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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## **FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING** **Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.** **Board Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, October 20, 2014 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – here; Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Steve Smith – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Matt Trout – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – 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, October 6, 2014.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 6, 2014 with corrections and Trustee Steve Smith seconded. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Speiser stated everyone should have a ESDA Report from Coordinator Genes Kramer for everyone to review. Mayor Speiser said if you have any questions please contact Gene.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

### **EXHIBIT B :**

**REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE:** Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator's Report. If you have any questions contact Zoning Administrator Gary Henning.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

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**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:** (See Ordinances)

**EXHIBIT C:**

**BIDS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Verizon iPad Quote.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the purchase of 12 iPads and not to exceed \$5,200 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #14-11. A Resolution Opposing the Closure of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville.

*Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adopt Resolution #14-11 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT E:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1516. An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Lot 15 of the Freeburg Industrial Park.

*Trustee Steve Smith motioned to accept Ordinance #1516 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT F:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1517. An Ordinance Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute a Professional Engineering Service Agreement with Rhutasel for the Water Tower Painting.

*Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to accept Ordinance #1517 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT G:  
ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1518. 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 Metro East Park and Recreation District.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to accept Ordinance #1518 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Speiser called for any New Business. Trustee Matchett asked if it is open for discussion on the article that was in the Freeburg Tribune. Mayor Speiser stated we will have to go into Executive Session to discuss that issue.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**7:49 P.M.**

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(11) and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED**

**7:54 P.M.**

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 7:54 p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**APPOINTMENTS -** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:**

**EXHIBIT H:  
Park Action Committee Meeting**

Trustee Trout called the meeting of the Park Action Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014.

**The following items were talked about or discussed:**

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1. Site plans for Park: Trustee Trout said that Metro East Parks & Recreation said we can combine everything that we want into one grant. They have about \$550,000 in grant money available. They would cover 25% of our project. The other 75% can come from another grant or grants. We would not get any of this grant money until the project is completed. Trustee Trout said that Tony advised the committee even though this grant is only a 25% funding grant there are other options and ways to come up with money for the remaining cost. Trustee Trout said most of the meeting we just talked about the grants and projects.

#### **EXHIBIT I:**

##### **Committee As A Whole Meeting:**

Mayor Speiser called the Committee As A Whole Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

##### **The following items were talked about or discussed:**

##### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Village of Freeburg Code Revision: Mayor Speiser stated 99% of the meeting was on the Code Revision.

##### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Verizon Tablets Quote: Mayor Speiser said talked about the Verizon tablets quote and we took care of that tonight.

2. St. Elizabeth's Resolution: Mayor Speiser talked about a Resolution for St. Elizabeth's Hospital. We passed that Resolution tonight.

3. Collection for Christmas Lights: Mayor Speiser stated Trustee Smith would like to collect donations on Friday, October 24, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the Christmas Lights Fund. If anyone can help Steve out on Friday, October 24 it would be appreciated.

#### **EXHIBIT J:**

##### **Electric Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Mike Blaies called the meeting of the Electric Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.

##### **The following items were talked about or discussed:**

##### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Surplus Temporary Service Equipment: Trustee Blaies said Head Lineman Krauss provided a list detailing the equipment we can surplus. We will work on getting that to Springfield by the next committee meeting.

2. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Trustee Blaies said we are putting an ordinances together for the net metering and interconnect policies. We are not going to act on anything tonight we will discuss this issue later.

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3. Shed: Trustee Blaies said we are working on erecting the walls for the bathroom area.
4. Charter Pole Agreement: Trustee Blaies stated we are still waiting on AT&T's location map.

Trustee Blaies said we had a discussion on the bucket truck.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**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, October 15, 2014.

**The following items were talked about or discussed:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Sewer project: Trustee Pruett stated Village Administrator Funderburg has turned this over to the Village Attorney Manion. Trustee Pruett said Attorney Manion has been in contact with Helm's attorney and said there is some positive movement on this.
2. Sewer issues: Trustee Pruett said Gary Schaefer put in a new sewer line and we installed check valves.
3. Countryside Lane Annexation: Trustee Pruett said the EPA has the construction permit and advised there is a 40 day turn around on them.
4. GIS Implementation: Trustee Pruett said Shane has the electric system ready to go.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Rhutasel Water Tower Painting Agreement: Trustee Pruett stated we talked about Rhutasel painting the Water Tower. We passed the agreement on that earlier on the agenda.

Trustee Pruett said a resident on Schiemeier Road would like to have our water services. Trustee Pruett said the committee agreed to have Tony and John contact the other residents to see if they would be interested in receiving our water.

Trustee Pruett said the west plant lift station needs to be repaired. John has budgeted \$17,000 and Haier Plumbing said the work will cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The incubator that is used for EPA testing went out and the cost to replace it is \$2,700 to \$2,800.

**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, October 15, 2014.

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**The following items were talked about or discussed under:**

**POOL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Niebruegge said the pool is now officially closed & winterized.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Niebruegge said the grant for the pool pavilion is finished.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. MFT/Ditch on North Main: Trustee Niebruegge said Rhutasel are working on getting the survey done for Main Street.
2. Drainage Problem Areas/Southgate Dr./Huelsman: Trustee Niebruegge said Rhutasel is working on the Huelsman drainage issue.
3. Grant for Gazebo: Trustee Niebruegge said we worked on the gazebo this weekend.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Leaf Pickup: Trustee Niebruegge said leaf pickup will begin on October 27. We are going to have some signs made up that can be placed in the area where leaf pickup will be the Friday before collections begins.
2. Picnic tables for Village Park: Trustee Niebruegge said the committee decided to purchase 2 tables for out at the park. Trustee Niebruegge said we would ask the high school to build the tables and put those at the Village Park and move the others to the pool pavilion.
3. JULIE 2015 Member Contribution: Trustee Niebruegge stated a copy of next year's estimate costs was provide for the committee's information. The price went up about \$300 from last year.
4. Freeburg Elementary School 5K Run/Walk Family Wellness Night: Trustee Niebruegge said the committee discussed the request and agreed to grant it pending our suggested changes and with the full board approval.  
*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to the approval of Freeburg Elementary School's 5K Run/Walk on November 1, 2014 starting at 5:00 p.m., using St. Joseph's route and a volunteer police officer present during the run and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*
5. Celebrate and Drive – FCHS: Trustee Niebruegge stated this program offers the opportunity for Freeburg High School students to win a concert from the Band Perry for making safe driving commitments. The program is sponsored by State Farm.

Trustee Niebruegge said John reported street sweeping is done, they are going to seal the cracks in Lone Oak and Timberwolf subdivision.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 29, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 29 2014 – 5:30 p.m.  
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 29, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.  
Park Action Committee Meeting – Monday, November 3, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, November 3, 2014 – 7:30 p.m,

**VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:**

**Trustee Dean Pruett** – No thank you.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – No thank you.

**Trustee Mike Blaies** – He went by and looked at the gazebo which it isn't done yet, but what is done looks real good.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – She said the gazebo looks great. She is sorry she could not be there to help.

**Trustee Matt Trout** – He would like to thank the Carpenter Union workers who volunteered to help and some of the Village employees who showed up to help. It was awesome watching it go up and taking part of it.

**Trustee Steve Smith** – He said the gazebo looks great. He also said to John when they pick up the limbs at his house that Tony McDonald was out there with a rake picking up access which was beyond what he had to do. He needs to be recognized for what a well job done.

**Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge** – No thank you.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg:** He would like Steve to call the Village Hall and state that on the phone. He would also like to thank everyone who showed up to help with the gazebo and we will try and finish it this Saturday. If anyone can come out to help please do so at 8:00 a.m.

**Village Attorney Brian Manion:** No thank you.

**Zoning Administrator Gary Henning:** – No thank you.

**Mayor Seth Speiser** – He said we did appreciate everyone who volunteered that came out to help put up the gazebo. It already has made a big improvement in the park.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk