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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 4, 2016 @ 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, January 4, 2016 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 Matt Trout – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – here; Trustee Lisa Meehling – here; Trustee Dean Pruett – 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 from Monday, December 7, 2015 Regular Board Meeting for approval.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 21, 2015 and Trustee Matt Trout 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 had some discussion on the Investments which some of them are coming due. We had some discussion on having seal bids or have them faxed to us. We decide to keep on doing what we have been doing. Treasurer Bryan Vogel stated he will faxes all the local banks and confirmed we have \$598,000 for bid. Bryan doesn't see the interest rate moving much more than 2.12%.

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INCOME STATEMENT: Trustee Matchett stated we reviewed the Income Statement.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sign at Industrial Park: Nothing new to report.
2. 3-5 Year Plan: We will start working on the budget shortly.
3. Newsletter: Trustee Matchett stated the latest Newsletter edition has been sent out. If anyone has any suggestions for the next one please let us know.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bond Refinancing: Trustee Matchett said we talked about Bond Refinancing. Tony informed the committee there is no need to refinance at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Janet Baechle asked us just to slow it down a little on the getting up to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE:

EXHIBIT C:

Zoning Administrator's Report: Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator's Report. Are there any questions for Zoning Administrator Henning? Hearing none we will move on.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS. None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTION: None.

ORDINANCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT D:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

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

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Meehling said Zoning Administrator Henning said the door on the house at 3 Lake Drive has been secured. Trustee Meehling said soon after the foreclosure is finalized on this property which should be on January 22, 2016, they will let us know what will be done with it.
2. Occupancy permits inspections: Trustee Meehling said our Attorney Manion is reviewing this to see about our liability. We are concern if someone gets hurt while conducting an inspection on a home if we would be liable for them.
3. St. Clair County update of Building and Property Maintenance Code: Trustee Meehling said we should have something within the next month or so.
4. Combination of Plan Commission and Board of Appeals: This is on the top of our Attorney Manion list.
5. Local Debt Recovery Program: Trustee Meehling said we need to incorporate an additional hearing into the process for those who are not paying their bills. Lisa said Tony brought up another municipality hands out a pamphlet explaining the entire utility process and the residents follow the procedures that are in it. Tony will emailed it out to everyone to have for the next board meeting.
6. Golf Cars or Side by Side Vehicles: Lisa said Julie had research and presented us with other municipalities' ordinances from Marissa, New Athens and Millstadt. Gary is going to talk to all of the municipalities to see what issues they might have with this.
7. Homeless Veteran Program at Freedom Farm: Trustee Meehling said it looks like the county is not interested in this project. They are looking at other alternatives since the number of days they can stay at Freedom Farm is limited. We aren't sure if this project will move forward for them out there.

NEW BUSIENSS: Trustee Meehling said we discussed when we passed the 2:00 a.m. closing on Saturday and Friday nights, we also allowed a 2:00 a.m. closing on Thanksgiving night and New Year's Eve. The local establishments must request it in writing if they want to stay open until 2:00 a.m. on those days. Lisa said Randy from Lucky Joes has asked if the Village would consider Happy Hour. We are going to look into this and added to the next agenda to be discussed.

EXHIBIT E:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

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

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. In Car Computer: Trustee Trout said the in car computer was discuss and the tablet is working, and everything is secure with them. Trustee Trout said the body cameras was brought up. The state has such strict guide lines on them right now so no one is using them. We would like to start using them when some of the strict guide lines are amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Seizure of Motorcycle: We have seized an '84 Harley motorcycle from a defendant, and the court has granted the seizure. We will surplus it and sell it.

Trustee Trout said the Chief of Police was asked his opinion about the golf carts and he was not in favor of them on the streets. Our police dog Diggitt has returned to work.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Health Insurance Option to Switch to Spouse's Plan: Trustee Trout said we discussed the health insurance option to switch to spouse's plan. Trustee Trout said that Trustee Niebruegge announced that February 1st will be her last meeting, she will be stepping down.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Speiser said the person he is appointing to replace Trustee Niebruegge wanted to attend one of the Streets Committee meeting and a board meeting before she took office. Mayor Speiser said he was going to be out of town so we switch it to the February 6th so he could be there and for Trustee Niebruegge last meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 6, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 6, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 6, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY – Monday, January 18, 2016

Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 19, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Dean Pruett – No thank you.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.

Trustee Mike Blaies – No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee Matt Trout – He would like to wish everyone good luck who has had flood issue around Southern Illinois and Missouri area. He will be thinking about them.

Trustee Lisa Meehling – No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – She would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – We are now selling ID permits.

Village Attorney Brian Manion – No thank you.

Zoning Administrator Gary Henning – He hopes everyone can go and see Janet in her film which she will be starring in Saturday at the Lincoln Theater.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.



Jerry Lynn Menard

Village Clerk