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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, May 19, 2014 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, May 19, 2014 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 Matt Trout – here; Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – 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, May 5, 2014.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, May 5, 2014 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Bryan Vogel passed out the Monthly Treasure's Reports for July, August and September 2013 to be reviewed by the Village Board and for approval at the next board meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

ESDA REPORT: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Sharon Lautz said she would like to have a volunteer or volunteers to help with the judging of the yard's at the trailer court. Sharon said they are holding the best yard contest for May, June and July for the residents at the trailer court. The winner of the best yard will receive \$25 gift certificate and a sign in their yard saying "the yard of the month". Gary and Tony volunteered to be the judges.

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EXHIBIT B:

REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE: Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator's Report. Zoning Administrator Henning said he attended the training session last Friday which was held at the Gateway Conference Center in Collinsville. Gary said he learned a lot, and it was well spent time to attend.

Trustee Smith said on the property at 519 N. State do we have anything new on it and did a letter go out. Zoning Administrator Henning said yes; he did send a letter out to the owner. Gary said he does have a second letter prepare to go out if needed. Gary said just because the roof has a blue plastic covering on it that has nothing to do with the housing code. Gary said there are some people that are interested in purchasing the home. But they can not seem to be able to get hold of the owners either. Gary said he will keep the board updated on it.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: See Ordinances

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT C:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1497. An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Lot 4 of the Freeburg Industrial Park.

Trustee Smith asked before we vote he would like to know are we paying 8% to HA Realty. Village Administrator Funderburg answered the questions. (but could not hear Tony clear enough to pick up his reply) .

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1497 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 Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT D:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1498. An Ordinance Authorizing the Village to Enter Into and the Mayor to Execute An Agreement Between the Village of Freeburg and IDOT Relative to Safe Routes to School

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to adopt Ordinance #1498 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESSES: None

NEW BUSINESSES: Mayor Speiser stated the floor is open for discussion of Potential Firearms Business on Peabody Road. Mayor Speiser called on Gary and Tony to explain the issue. After a short discussion the village board decided not to give an opinion.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to have Village Administrator Tony Funderburg or Mayor Speiser to send a letter to the St. Clair County stating we have no opinion on this issue and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS - None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:

EXHIBIT E:

Electric Committee Meeting:

Trustee Mike Blaies called the meeting of the Electric Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Wiegmann's project: Trustee Blaies stated that Shane said we have scheduled the work to be done the first and second weekends in June. Trustee Blaies said the project should be completely done after that.

2. Rate Study: Trustee Blaies said we talked about the Rate Study.

3. Surplus Temporary Service Equipment: Trustee Blaies stated that John and Shane are compiling the miscellaneous items that we are going to take up to Springfield for auction.

Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Trustee Blaies said we talked a little about this issue. Trustee Blaies stated that Shane passed out information on how Carlyle handles net metering

Trustee Blaies said we are still discussing the Geothermal grant money.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. IMEA Electric Agency Update: Trustee Blaies stated the IMEA Trimble County tour is coming up. Trustee Blaies said he would of liked to had more of an advance notice to this.

2. Charter Pole Agreement: Trustee Blais stated the agreement was revised and we will go over it at the next committee meeting.

EXHIBIT F:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Trash/Water/Sewer)

Trustee Dean Pruett called the meeting of Public Works Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer project: Trustee Pruett stated the sewer project to the North end of town and we are waiting to hear from Helms attorney.
2. Sewer issues: Trustee Pruett said John hopes to have Mr. Fischer's sewer installed by the next committee meeting.
3. Water break on County property: Trustee Pruett said the work is done and everything seems to be working.
4. Spring Clean Up: Trustee Pruett said everything went pretty well and everyone got out of there in a timely manner.
5. Water/sewer service for O'Reillys: Trustee Pruett said O'Reillys flow test came back and they have a good hydrant. Everything has been approved and we should see them start to build shortly.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Time limit on tap on fees purchased: Trustee Pruett stated we talked about tap on fees. He would like to have a policy drawn up for the future.

EXHIBIT G:

Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge called the meeting of the Public Property Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Trustee Niebruegge stated we started out with Public Participation. Trustee Niebruegge said we had a resident who was present to ask the committee if they would allow him to plant either hay or crops on the two 5-acre vacant lots at the Industrial Park. This issue will be discussed some more.

POOL:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pool : Trustee Niebruegge said all the dates for the pool have been set for late night swim, family days and free days. Trustee Niebruegge said she will get an advertisement put in the Tribune that highlights the pool and all the events. Trustee Niebruegge said we purchase more chairs for the pool. Elizabeth said we have entered into a 5-year contract with Pepsi.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Safe Routes to School: Trustee Niebruegge said we have a June letting and should finish the project by the end of the summer.

2. Drainage Problem Areas/Southgate Dr./Huelsman: Trustee Niebruegge said John is still working on the drain problem.

3. Shady Lane Dispute: Trustee Niebruegge said this project is complete.

4. Cemetery Road: Trustee Niebruegge said Mayor Speiser sent a letter to Mark Kern requesting their assistance with this project.

Trustee Niebruegge said several committee members voiced their concerns over the new lawn service company.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of Code Book, Chapter 33: Trustee Niebruegge said we reviewed this chapter of the proposed code.

2. Request from Freeburg Jr. Midgets Football: Trustee Niebruegge said we discussed the Freeburg Jr. Midget Football request to hold a 4 mile run/walk to benefit their program. After checking on certain things we are good to go with the request. Trustee Niebruegge said at this time she would like to make a motion.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motion to grant the Freeburg Jr. Midgets Football request to hold a 4 mile run/walk benefit on August 9, 2014 and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. (All voting aye; motion carried)

Trustee Niebruegge said we had a request for a stop sign be installed at the intersection of Brookstone and Meadow Ridge Drive. This request will go to Personnel/ Police Committee meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY – Monday, May 26, 2014
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 28,, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Monday, June 2, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – She is excited about the opening of the pool. She hopes everyone will go out and check on all the new stuff.

Trustee Steve Smith – No thank you.

Trustee Matt Trout – He would like to thank all of the applicants on the water and sewer position.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Mayor Seth Speiser – He went out to the pool and it really looks nice. Mayor Speiser asked if we got the concrete poured and John replied yes, and if you don't like the color you all can blame Elizabeth.

Trustee Mike Blaies – No thank you.

Trustee Ramon Matchett – No thank you.

Trustee Dean Pruett – No thank you

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Funderburg: Tony said please remember to come out to the Memorial Day out at the park and let him know if you are planning to be there.

Attorney Manion – No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan: - No thank you.

Zoning Administrator Gary Henning – He said don't forget this coming Thursday night is our first Mayor's Dinner and everyone please try and be there. He would like to thank the board for sending him to the class that was in Collinsville

Chief Stan Donald – He would like to thank the board for giving him another year with the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk