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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, April 6, 2015 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – here; Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Steve Smith – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Matt Trout – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (5 present, 1 present by phone, 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, March 16, 2015 for approval.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 16, 2015 and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

### EXHIBIT C:

#### FINANCE:

1. Review of Board Lists: Trustee Smith said we talked about the Review Board Lists
2. Review of Investments: Trustee Smith informed the board that Treasurer Bryan Vogel is going out for bids when our cd comes due in June.
3. Income Statement: Trustee Smith stated reviewed the Income Statement and the Treasurers Report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Trustee Smith said we have the Treasurer's Reports for the month of July 31, 2014, August 31, 2014 and September 30, 2014.

*Trustee Steve Smith motioned to accept the July 31, 2014, August 31, 2014 and September 30, 2014 and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Sign at Industrial Park: Trustee Smith said we are still working on the design.
2. 3-to-5 year Plan/Strategic Plan: We discuss the 3-to-5 year plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. FY2015 Budget: Trustee Smith said we held a Committee As A Whole meeting to go over the budget. There is a Resolution for the FY 2015/2016 Budget be approved later on the agenda.
2. Phone System: We discuss replacing the phone system.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Manion said he would like to go into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1) and Real Estate Transactions 5, ILCS 120/2-(c)(5).

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**7:34 P.M.**

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to go into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1) and Real Estate Transactions 5, ILCS 120/2-(c)(5) and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED**

**7:58 P.M.**

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 7:59 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**ESDA REPORT:** ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer took the floor to give us and update on the National Weather Service.

1. Skywarn Program that Freeburg ESDA and St. Clair Co. hosted in Mid-March at SWIC had over 254 attendees and WCM James Kramper provide the actual instruction.
2. We are awaiting a meeting with SWIC for dates to discuss the evacuation plans to accept FCHS and Freeburg Elementary school student and faculty during an emergency.
3. Gene said IESMA financial secretary called him to advise they have received all Freeburg ESDA renewal data and PO and will confirm the listings and send all notifications to each email address provided for the Freeburg ESDA personnel to confirm their IESMA insurance and membership status.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Mayor Speiser called for Public Participation.

1. Tony Miller asked, what was BHMG actually hired to do. Village Administrator Tony explained to Tony Miller what the agreement consist of and how it will help the village in the long run.
2. Tony Miller asked, did the board do a rate study. Tony said we hired them to and we decided not to do one. The reason we didn't follow through with it there wasn't much of change. We decided we didn't want to throw the money away if things didn't change for the better.
3. Tony Miller asked how the sewer plant is coming along. Mayor Speiser said this in our 3-to-5 year plan.

**EXHIBIT D:  
REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE:**

Zoning Administrator Henning gave us a recap on his Zoning Report. Gary said that O'Reilly Auto Parts will have a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and Freeburg Auto Body will have their Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, May 22<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Gary said the only thing he needs to add that we do have a Special Use Hearing on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. That is for a consulting business being operated out of their home. They live in a SR-1 Zoning District and there is no traffic in and out of there.

**EXHIBIT E:  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** Zoning Board of Appeals Decision on March 26, 2015 Hearing.

Mayor Speiser said on March 26, 2015 a Public Hearing was held at the Village of Freeburg to request a variance to waive the three-acre minimum size for a parcel zoned "A" Agricultural. It did not meet the three acre minimum requirements for zoning. It was denied when the motion failed with a 4-3 vote.

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

**EXHIBIT F:  
RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser said we have Resolution #15-05. A Resolution Urging the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Full Funding Of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues.

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*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adopt Resolution #15-05 by title only and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dean Pruet; (6 ayes, 0 nays; 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser said we have Resolution #15-06. A Resolution Adopting the 2015/2016 Operating Budget.

**EXHIBIT G:**

*Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adopt Resolution #15-06 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT H:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser said we have Resolution #15-07. A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code – MFT Funding \$220,000.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to adopt Resolution #15-07 by title only and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent) All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT I:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1542. An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2014 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Tax Increment Alternate Revenue Source.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adopt Ordinance #1542 by title only and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT J:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1543. An Ordinance Amending Section 21-3-1 (Liquor of the Revised Code to Create a Six-Month trial period for liquor license hours operation until 2:00 a.m. on weekends).

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adopt Ordinance #1543 by title only 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 – nay; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; (5 ayes, 1 nays, 0 absent); motion carried.

**EXHIBIT K:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1544. An Ordinance Authorizing the Village to Enter Into and the Mayor to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with BGMG Engineers, Inc., for Professional Services.

*Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1544 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion to impose disciplinary suspension on public works employee Jeff Mohr.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to impose disciplinary suspension of 3 days unpaid time to Jeff Mohr and a letter be placed in his personal file and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Speiser said at this time he would like to make a recommendation to Appoint LaDonna Driver as the Attorney of Record with Respect to the Title V Permit Renewal. Mayor Speiser had Attorney Brian Manion and Village Administrator Tony Funderburg explained to the board why he was appointing LaDonna Driver to this position and why we needed it.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to accept Mayor Seth Speiser Recommendation to Appoint LaDonna Driver as the Attorney of Record with Respect to the Title V Permit Renewal and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye; motion carried.*

## **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:**

### **EXHIBIT L:**

#### **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, March 25, 2015.

#### **The following items were talked about or discussed:**

##### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Trout said Zoning Administrator Henning said June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the tractor trailer truck at Peabody Road / Route 15 to be removed by owner. The Ernst property deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Gary has been on people for burning leaves. Gary has also picked up a lot of signs that are on public right away.

2. Occupancy permits inspections: We are continuing to have a discussion on which direction to go.

Mayor Speiser said he did talked to Annie from the county the other day. Annie is going to join us for a Legal/Ordinance Committee meeting and explain their inspections and how they operate.

3. Extension Request on Fridays/Saturdays for Bars to close at 2:00 a.m.: The extension of hours for Friday and Saturday nights has been approved tonight earlier on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance #1542 Abating the Bond Taxes: Trustee Trout said we passed Ordinance #1542 the Abating the TIF Bond Taxes.

2. Spring Clean Up: Trustee Trout said we will be holding Spring Clean-up from Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> through Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be held over by the Fire Department and Public Works Department.

Trustee Trout said we are going to add an additional week of leaf pickup from April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**EXHIBIT M:**

**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, March 25, 2015.

**The following items were talked about or discussed under:**

**POLICE:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Car Computer for Police Car: Trustee Matchett stated the computer for the police car has been ordered and is on back order.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Trustee Matchett said that Trustee Pruett would like to see if the police officers could handed out baseball cards to the kids in town.

**PERSONNEL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Job Descriptions/Handbook: We are still working on this.

2. Employee 457 Plan: We are still looking at this.

**EXHIBIT N:**

**Committee As A Whole Meeting:**

Mayor Speiser called the meeting of the Committee As A Whole to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2015.

**The following items were talked about or discussed under:**

1. FY2016 Budget: Mayor Speiser said we talked about the budget. Which was passed tonight earlier on the agenda under Ordinances.

**Park Action Committee Meeting:** Minutes unavailable.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the new electric shed.

Board Meeting – Monday, April 20, 2015– 7:30 p.m.

**VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:**

**Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge** – No thank you.

**Trustee Matt Trout** – Good luck to all the candidate's on the election tomorrow.

**Trustee Steve Smith** – He just wants to remind everyone to exercise their right to vote.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – Good luck to all the candidate's and encourage everyone to get out and vote.

**Trustee Mike Blaies** – Good luck to everyone and get out and vote.

**Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.** – Same here. Good luck to everyone and go vote.

**Trustee Dean Pruett** – Good luck to everyone.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg** – He plans not to litter and please drive slow when you see him out there cleaning up the high-way.

**Village Attorney Brian Manion** – No thank you

**Village Public Work Director** – No thank you.

**Village Zoning Administrator Gary Henning** – Good luck to all the candidate's.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk