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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016 @ 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, August 15, 2016 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

ROLL CALL: Trustee Mathew Trout – here; Trustee James Blaies – here; Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – here; Trustee Denise Albers – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Bert Pruett – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent). Mayor Speiser announced there is a quorum.

EXHIBIT A:

Trustee Ramon Matchett Jr. motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 18, 2016 and Trustee James Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

FINANCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Vogel stated he passed out the January and February 2016 Treasurer's Reports to be viewed and approved at the next board meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Manion asked to go into Executive Session meeting to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1).

REGULAR BOARD MEETING EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:35 P.M.

Trustee Mathew Trout motioned to go into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1) and Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED 7:47 P.M.

Trustee Mathew Trout motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 7:47 p.m. Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

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EXHIBIT B:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser called on ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer. Gene gave us an update on the FEMA Flood Plan Work Maps meeting which was held August 9th and 10th. He reported on what kind of weather we could expect for the homecoming. Gene said he has bad news and good news. On Friday no rain, but Saturday 50% chances of showers and thunder storms. Gene thanked Trustee Blaies for attending the FEMA Flood Plan Work Maps meeting. Gene handed a book on the National Flood Insurance Program to Mayor Speiser. He said if anyone would like to read it please do so.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Gene Crowe said he talked to Gary Henning about the new sign at East Apple Street and Cherry. The sign is awesome, it stands out it can be seen from far away. Gene said it would be nice if we could place those lights around the schools stop signs. Gene asked is there any way we could maybe get a grant for this. Tony said those signs are very expensive, but we will see what we can do.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE:

EXHIBIT C:

Zoning Administrator's Report: Zoning Administrator Henning said he has been on everyone about making sure the grass is cut for the homecoming.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS & ANNEXATIONS: Under Ordinances.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT D:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1599; An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Pre-Annexation Agreement (Stehl).

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling motioned to adopt Ordinance #1599 by title only and Trustee Mathew Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – aye; Trustee Mathew Trout – aye; Trustee Bert Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee James Blaies – aye; (6) ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT E:

ORDINANCE: Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1600; An Ordinance Enacting Chapter 33, Article 10, of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the Village of Freeburg to Regulate and Implement the Permitted use of Non-Highway Vehicles.

Trustee Elizabeth Meehling motioned to adopt Ordinance #1600 by title only and Trustee James Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – aye; Trustee James Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – nay; Trustee Denise Albers – nay; Trustee Bert Pruett – nay; Trustee Mathew Trout – nay; (2) ayes, 4 nays, 0 absent). Motion failed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

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EXHIBIT F:

NEW BUSINESS: Purchase of canine from Little Rock K-9 Academy.

Trustee Mathew Trout motioned to purchase a K-9 package program and Trustee Bert Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Mathew Trout – aye; Trustee Bert Pruett – aye; Trustee James Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Meehling – aye; Trustee Denise Albers – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; (6) aye (0) nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT G:

Electric Committee Meeting:

Trustee Mike Blaies called the meeting of Electric Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Surplus Temporary Service Equipment: Trustee Blaies said nothing new.
2. Variable Frequency Drive: Trustee Blaies stated Shane advised the VFDs are installed and operational. We are receiving a grant from IMEA to pay for them.
3. South Loop Extension: Trustee Blaies said we have been working on this project and have four residents left to switch over.
4. New Electric Customers: Trustee Blaies said John found a folder that has a list of customers that we would like to annex into the village. Trustee Blaies stated the pole count is complete. Head Lineman Krauss will work on updating GIS system with our electric information. The two new linemen are doing good job, and they are getting ready to go to training school. There are actually three getting ready to go training school.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Blaies said Public Works Director John Tolan stated they are going to revisit our insurance coverages to make sure we have adequate coverage.

EXHIBIT H:

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

Trustee Dean Pruett called the meeting of Public Works Committee to order at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer project: Trustee Pruett said Administrator Funderburg advised he has been in communications with Fred Helms and his attorney. We are waiting on the agreement from Fred Helms attorney. Meanwhile we are starting negotiations with Rhutasel & Associates to move this project forward.

2. Sewer issues: Trustee Pruett stated Public Works Director John Tolan advised us we don't have any issues right now.

3. FSH Minutes: Trustee Pruett said with all of the rain, FSH is having a lot of problems with more silt and sand in the water. We are switching over to free residual on the 15th of this month, and our flushing program will start. We will be putting up signs around town to advise residents of this.

4. SAVE Water Tower Leak: Trustee Pruett said the tower has been drained. We are going to open it up tomorrow and see what repair work needs to be done. It will take a week for repairs, then the disinfection process will take about 2 to 3 weeks to complete.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXHIBIT I:

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

Trustee Denise Albers called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

POOL: OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pool/Storm Shelter/St. Clair County Parks Grant: Trustee Albers said we discussed the arrival of the slide for the pool. Once the pool closes, it will be installed. Village Administrator Funderburg has applied for a grant for the playground equipment outside the pool area.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Albers stated the park district has started clearing the trees for their project with the walking path.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Drainage Problem Areas/Southgate Dr./Countryside Lane: We had no issues at Southgate Drive.

2. Radar Sign: The speeding sign's on Main Street seem to have slowed down traffic.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request: The committee granted the following request for Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Collection, Freeburg Fire Company Muscular Dystrophy Collection.

GENERAL CONCERNS: Trustee Albers stated John updated the committee on several completed projects: flashing signs are installed at the grade school crossing and painted crosswalk; painted crosswalk at Meyer/Old Fayetteville Road and installed a temporary sign advising drivers need to stop for people at the crosswalk. We are spraying for mosquitos three times a week, and for the homecoming.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 24, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 24, 2016 – 5:45 p.m.
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 24, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 6, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Denise Albers – No thank you.

Trustee Lisa Meehling – Everyone come out and help support the homecoming this weekend and pray for no rain.

Trustee Matt Trout – Please come out and support the homecoming, and they are still looking for volunteers to work the chicken stand.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – No thank you.

Trustee James Blaies – No thank you.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.

Trustee Bert Pruett – He would like to welcome Chad and Lindsey Stehl on their pre-annexation to the village. And support the homecoming.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – Tony asked if anyone knows of any events coming up please let him know, so they can put it into the newsletter.

Village Attorney Brian Manion - No thank you.

Public Works Director John Tolan – No thank you.

Village Zoning Administrator Gary Henning – No thank you.

Village Treasurer Bryan Vogel – No thank you.

ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer- Just pray for no rain this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Mathew Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk