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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2015 @ 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 7, 2015 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

ROLL CALL: Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – here; Trustee Lisa Meehling – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Matt Trout – 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 from Monday, November 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting for approval.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 16, 2015 and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE:

REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS: Trustee Matchett stated we reviewed the Board Lists.

REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS: Trustee Matchett said we reviewed the Investments. We talked about sealed bids for the January 9th renewals. We will get with Bryan on this.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Matchett stated we reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

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Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report for April, May and June 2015 and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sign at Industrial Park: The Sign at the Industrial Park is on hold for right now until we can catch up.
2. 3-5 Year Plan: The 3 to 5 year plan there is not a whole of changes.
3. Newsletter: It should be done within the next couple of weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. IMRF Employer Contribution: Trustee Matchett stated the 2016 employer rate has been finalized at 10.41%. If possible next year we like to rise it up to 11% to help the pension.
2. Employee Christmas Bonus: We talked about the employees' Christmas Bonus.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned the Village of Freeburg full-time employees' receive a \$75 Christmas bonus and part-time employees' receive a \$25 Christmas bonus and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All voting aye motion carried.

3. Liability Insurance Renewal: Our Liability Insurance Renewal we talked to Gallagher and their quote was \$175,551. This will come up under Ordinance later on the agenda.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motion to amend the agenda for the Proclamation presentation and Trustee Matt Trout. All voting aye motion carried.

EXHIBIT D:

Mayor Seth stated we will go to exhibit D the Proclamation for Freeburg High School Cross Country Team. Mayor Speiser stated before he reads the Proclamation he would like to high light some of the varsity boys and girls indivial teams accomplishments from this season. After reading the indivial accomplishments, Mayor Speiser read the Proclamation.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser asked if everyone received an ESDA Report from Gene. If anyone has any questions you can contact Gene.

EXHIBIT E:

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE:

Zoning Administrator’s Report: Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator’s Report. Are there any questions for Zoning Administrator Henning? Zoning Administrator Henning gave us and update of few things from his report.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT F:

RESOLUTION: Mayor Speiser said we have Resolution #15 –14. A Resolution Urging Illinois State Leader to Release Non-General Fund Revenues Payable to Local Governments. Mayor Speiser stated they did pass the vote 53 to something today to release it.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adopt Resolution #15-14 by tile only and Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT G:

RESOLUTION: Mayor Speiser said we have Resolution #15 –15. A Resolution approving the settlement agreement and authorizing the payment of Settle Fund in the litigation involving Ronald Dintelmann.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adopt Resolution #15-15 by tile only and Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – no vote; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent 1 trustee not voting due to a conflict of interest). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT H:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1561. An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2015 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on \$4,780,000 General Obligation Bond (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012 of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County Illinois.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1561 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT I:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1562. An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2015 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Tax Increment Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014 of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1562 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT J:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1563. An Ordinance Authorizing the Village to Enter Into and the Mayor and/or Village Administrator to Execute an Agreement between the Village of Freeburg and Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1563 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT K:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1564. An Ordinance Approving and Adopting Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to Table Ordinance #1564 and Trustee Ramon Mat-chett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye the, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT L:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Lisa Meehling called the meeting of Legal/Ordinance to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Meehling thanked Zoning Administrator Henning for working with the Dollar Store in cleaning the outside up. It looks good now.
2. Occupancy permits inspections: Trustee Meehling said we discuss talking with the Fire Department. They have afford to conduct inspections on smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors.
3. St. Clair County update of Building and Property Maintenance Code: Nothing new.
4. Combination of Plan Commission and Board of Appeals: Nothing on this until after the 1st of the year.
5. Comprehensive Plan: Trustee Meehling that came to us with full from the Plan Commission Board. Which was voted on to table it due to requirement of a 30 day grace period.
6. Local Debt Recovery Program: Trustee Meehling said Tony and Julie are going to work on rewrite and bring the code changes back to next month's meeting.

NEW BUSIENSS: Trustee Meehling said the Mayor has been approached about allowing golf carts and side by sides in town. And also asked that we look at other municipalities and fine out what they do. Lisa said Tony brought up there is a guy who wants to start a program out at Freedom Farm for homeless veterans. John said this might also be an avenue to get water to Jefferson Road.

EXHIBIT M:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Matt Trout called the meeting of Personnel/Police to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. In Car Computer: Trustee Trout said we talked about the in car computer and Officer Schutzenhofer is working on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Trout said we had an incident with Diggit and Duke now we have a puppy. Diggit and the puppy is with Officer Dowdy and he is taking care of them until Diggit is ready to come back. We are also giving the puppy to Officer Dowdy for his services for taking care of Diggit and the puppy. Joe and Duke will be starting training in February. Diggit should be back between Christmas and New Year's.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Health Insurance Option to Switch to Spouse's Plan: Trustee Trout said we talked about the health insurance option to switch to spouse's plan.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 16, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 16, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 16, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, December 21, 2015– 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – She would like to congratulate both the boys and girls Cross Country Team. Also she would like to thank everyone who help with the Lights in the Park. She heard it was a great job well done.

Trustee Lisa Meehling – She would like to congratulate both the boys and girls Cross Country Team. The Lights in the Park is a great event for the Village of Freeburg. We had great weather a wonderful turn out, a huge crowd this year. She would like to thank the committee for their help; she would like to thank John Tolan, Shane Krauss and the Public Works Department, Ms. Stephanie Ketchum and the choir, Freeburg Fire Department for getting Santa there to visit with the children; Subway, Tom’s Market, and Casey’s who donated the cookies; The Freeburg Tribune for printing the articles in the paper. She would like to thank everyone who came out, we had a great time.

Trustee Matt Trout – He would like to congratulate both the boys and girls Cross Country Team. Thank everyone who came out to the Lights in the Park. He would like to also address the Dintelmann settlement. With the Dintelmann Law Suit behind us I think it is important to take the time to reflect on the mistakes of the previous administration to make sure those mistakes are not made going forward. Ron’s situation was an unfortunate one, but the previous administration went above and beyond reasonable accommodations leaving the village in a very vulnerable position. While I do not agree with much of this outcome, the potential loss in a court ruling make this settlement a fiscally responsible decision for the village with the insurance company picking up the majority of the loss.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Ditto to what Lisa said.

Mayor Seth Speiser – He if you didn’t come to the Lights in the Park you missed Lisa in her Elf outfit. And Randy Krasper who plays Santa was great with the kids, he stay until the last kid sat on his lap. And congratulate both the boys and girls Cross Country Team also.

Trustee Mike Blaies – He would like to congratulate both the boys and girls Cross Country Team. And to the Lights in the Park. We tried a couple of difference things this year and seem to work out and we got a couple of new ideas for next year.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – He would like to congratulate both the boys and girls Cross Country Team. And a thank you to all that had a hand in the Lights in the Park. It was very nice and went very well. Ramon asked Jerry for the recipes to the cookies that were served.

Trustee Dean Pruett – He would like to congratulate both the boys and girls Cross Country Team. He would hope that everyone would take this time to remember December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor. Also he would like to say something on Dintelmann settlement we agreed upon tonight.

There are tough decisions that sometimes comes with person or group of people's job. Sometime you have to tell a person that it is time. No one wants that job and at time in in order to keep a friend around special arrangements will be made. This usually pro longs the inevitable and passes the buck or kick the can down the road. That being said life can be tough. Whether it be the kid on the playground not being chosen for a team or as an adult not being reappointed for a job because someone is better. Unfortunately as an adult we have a court system that is set up for a person to try and get a monetary award for such instances. As a board playing with tax payers' money we couldn't take a chance with court system. Where people have received millions for hot coffee in their lap. Hopefully lessons have been learned and we can move forward in the future.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – He said Lights in the Park is his favorite thing of the year. The Freeburg High School keeps doing great things and accomplishments. He hopes they learned a little bit about government tonight.

Public Works Director John Tolan: Two things, he wasn't there last night. He would like to know did Tony sit on Santa lap. Lisa said he did stand and put his arm around Santa. John said the second thing; how much does a K-9 get on maternity leave?

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk