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REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Seth Speiser called the regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, October 7, 2013 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

ROLL CALL: Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Matt Trout – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. - here; Trustee Steve Smith – here; Trustee Dean Pruett. – 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 September 16, 2013.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to approve the minutes of September 16, 2013 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE: Trustee Steve Smith said we talked about the income statement and it looks like the state has made additional payment. Steve said temporary salaries are high across the board. Steve said the EPA has a new rule for radio read meters there can't be any lead in the brass. John has pulled them and is trying to get rid of the stockpiled meters.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sign at Industrial Park: We are looking to ensure the design of this sign mirrors the Welcome to Freeburg signs.
2. TIF: Trustee Smith said we are working with three companies to receive quotes to combine the three agreements and refinance the notes, with the understanding that the property tax is not lowered.

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3. Video Gaming: Trustee Smith stated we have not received another payment within the last month.

4. Auditor contract: Trustee Smith said the advertisement for the Audit Contract has been placed in this week's edition in the Tribune paper for bids for next year audit.

5. Health Insurance renewal: Steve said the health care committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 9th. Steve said we will have three presenters and the committee will review the information after they are done.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tax Levy: Trustee Smith said we talked about the tax levy.

2. Village of Freeburg Liability/Workers' Comp renewal: Steve said we talked a little about the Village Liability/Workers' Comp renewal.

EXHIBIT C:

Mayor Speiser asked for motion on the FY2013 audit.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to accept the FY2013 audit and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Manion said he has two things:

1. Attorney Manion said the arbitrator Bauer asked for extension on the Burrows and Blumenkamp case now this will put us at the end of October for a decision to come back.
2. Attorney Manion said we received a decision from the Appellate Court on the Helms case and it came back in our favor. The Helms have 35 days for them to file a petition for a rehearing with the Appellate Court or the other option is for them to file a petition to appeal to Illinois Supreme Court, and the Illinois Supreme Court can either grant or denied it. Brian said only about 6% of petition is granted and that is a pretty low chance that they would get it.

ESDA REPORT: Coordinator Gene Kramer gave his report on the Open House, Radio and the weather. Gene thanked Trustee Mike Blaies for being there to help out at the Open House.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

**REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE:
EXHIBIT D, E, F, G, & H:**

Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to pay Rhutasel & Associates; Invoice #10240 in the amount of \$1,427.50, Rhutasel & Associates; Invoice #10277 in the amount of \$1,575.0, Rhutasel & Associates; Invoice #10282 in the amount of \$14,020.00, TWM's Invoice #50102 in the amount of \$20,701.45 and Rhutasel & Associates Pay request #7 in the amount of \$1,269.49 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.- aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.
CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.
BIDS: None.
RESOLUTIONS: None.

ORDINANCES:

EXHIBIT I:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1477, An Ordinance Amending Water Rates. Trustee Smith said before we vote. Is this because of FSH raising the water rates? Mayor Speiser replied with a yes.

Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adopt Ordinance #1477 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of Furtak Rezoning. Trustee Niebruegge said she got what she was looking for and that was clarification with the issue.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT J:

Public Works Committee Meeting: (Water/Sewer)

Trustee Dean Pruett called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

Trustee Pruett said we invited the Fischers to attend our meeting to discuss their sewer issue going into the culvert. Trustee Pruett said Public Works Director John Tolan is going to talk to TWM and look into couple of other options to help work out the issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer Project: Trustee Pruett said Administrator Funderburg provided a spreadsheet showing the annual debt service for the sewer to Parrish.
2. Sewer problem areas: Dean said the insurance company denied Miller's sewer claim and Mr. Miller is going to come up with a list of things and we would try and work with him on his expenses.
3. Water main extension along Rentschler Road: Trustee Pruett said we are waiting on Ehret for this issue.
4. Narrow banding Requirements: Dean said FSH is getting prices on radios and this is moving along.
5. Water/Sewer Rate Increases: Trustee Pruett stated we took care of this issue earlier on the agenda.
6. Deduct Meter: Trustee Pruett said we discuss people getting deduct meter for their pool.

EXHIBIT K:

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

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge called the meeting of the Public Property Committee to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

Trustee Niebruegge said resident Janet Baechle was present to hear the committee's reasoning on why the committee did not grant her request to remove the stop sign at the intersection of Silverthorne and Red Cliff.

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pool: Trustee Niebruegge stated that John Tolan is using up the chemicals and will then start winterizing the pool.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Welcome to Freeburg Sign: Trustee Niebruegge said the Chamber is going to pay half of the Welcome to Freeburg sign and they would like to be involved in the design process.
2. Picnic tables at the Park: Trustee Niebruegge said we do have two new picnic tables out at the park and they look very nice.
3. Street banners: Trustee Niebruegge stated we are sending out the letter again, put an article in the paper and website to see if we receive any response. If the response is not good, we may discontinue the ad banners and refund the money.
4. Sidewalk repairs: Trustee Niebruegge said John said they have started working on this issue and will work on the most dangerous areas first.

Trustee Niebruegge announced there has been a change for donation collection for Lights in the Park from October 5th to October 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Niebruegge said we had a couple of requests and the committee granted their request:

1. St. Joseph Knights of Columbus to collect donations for the Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Campaign on September 20th and September 21st, which already took place.
2. Freeburg Jr. Midgets Football League to hold a 4-mile run/walk to benefit the football program on November 9, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
3. St. Joe's PTF to hold a 5K run/walk on Saturday, October 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

EXHIBIT L:

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting: (Annexation; Building, Zoning; Subdivision)

Trustee Matt Trout called the meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee to order at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Status of Public Hazard Home: Trustee Trout stated the property at 101 E. Hill the realtor has obtained a wrecking permit and a contractor to knock the building torn down.

2. Update Code Book: Trustee Trout said Tony and Julie are working on the code book and they finished them will make sure all trustees get a copy, to take home to look at and review it.

3. Nuisance Abatement Code: Trustee Trout said the property at 11 S. Richland are in compliance.

4. Furtak Building: Trustee Trout stated Steve Woodward was present as Chairperson of the Plan Commission. Steve talked about the Furtak building. Steve talked about his concerns and we added our concerns.

5. Zoning reports: Trustee Trout said we had two new requests to be heard by the Board of Appeals.

1. Margie Nahass is requesting a variance of sidewalk requirement regarding two of her lots.
2. Dorothy Gutsell who is asking for a special use permit to allow a restaurant/bar at the old Wolfs Den.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Matchett would like us to look into being able to have battery operated golf carts with lights and blinkers to allow on the streets. Trustee Trout said we will check our code to see if we have anything that addresses this. Trustee Trout said Ray also asked if we can observe Halloween on Saturday. Tony will look into it later for next year.

Trustee Trout said Mayor Speiser said Burgards has been closed down and the building is up for sale.

Mayor Speiser stated there was a Committee As A Whole meeting this evening at 5:30 p.m. and minutes are unavailable and Economic Development Committee had a meeting at 6:30 p.m. and minutes are unavailable for it.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

FLU SHOTS – Tuesday, October 8, 2013 – 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – 5:30 a.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals Hearing – Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – 8:00 p.m.

Plan Commission Meeting – Thursday, October 10, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 16, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 16, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

Community Development Committee Meeting – Monday, October 21, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – Monday, October 21, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S, VILLAGE CLERK AND TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Dean Pruett: No thank you.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.: No thank you.

Trustee Mike Blaies: No thank you.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge: No thank you.

Trustee Steve Smith: If anyone would like to help collect donations for the Lights in the Park please show up this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the intersection of State Street and Apple.

Trustee Matt Trout: No thank you.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard: No thank you.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderberg: No thank you.

Attorney Brian Manion: No thank you.

Village Zoning Administrator Gary Henning: He would like thank Elizabeth for helping out at Chalk It Up. Also Shane Krauss for bringing out the big bucket truck and the fire department for lending us the flag. Gary said there must have been a 100 kids there and everyone had a great time until the rain came in.

Mayor Speiser: He would like to thank everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT: *Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion.*


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk