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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, March 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, March 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 Steve Smith – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – here; Trustee Matt Trout – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Dean Pruett – 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, February 2, 2015 for approval.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 2, 2015 with corrections and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

Mayor Speiser stated we have the minutes for approval from the Regular Board meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2015 for approval.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2015 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to amend the agenda to hear the Proclamation for Tyler Hunt and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All voting yea, motion carried.

Mayor Speiser stated before he reads the Proclamation he would like to high light some of Tyler Hunt bowling accompaniments. Mayor Speiser presented Tyler with the Proclamation.

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EXHIBIT C:**FINANCE:**

1. Review of Board Lists: Trustee Smith said the Board Lists were reviewed by the committee. We addressed several questions.
2. Review of Investments: Trustee Smith said we have cd coming up for renewal in June.
3. Income Statement: Trustee Smith stated reviewed the Income Statement.
4. Treasurer's Report: Trustee Smith said we have Treasurer's Reports for the month of April 30, 2014, May 31, 2014 and June 30, 2014.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to accept the April 30, 2014, May 31, 2014 and June 30, 2014 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Website Update: Trustee Smith said we are continuing to add more content to the website.
2. 3-to-5 year Plan/Strategic Plan: we are still working on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Increase in Fees for Weilmuenster Law Group, P.C.: Trustee Smith said we were notified by Weilmuenster Law Group there will be a fee increase of \$10 an hour. This is the first increase we have had in years.
2. Requests to Waive Late Fees on Utility Bills: Steve said we had two requests for waiver of the utility bill late fee. The first request is from ATC, the physical therapy company and the committee agreed to waive the late fee. The second request was from a resident that has only lived in Freeburg for a couple of months. Our policy states you need to have one year of billing history in order to waive a late fee. The committee agreed not to waive the late fee.
3. Update on Insurance Claims: Trustee Smith said we talked about the insurance claims and there are 3 outstanding and these are being worked on by the insurance rep. We are being reimbursed on two of them and the third one is being investigated.
4. Comprehensive Plan Ordinance: Trustee Smith said we have an ordinance for this. Trustee Smith said Ordinance #1539, 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 for Technical Service and Assistance between the Village of Freeburg, Illinois and Moran Economic Development LLC.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adopt Ordinance #1539 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 D:

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel said in addition to the ones’ the board approved tonight, he drop off additional treasurer’s reports to the office manager to be put in everyone’s email for the board to review.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: None.

PULIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Janet thanked the Public Works Department for a great job they did on the streets.
2. Attorney Jim Medillo took the floor to inform the Village Board that he is representing Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. Attorney Mendillo asked the board to table the resolution to censure Ramon Matchett, Jr. since, in his opinion, it is not appropriate at this time. Attorney Mendillo claimed that Matchett is entitled to be heard in this case and afforded due process rights.
3. Mr. David Masters, expressed his thoughts about the censure of Ramon Matchett.
4. Greg Bloomenkamp Sr., expressed his thoughts about the censure of Ramon Matchett.
5. Tom Cluckmeyer, express his thoughts about the censure of Ramon Matchett.

Mayor Speiser asked is there anyone else for Public Participation. Mayor Speiser said Public Participation has been closed. Mayor Speiser stated when we discuss the Resolution the public will not be able to speak on it anymore. The Trustees’ will be able to comment along with Mr. Matchett.

EXHIBIT E:

REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE:

Zoning Administrator Henning asked are there any questions on the zoning report. Hearing none, Mayor Speiser moved on.

EXHIBIT F:

Mayor Speiser read the Proclamation for National Athletic Training Month.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT H:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser said we have Resolution #15-02. A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Purchase and the Mayor to Accept a Temporary Construction Easement and a Permanent Utility Easement from Frederick Helms

Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adopt Resolution #15-02 by title only and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Speiser said before bring this next resolution to the board. He asked the Village Attorney to see if the States Attorney office would review the matter. Mayor Speiser read the States Attorney statement. This is the first meeting the board has taken action since receiving State Attorney decision. Mayor Speiser gave a little background on why this resolution was being brought forward to censure Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.

Mayor Speiser said at this time he would like to open the floor for any comments from the board members or from Mr. Matchett.

Trustee Matchett took the floor. Trustee Matchett stated that it saddens him to be punished for telling the truth. He claims he will continue to state the true facts and apologized to his family for any embarrassment his actions may have caused them. Trustee Matchett thanked those who attended the meeting tonight to speak on his behalf and for their support.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge and Trustee Steve Smith explain how this came about to have a resolution to censure Trustee Matchett and why it was necessary.

EXHIBIT I:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser said we have Resolution #15-03. A Resolution of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois to Censure Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr...

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adopt Resolution #15-03 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – nay; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Mayor Seth Speiser - aye; (6 ayes, 1 nays, 0 absent motion carried). (Mayor Speiser asked Village Clerk Menard to call for his vote).

EXHIBIT J:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1538. An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Equipment.

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1538 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT L:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1540. An Ordinance Establishing a Police Department Canine Policy under the Village of Freeburg's Code of Ordinance.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adopt Ordinance #1540 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT M:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1541. An Ordinance Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with St. Clair County for Coordinated Communication Services.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1541 by title only and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:

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, February 25, 2015,

The following items were talked about or discussed:

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Trout said we talked about the zoning report and nuisance property. This week there will be an article in the Tribune about yard signs, political sign, for sale signs in public right ways and where they can be and cannot be placed. There will be a dead line to move them. We are working with the owner of the trailer at Peabody Road/Route 15 to get it moved.
2. Canine Policy: Trustee Trout said we just adopted the Canine Policy, which will go into the Code Book.
3. Extension Request on Fridays/Saturdays for Bars to close at 2:00 a.m.: We are still working on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Liquor Liability Coverage at Pool: Trustee Trout said someone asked about selling liquor at the home swim meets. The committee decided not to allow the selling of alcohol.

1. 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, February 25, 2015

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

POLICE:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Car Computer for Police Car: Trustee Matchett stated we have ordered one in-car computer.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Clair County Cencom Dispatching Contract: Trustee Matchett said we passed this ordinance earlier on the agenda and also the Ordinance on the Canine Policy.

PERSONNEL:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Job Descriptions/Handbook: We are still working on it.
2. Employee 457 Plan: We are still working on it.

NEW BUSINESS: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 4, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 4, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 4, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, March 16, 2015– 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Dean Pruett – He thanked John and his guys for job well done. Congratulations to Tyler Hunt.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – He would like to thank John also. He thanked everyone for their support.

Trustee Mike Blaies – He thanked John and his crew for a good job and congratulations to Tyler Hunt.

Trustee Matt Trout – He thanked John and the guys for a job well done and congratulations to Tyler Hunt

Trustee Steve Smith – He said same thing.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – Same thing.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – She would like to congratulate Tyler. Also John your guys did a good job, they didn't block her drive way this time.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – Could everyone call the village tomorrow and tell them how much they all love John.

Village Attorney Brian Manion – No thank you

Village Public Work Director – No thank you.

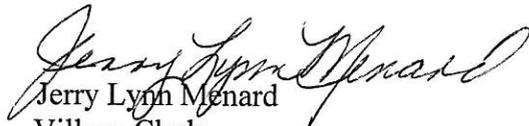
Village Zoning Administrator Gary Henning – No thank you.

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 8:07 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk