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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING **Monday, February 2, 2015 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, February 2, 2015 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 Steve Smith motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 1, 2014 and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes for approval from the Regular Board meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, January 20, 2015 with corrections and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT C:

FINANCE:

1. Review of Board Lists: Trustee Smith said the Board Lists was reviewed by the committee. We had several questions that we addressed.

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2. Review of Investments: Trustee Smith said we have cd coming up in June and we should get around 2% on that cd.

3. Income Statement: Trustee Smith stated we have two accounts not being used and Debbie would like to close them.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to close two of the IPTIP accounts and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Smith said the cell tower check was deposited into a money market account. Which was \$300,000. The lot sale check was for \$45,000 and it was deposited last week.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Smith said Treasurer Vogel will work with Debbie to start compiling the next summary report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Website Update: Trustee Smith said the website is up and running. Everyone please take a look at it. We should be able to add more content to it soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 3-to-5 year Plan/Strategic Plan: Trustee Smith said Tony asked everyone to prioritize the list he passed out and give them to him at Monday nights meetings.

2. Supplemental Appropriation: Trustee Smith said Tony has been cleaning it up the appropriation.

Trustee Smith said we discussed on how we can track carryover days or time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Village Attorney Brian Manion said a St. Clair County Judge has dismissed an arbitration appeal filed last summer by former Freeburg Police Officers Steve Burrows and John Blomenkamp. Attorney Manion informed the Village Board that the officers' complaint or administrative review has been dismissed by the judge for lack of proper standing. An order filed on January 27 by Judge McGlynn claims that the plaintiffs lacked the proper standing to bring the case because union did not join the action and union did not breach its duty of fair representation

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser said ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer gave us and update on the up coming weather.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Janet Baechle asked have we changed the committee sizes yet. Mayor Speiser said not yet. We will after the election.

2. Janet Baechle asked if we lower the speed limit on the side streets to 25 m.p.h. Mayor Speiser said it was already a city ordinance. If not posted it is 25 m.p.h., and if it is posted 30 m.p.h., that is what it is.

EXHIBIT D:

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Village Zoning Administrator Henning asked if there were any questions on his zoning report. Gary said we are working with the owners and St. Clair County get the situation resolved in a timely manner on the Ernest building. We are working with the owner who has the old trailer which has been parked on Mary Kinzinger's property at intersection of Route 15 and Peabody Road. The owner said he has been trying and still checking with number of possible places to move it to.

EXHIBIT E:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Mayor Speiser asked Zoning Administrator Henning if has anything to say on this issue. Gary said they changed their request to the same as Citizens Community Bank request. They will be no in and out traffic at their building. This company does their business over the phone.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT F:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1536. An Ordinance Declaring it Necessary or Convenient for the Village of Freeburg to Use, Occupy or Improve Certain Real state Property Owned by the Freeburg Park District for Purposes of the Freeburg Municipal Pool Improvement and Expansion and Approving Acceptance of the Quit Claim Deed.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adopt Ordinance #1536 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS - Mayor Speiser said we have the Mayor's Recommendation for Board of Appeals Appointment. His recommendation for the Board of Appeals is Micheal Heap. Mayor Speiser said Mr. Heap will be replacing long-time Board of Appeals member Richard Gordon, who resigned his position last month.

*Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to accept the Recommendation from Mayor Speiser for the Board of Appeals appointed position be granted to Michael Heap and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:

EXHIBIT G:

COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE:

Mayor Speiser called the meeting of the Committee As A Whole to order at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015

The following items were talked about or discussed:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Executive Session Minutes: Mayor Speiser said we want into an Executive Session to discuss Executive Session minutes.

2. Strategic Plan to Prioritize Projects: Mayor Speiser said we talked about coming up with a better way to organize our projects and keep the board informed. We talked about the 3 to 5 year plan.

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 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2015,

The following items were talked about or discussed:

Trustee Trout said Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Wernie attended the Legal/Ordinance committee meeting to request a change in our ordinance to allow the bars to close at 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. Trustee Trout said we'll talk about it and it will be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Trout said Gary already talked about his zoning report. We also talked about the Ernest property behind Gary's Restaurant. A recommendation was made from the committee to extend the demolition permit on 101 East Hill Street to June 30, 2015. We all are trying to work with the owner to get this done. We do realize we need a little more time.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to extend the demolition permit on the Ernst property located at 101 East Hill Street until June 30, 2015 and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

2. Occupancy permits inspections: Trustee Trout said we talked a little about the occupancy permits inspections.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

1. St. Clair County Update of Building and Property Maintenance Code: Trustee Trout said St. Clair County are updating their Building and Property Maintenance Code and we should have the code book in about 6 weeks.

2. K-9 Policy: Trustee Trout said we talked about adopting a new K-9 policy to be put in our code book.

Trustee Trout said we looked at a Gazebo Rental Policy. Trustee Smith said before we vote he has some questions. After several questions and concerns the motion was put to vote.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the Gazebo Rental Policy with corrections and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT J:

Personnel & Public Safety Committee Meeting

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. called the meeting of the Personnel/Public Safety Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2015

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Employee Return to Work: Trustee Matchett stated that Officer Stan Ruhmann has returned to work with no restrictions. He has started teaching the DARE Program at St. Joseph's School.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. In-Car Computers: Trustee Matchett said we have 2 shared computers currently in our cars and are looking at purchasing more.

2. Request for longer closing hours for businesses: Trustee Matchett said this issue has been presented to Chief Donald for his opinion. This will be put on the agenda for more discussion at the next committee meeting.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Job Descriptions/Handbook: We talked about the job description handbook and we are working on it.

NEW BUSINESS: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY – Monday, February 16, 2015

Broad of Appeals Hearing – Monday, February 16, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 17, 2015– 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – No thank you.

Trustee Steve Smith – No thank you.

Trustee Matt Trout – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you

Trustee Mike Blaies – No thank you

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – He would like to welcome Mike Heap to his new appointed position.

Trustee Dean Pruett – He would also like to welcome Mike.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg - He would like to thank the Park Board for working with us on the land.

Village Attorney Brian Manion - No thank you.

Village Zoning Administrator Gary Henning - No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer – Gene reminded everyone that tomorrow at the grade school at 8:30 p.m. the ESDA, Police Department and Fire Department will be doing their annual crises emergency review.

Mayor Speiser - He thank everyone for coming this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk