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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. Board Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ray Danford called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., on Monday, March 5, 2012 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

ROLL CALL: Trustee Seth Speiser - here; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - here; Trustee Mike Blaies - here; Trustee Steve Smith - here; Trustee Charlie Mattern - here; Trustee Rita Baker - here; Mayor Ray Danford - here; (7 present, 0 absent). Mayor Ray Danford announced there is a quorum.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, February 21, 2012 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain, 0 absent). With five aye votes, the motion carried.*

FINANCE: Trustee Smith stated we talked about the following;

1. Treasurer's Report: Our interest on the Money Market account went down again.
2. Attorney Invoices: Trustee Smith said the attorney fees are really costing us and it is mostly because of contract negotiations.
3. Purchase of Lot at Industrial Park: Trustee Smith said we talked about the purchase of the lot out at the Industrial Park and this will be handled by an ordinance tonight.
4. Sign at Industrial Park: Trustee Smith said we talked about the sign for the Industrial Park. We will wait towards the end of the year to see if we have any money left in the budget to do this.
5. 3- to 5-year plan: Dennis and John are working on the 3- to 5- year plan.
6. Bernardi Securities: Trustee Smith said we did get an update from Edward Jones. Trustee Smith said we talked about recalling and refinancing the electric bonds. The committee would like to have a Committee as a Whole to discuss this.
7. SIMAPC Annual Contribution: Trustee Smith stated the committee decided not to contribute this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mayor Danford said we have Treasurer's Reports for September, October, November and December of 2011 to be reviewed and voted on at the next regular board meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Danford called ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer to take the floor.

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1. Gene stated on February 29th, the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center issued a Tornado Watch at 1:15 a.m. that was valid until 9:00 a.m.
2. Gene stated on March 2nd, the Storm Prediction Center issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch that covered the Freeburg area until 7:00 a.m.
3. Gene said the ESDA office was placed on another Severe Thunderstorm Watch from 5:55 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Fortunately, all severe storms stayed to the north of the Freeburg area.
4. Gene said the Storm Prediction Center issued a PDS Tornado Watch at 9:55 a.m. that was valid until 6:00 p.m. for the St. Clair County area.

Gene said we had winds from the northwest at 50 mph. On March 1, 2012, Gene stated Illinois Governor Quinn made an official request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist with damage assessments in Southern Illinois counties struck by tornadoes. Gene said the CTY telephone notification system is the best for giving you a heads up with a tornado watch alert, but the best means of being alerted in the overnight hours of tornado warnings is to have a Weather Alert specific area message encoded SAME radio. Gene said the weather alert radios come in different sizes from portable to table top. Gene said you can purchase these radios at Radio Shack, Best Buy and other electronics stores.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency has announced that March, 2012, is Severe Weather Preparedness Month in Illinois and encourages all residents to check both the IEMA website and with your local ESDA offices for severe weather safety information.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASE, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: Mayor Danford said the Professional Metal Works Agreement for Purchase will be handled under Ordinances.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES: Mayor Danford stated we have Ordinance No. 1414, An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Lot # 13 of the Industrial Park.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1414 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). With six aye votes, the motion carried.

Mayor Danford stated we have Ordinance No. 1415, An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1415 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). With six aye votes, the motion carried.

Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee.

Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1416 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Rita Baker - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Seth Speiser - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - nay; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Charlie Mattern - aye; (5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 absent). With five aye votes and one nay vote, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 7, 2012 - 4:30 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting - Wednesday, March 7, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting March 7, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting - Monday, March 19, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.

Committee As A Whole - Wednesday, March 21, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Trustee Charlie Mattern: No thank you.

Trustee Steve Smith: No thank you.

Trustee Mike Blaies: No thank you.

Trustee Raymond Matchett: No thank you.

Trustee Seth Speiser: No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: No thank you.

Staff Comments: None.

ADJOURN: *Trustee Rita Baker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8: 01 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk