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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## **FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2015 @ 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, October 19, 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 Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – here; Trustee Matt Trout – here; Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Lisa Meehling – 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, October 5, 2015 for approval.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 5, 2015 with corrections and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Manion said we need to go into Executive Session to Discuss Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(11) on the John Blomenkamp, Ron Dintelmann and Steve Burrows law suit.

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:33P.M.**

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to go into Executive Session to Discuss Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(11) John Blomenkamp, Ron Dintelmann and Former Officer Steve Burrows and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

8:05 P.M.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 8:07 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**ESDA REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet Baechle asked is there any way we can get something added to the Lights in the Park beside just having Santa and the lighting. Janet said one city or village is having like a bus that goes around the town showing houses with Christmas decoration and lights. Trustee Trout invite Janet to come to the Chamber meeting and talk about it. Trustee Trout informed Janet they meet the second Monday of each month at the Library.

### EXHIBIT B:

#### REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE:

Zoning Administrator's Report: Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator's Report. Are there any questions for Zoning Administrator Henning? Zoning Administrator said he has one more thing to add to his report. The grand opening for Freeburg Liquor Store will be this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Anyone who can be there please come. Trustee Blaies asked Zoning Administrator Henning if he had any luck with the Dollar General Store. Zoning Administrator Henning said Village Clerk Menard talked to them. Things should start getting better, they have a new manager.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None.

**CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS.** None.

### EXHIBIT C:

**BIDS:** Mayor Speiser said we have Notice of Intent to Award Stutz Excavation for Countryside Lane Culvert Improvement.

*Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to approve Notice of Intent to Award Stutz Excavating for Countryside Lane Culvert Improvement and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

### EXHIBIT D:

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser said we have Resolution #15 –11. A Resolution Approving the Settlement Agreement and Authorizing the Payment of Settlement Funds in the Litigation involving John Blomenkamp. Mayor Speiser asked does anyone have anything to discuss on this before we vote. Trustee Trout said he attended the hearing on this along with Trustee Niebruegge and Mayor Speiser. It was an interesting event, a lot of people there, lot of back and forth. He appreciated everybody working with us on this issue.

The reason it wasn't on the board meeting last time, was because it was not on the agenda so we could not vote on it. We wanted to have it out there before we vote on it. It is now out there on the website the settlement agreement. He thinks it was the village responsible to go that direction, he was just looking into the future. Trustee Niebruegge said it was a good experience. She agrees with everything Matt said.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adopt Resolution #15-11 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays; 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Speiser said we will be met with Tom from the Freeburg Tribune tomorrow for the press release.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Speiser asked Janet Baechle to only speak during Public Participation.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:**

Electric Committee was held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Minutes unavailable.

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

Public Works Committee meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Minutes unavailable.

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

Public Property Committee meeting was held at 6:30p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Minutes unavailable.

Trustee Niebruegge said she does have a request.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motion to have Edison Street close on October 24, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Trustee Matt Trout second the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

Trustee Niebruegge said with Halloween coming up she just wanted to mention, that in our code book it already address the hours for Ticker Treating from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The age for Tick Treating goes up to 14.

Mayor Speiser said Julie was on vacation that is why the committee meetings minutes were unavailable.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board of Appeals Meeting – Thursday, October 22, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.  
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 28, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 28, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.  
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 28, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.  
Plan Commission Meeting – Thursday, October 29, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, November 2, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

### VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

**Trustee Dean Pruett** – Talked about the Blomenkamp settlement.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – No thank you.

**Trustee Mike Blaies** – No thank you.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – No thank you.

**Trustee Matt Trout** – Talked about the Blomenkamp settlement. He wanted to thank everyone who took part and showed up for the Chili Cook Off. It was a big success and he guess he will do it next year if all my help are willing to help again.

**Trustee Lisa Meehling** – The Chili Cook Off was a great event and a successful one. We did have some changes which seem to be for the better of the Chili Cook Off. She would like to thank everyone who work so hard on it and for coming out to support it and making it a big success.

**Trustee Liz Niebruegge** – Ditto to Lisa comments.

### STAFF COMMENTS:

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – He would like to wish Mitch good luck in joining the Marines.

**Village Attorney Brian Manion:** – He said best of luck to Mitch who left for the Marines.

**Zoning Administrator Gary Henning** - He would like say best of luck to Mitch. He wishes him the best.

**Public Works Director John Tolan:** He just wanted to make us all aware that Jesse Carlton father has passed away. And Friday will be Greg Eckels last day. We will have something for him next week. He would like to congratulate Speiser son going into the Marines.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk