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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, December 1, 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, December 1, 2014 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Matt Trout – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Steve Smith – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – here; Trustee Dean Pruettt – 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, November 17, 2014.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 17, 2014 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

### EXHIBIT B:

**FINANCE:** Trustee Smith said we talked about the renewal of health insurance and how the Affordable Care Act will have an affect on us. We talked about building a fund for self-insurance.

1. Review of Board Lists: Trustee Smith said we Reviewed the Board Lists and addressed questions on that.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sign at Industrial Park: Trustee Smith stated a couple of businesses out at the Industrial Park asked if we could have a turn lane going into the Industrial Park and a reduction in the speed limit. We will check with IDOT on getting the 45 mph speed limit sign moved further south and check with them on the turn lane.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Village of Freeburg Liability Insurance Renewal: Trustee Smith said we had two quotes. One from Trident our current carrier for property and liability coverage and the other was from Lloyds of London and there is a \$5,000 difference between them.

2. Christmas Bonuses : Trustee Smith said we talked about the Christmas Bonuses.

*Trustee Steve Smith motioned the full-time employees receive a \$75.00 Christmas bonus and part-time employees receive a \$25.00 Christmas bonus and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:** None.

**EXHIBIT B:**

**ESDA REPORT:** Coordinator Gene Kramer gave us an ESDA Report on the weather and passed out two magazines “Winter Storms the Deceptive Killers” and Weathering Winter.

Attorney Brian Manion asked Mayor Speiser if we could go into an Executive Session to discuss Litigation. Brian said it was under the Treasurer's Report. Mayor Speiser stated we will do that under New Business.

**PULIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet Baechle questioned the agenda about the MFT Report.

**EXHIBIT C:**

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** 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.

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS:** None.

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1525. An Ordinance Adopting a Revised Code of Ordinances for the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to accept Ordinance #1525 by title only and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye. (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Attorney Manion asked to go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation 5 ILC, 120/2-(c)(11)

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**7:45 P.M.**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED**

**8:05 P.M.**

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 8:07 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**APPOINTMENTS** - None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:**

**EXHIBIT E**

**Park Action Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Matt Trout said the meeting of the Park Action Committee came to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Trustee Trout said we talked about the site plans for the park. We looked at different ways for a walking and bike trail. This trail could also be used for the Cross Country team and the 5K Races. Matt said we have a 25% grant from METRD which is \$180,000. We are also working with the Park Board on some property.

**EXHIBIT F:**

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

Trustee Matt Trout called the meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Zoning report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Trout said we are still working on the Ernst property. The County has backed out on paying for the demolition of the two building's. We talked over different options on how get this done.

2. Update Code Book: Trustee Trout said we talked about the code book which we approved tonight.

3. Time Limits of Donation Collection Request: Trustee Trout said Elizabeth Niebruegge, Chief Donald and he meet on this issue. We suggested a policy where donations will only be collected on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. with a 4-hour time limit per organization per day. They must wear reflective vest and no person collecting can sit. They will also be required to show an approval letter from the village. Each organization will be limited to one weekend a year.

4. Park District Deed of Property for Pool: Trustee Trout stated we are working on the paper work on the property by the pool from park.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Koppeis Request to Lower Taxes: Trustee Trout said we held an Executive Session to talked about Koppeis request trying to get his taxes lowered. Matt said we did have Executive Session to talk about Litigation.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the November 19, 2014 Executive Session Minutes and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to Authorize the November 19, 2014 Executive Session Minutes and Recording of the Executive Session to be made available to the Attorney's Representing the Village for use in Litigation and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – 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 G:**

##### **Personnel & Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. called the meeting of the Personnel/Public Safety Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

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

#### **POLICE:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Police Puppy: Trustee Matchett said we have a new police puppy, he is a Belgian Malinois breed and was donated to us. Joel can start training with the puppy when he is about 1 to 1 ½ years old. We talked about maybe asking local businesses if they would like to make a donation to help cover some of the cost on dog food and etc.

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**PERSONNEL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Employees Request to Carry over Compensatory Time: Trustee Matchett said we have some employees asking to carry over their comp time.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to approve the request for Compensatory Time to be carried over by the following employees Joel Boeving 83.25 hours; William Donald 84.50 hours; Tony McDonald 115.75; Laura McGarry 51.38 hours; Jeff Mohr 24.50; Julie Polson 57.66 hours; Mike Schutzenhofer 125.75; Dave Unverferth 112.50 and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 10, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 10, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 10, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, December 15, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

**VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:**

**Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge** – We had a great turn out for the Lights in the Park last night. She thanked the Women Club for making a donation to our new police puppy.

**Trustee Steve Smith** – Trustee Smith thanked the following people for helping to make the Lights in the Park a success; village employees for all of their help for decorating the park, village employees for getting the tree for the gazebo and Christmas stockings, Millie, Rita and Jerry for handling the refreshments, Jerry for getting the cookies donated and picking them up for the event, Subway, Tom's and Casey's for donating the cookies, Dolly Revelle for donating the water, Tribune for printing all of the articles for the Lights in the Park, grade school choir for singing and Santa he was a big hit. Thank you everyone it was a great event.

**Trustee Matt Trout** – He thanked everyone who had a hand in helping with the Lights in the Park. He thanked the lineman who work vigorously on the down power line to get power restored on Friday.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – She thanked John and his crew for great job on getting the Light in the Park up and running and Johns wife Carol also for helping. It was a great event and a successful one. She said the Optimist Club gave a donation for the new police dog of \$50.00.

**Trustee Dean Pruett** – He thanked everyone who helped with the Lights in the Park. He was sorry he couldn't make it last night. He thanked John and his guys for a good job on the park.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – He said the park looks real nice and thanked everyone who had a hand in getting it done.

**Trustee Mike Blaies** – He said it looked like we had a real good turnout for the Lights in the Park. It seems the crowd get bigger each year. He said Steve does a great job on this event.

**Mayor Speiser** - He thanked Steve for a great job on our annual event of the Lights in the Park. Seth said Steve started this 6 years ago and he is continuously making it bigger and better each year. Just by the people that showed up last night this is something to be proud of. He thanked John and his guys. He said the guys were busy when he stop by on Friday around 4:00 and it was cold out there and they got the job done to help make this happen with the Lights in the Park.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg:** He said he had so much fun last night at the park. He said he told Santa he would like for him to pick it up so we could get out of here before 10:00 do to the cold. He said that Santa said no way, not until ever child has sat on my lap. The Freeburg Santa was awesome. Tony said his wife Cathy and himself are making donation to the food bank on behalf of Freeburg Santa. The reason for that, Santa did not want to take a donation for his appearance. He did fabulous job.

**Public Works Director John Tolan:** He said the lights look great and the flag poles do to.

**Village Zoning Administrator Gary Henning:** He thanked everyone for all the hard work in getting the park ready for the Lighting of the Lights. He said he is also looking forward to Friday night Christmas party.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk