014 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

ROLL CALL: Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Matt Trout - here; Trustee Steve Smith – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – 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 Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2014 and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion with corrections. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE:

1. Review of Board Lists: Trustee Smith said we reviewed the Board List.
2. Review of Investments: Trustee Smith said we don't have anything until 2015 on this.
3. Income Statements: Trustee Smith said we talked about items in the Income Statements.

Trustee Smith said next year we are really going to have to look at the expenses when we develop the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. TIF: Trustee Smith said the TIF bond closing is scheduled for March 26, 2014. Trustee Smith said the rates drop a little so we should have a little more in the savings from refinancing.
2. Website update: Trustee Smith said there is another company with the Website development that we are looking at.

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3. American Tower Offer: Trustee Smith said we talked about the American Tower offer. We are waiting on Attorney Manion to review the agreement before we do anything.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Manion said we are scheduled for negotiations on collective bargaining agreements with the office workers union and the public workers union on February 12, 2014.

EDA REPORT: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mayor Speiser called for Public Participation.

1. Janet asked if Gene sent anything over about the bad weather coming this week. Mayor Speiser said we received an email from Gene letting us know there is nasty weather on the way.
2. Rita Boyd President of Get Up & Go was present to talk about the Get Up & Go Program. Rita passed out information on What Is Get Up & Go. Rita said she noticed the plaque hanging in the lobby. This was the plaque that was awarded to the Village of Freeburg as a Get Up & Go Community. Rita went through the information she passed out on how Get Up & Go Program works and what it can do for a community.

EXHIBIT C:

REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE: Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator's Report.

1. Zoning Administrator Henning said as of the first of 2014, the Federal Government issued an order to monitor compliance with Federal Laws prohibiting discrimination against applicants applying for any type permit. They will have to complete a questionnaire about Ethnicity, Race, and Gender before a permit is issued. Zoning Administrator Henning said the applicants will have the option to mark they do not wish to furnish this information. We will then attach questionnaire to our copy of the permit to keep on file in case we are audited by the Federal Government.
2. Zoning Administrator Henning said we have a meeting scheduled with the Plan Commission on March 6. We are going to go over our new zoning purpose changes to the code. We our only going to tackle subdivisions and the zoning portions of those codes at this meeting. Gary said Julie has made copies and mailed to all members of the Plan Commission giving them time to complete their review before we meet.
3. Zoning Administrator Henning said that Tony is working with the owner of the Ernest Building and it will be coming down shortly.

4. Zoning Administrator Henning said the tractor trailer has been moved. Gary said the old G&S Foundry is now listed for sale on internet by owner. He believes the asking price \$102,000 as is.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1483, An Ordinance Amending Section 155.094 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Freeburg, County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, to Establish Two-Family Dwellings as a Special use for Property Zoned SR-1.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to adopt Ordinance #1483 by title only and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT E:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1484, An Ordinance Amending the Rules of the Board, Section 30.48 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Freeburg, County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, to protect the Confidentiality of Executive Session Discussions.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to table Ordinance #1484 for more discussion on this issue and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Smith asked John and Shane if they have started to look at the 3 to 5 year plan, since Tony has started working on the budget. Village Administrator Funderburg said he has been updating it.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:

EXHIBIT F:

Mayor Speiser stated we held a Committee As A Whole Meeting Wednesday, January 8, at 5:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Village of Freeburg Code Revision: Mayor Speiser said this meeting was called to go over the code revision. We are taking a chapter at a time. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have any questions. Trustee Smith said he has a couple of corrections on it. Mayor Speiser said to pass them to Jerry and they will be looked at.

EXHIBIT G:

Community Development Committee Meeting:

Chairperson Elizabeth Niebruegge called the meeting of the Community Development Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

1. Welcome to Freeburg Sign: Trustee Niebruegge said that she met with representative from IDOT who provided some great information regarding potential locations for the North end Welcome to Freeburg Sign.
2. Flag Memorial/Honorary: Trustee Niebruegge said that the Flag Memorial/ Honorary are collaboration between the Park District and the Village which as part of the master plan for the Village Park is the item that realistically could be finished first for the upcoming Memorial Day. Trustee Niebruegge said that Sheila Gallagher on behalf of the Freeburg Chamber of Commerce applied for and received the Rotary Club Spring Brunch split profits. It was written for all proceeds awarded to the Chamber from the brunch would go to the Flag Memorial/Honorary.
3. Spring Sweep: Trustee Niebruegge said the Spring Sweep will focus on getting the residents to clean up their area and helping out neighbors if needed. The committee decided on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Trustee Niebruegge said we will all meet at the Village Park at noon for a cook out. Trustee Niebruegge said after cleaning up around one's home then everyone can come up to the Village Park and bring a plant/flower to put into designated beds at the park. Trustee Niebruegge said also we would invite community groups that does service or some sort, can have a table at the event to talk about their service projects and thus promote their group. Trustee Niebruegge said she will move forward in getting all the information out.
4. Fall Fix-Up: Trustee Niebruegge said we talked about collaboration with other Freeburg Organizations if possible.

EXHIBIT H:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting: (Annexation; Building, Zoning; Subdivision)

Trustee Matt Trout called the meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee to order at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2013.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance: Trustee Trout stated we talked about the ordinance that we tabled tonight. We will talk about it again at the next Legal/Ordinance meeting.
2. Status of Public Hazard Home: Trustee Trout stated Zoning Administrator Henning talked about the Public Hazard home on the Ernst Building. We still have plans for it to come down.
3. Update Code Book: Trustee Trout said we talked about the Plan Commission going over the code book and having a meeting on that.
4. Nuisance Abatement Code: Trustee Trout stated the trailer at 600 N. Main has been moved.
5. Use of golf carts on streets: Trustee Trout said the committee decided to take golf carts off the streets and to take it off of the agenda.
6. ECode 360: Trustee Trout said we are looking at a couple different options on ECode 360. We talked about a searchable format when it comes to our code book.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request County to perform occupancy inspections: Trustee Trout said we had some discussion about the County to perform the occupancy inspection or if we are going to revise how it is written in our code book. We are just in the early stage of talking about this issue.

EXHIBIT I:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Ramon Matchett called the meeting of the Personnel/Police Committee Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2013.

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Stop Sign request: Trustee Matchett stated we asked the Chief Donald to take a look at the stop sign request on Vine St/ St. Clair Ct.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Crimestoppers tip Hotline Program Dues/Donations: Trustee Matchett said the committee agreed to donate \$150 to Crimestoppers for dues donations.
2. Trustee Matchett said we talked about how we need to look into additional room for our permanent evidence.
3. Trustee Matchett said Chief Donald would like to purchase a software program that would allow the officers to write reports in their car rather than having to come back to the Village Hall to do so. This way they would still be out on the streets.

4. Trustee Matchett stated we were able to purchase 6 tasers with a grant from the insurance company.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Mayor Speiser stated we held an Economic Development Committee Meeting at 6:45 p.m. this evening and minutes will not be available until next meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Pool Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 5, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.

Community Development Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 11, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2014 – 6:15 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY – Monday, February 17, 2014

Community Development Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Dean Pruett – No. thank you.

Trustee Ramon Matchett – No thank you.

Trustee Mike Blaies – No thank you.

Trustee Matt Trout – John and Shane hope your guys and the police department stay safe with the bad weather coming in.

Trustee Steve Smith – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Mayor Seth Speiser – He would like to thank Julie for getting the grant for the tasers. If anyone sees Julie be sure you thank her for doing that.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan: - No thank you.

Zoning Administrator Gary Henning - No thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk