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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. Board Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Matt Trout - here; Trustee Steve Smith – 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, February 3, 2014.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to accept the minutes with corrections from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 3, 2014 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Manion said we met with the union rep last week and we received their proposal.

**EDA REPORT:** ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer talked about the following subjects:

1. Volunteers renewal of membership into the IESMA organization.
2. National Weather Service will be performing Statewide Tornado/Severe Weather drills.
3. Renewed the FCC license for the Public Works Department that involves the data acquisition and control of water tower tank supplies.
4. Contact has been made with Principal of St. Joseph's Catholic School relating to the recent large drop in narrow band two way radio market cost.
5. Freeburg Elementary/Carl L. Barton School "Crisis Management Team" annual review meeting.
6. Freeburg ESDA will begin its specific Server Weather Safety.

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7. Weather Prediction Center (a component of the Storm Prediction Center, detailed as related to isobar data).

Gene said a waiver has been granted to the state of Illinois by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to allow the National Weather Service to use the tornado warning code (TOR) on NOAA Weather Radio (NWR). The drill will take place on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m... Gene also state the same for Missouri by the Federal Communication Commission,. Their time will be 1:30 p.m. Gene said in case of actual severe weather on March 4<sup>th</sup>, the drill will be postponed until Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, also at 1:30 p.m. Gene put a pamphlet in our packet for Severe Weather Preparedness to be looked at.

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

**EXHIBIT B:**

**REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE:** Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator's Report. Mayor Speiser asked are there any questions for Zoning Administrator Henning? There were no participation..

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

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

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**EXHIBIT C:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1485, An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, Authorizing the Village to Enter Into and the Mayor to Execute a Loan Agreement between the Village of Freeburg, Illinois and the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

*Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adopt Ordinance #1485 by title only 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 Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1486, An Ordinance Amending Title VII, Chapter 73 of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois (Traffic Schedules)

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to adopt Ordinance #1486 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Speiser stated everyone should have a Memorandum from the Chief of Police about a request from Daniel Agen's for a business registration. Mayor Speiser asked are there any questions? Janet Baechle asked the Mayor if the business is being denied. Mayor Speiser replied with a yes. Trustee Smith asked what type of business it would be. Mayor Speiser replied a taxi service. Mayor Speiser said the business registration had to go to the Chief of Police, Zoning Administrator and the Mayor for approval. Mayor Speiser said the Chief of Police Stan Donald denied it right away, with a written letter to the Board of Trustees and the applicant. Janet asked the Mayor why the business was being denied. Mayor Speiser said he will let our Attorney Manion explain why the business was denied. Attorney Manion proceeded to explain why the business was being denied.

*Trustee Matt Trout motion to accept the Chief of Police Stan Donald recommendation to deny the business registration and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:**

**EXHIBIT E:**

**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 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.

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

**POOL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Niebruegge said we met with the pool managers to go over their wish list.

1. Caregiver pass: Trustee Niebruegge said we discussed offering a discounted pass to caregivers or offering the 10-day pass as an option. If we offered the caregiver pass, we would put the name of the family on that caregiver pass.
2. Shade Structures: Trustee Niebruegge stated we will go over to Mascoutah pool to take a look at their shade structures how they are put together and get some ideas for ours.
3. Chairs for Pool: Trustee Niebruegge said we are looking for more chairs for the pool.
4. Pool Prices: Trustee Niebruegge said she provided pricing from Mascoutah, Millstadt and New Baden's pools. We are very comparable and less expensive than the other pools. Trustee Niebruegge said we discussed the change in operating hours of the pool. Swim parties would be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We also talked about offering a food package during the parties.

5. Wish List: We looked at the “Wish List” for the pool and talked a little on that.
6. EOY Review and Wrap Up: Trustee Niebruegge said we talked about additional CPR classes.

#### **EXHIBIT F:**

##### **Community Development Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge called the meeting of the Community Development Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

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

1. Welcome to Freeburg Sign: Trustee Niebruegge said we talked about the Welcome to Freeburg Sign. Elaine Speiser is reaching out to Dambachers to see if they would be interested in working with us on the sign location. The committee is waiting on hearing from them before we move forward with the final location.
2. Community Organization Sign: Trustee Niebruegge said that the group had agreed that a separate sign/structure would be best to house the community group emblems and school sport accomplishments. Pictures of examples were passed out to the committee to look at from other towns and the committee liked the ones that had a uniform size to each piece.
3. Groups: Trustee Niebruegge said we talked about which groups should have availability to the sign.
4. School Athletic Accomplishments: Trustee Niebruegge said the committee decided that it would be great to have those placed on the sign coming into town from the West Side.
5. Project Sites for Fall Fix Up: Trustee Niebruegge said we talked about locations involved with sign locations, etc that could be project sites for future beautification projects.
6. Memorial Day: Trustee Niebruegge said the committee talked about the Memorial Day Celebration and Elaine Speiser and herself met with VFW and Legion to bring up suggestions from the committee.

#### **EXHIBIT G:**

##### **Electric Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Mike Blaies called the meeting of the Electric Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Wiegmann's project: Trustee Blaies said the Wiegmann's project is still on hold due to the bad weather.
2. Shed: Trustee Blaies said we talked about getting the heat hooked up and finished in the shed. Trustee Blaies said Shane is having a little trouble getting the company to finish the project.

3. Risk assessment conducted by insurance company: Trustee Blaies said Shane stated he has condensed the checklists into one monthly checklist to cover everything and also said the assessments are being conducted.
4. IMUA Scholarship Program: Trustee Blaies said we advertised the IMUA Scholarship Program. Trustee Blaies said at this point we have not received any applications.
5. Bushing leak: Trustee Blaies said we are still waiting for the some parts to come in to fix the bushing leak out at the North Plant.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. True Up of utility accounts: Trustee Blaies said Village Administrator Funderburg talked to us about the True Up of the budget billing on the electric accounts and trying to make some changes there.

#### **EXHIBIT F:**

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

Trustee Dean Pruett called the meeting of Public Works Committee Meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Sewer Project: Trustee Pruett said Village Administrator Funderburg had a conversation with Fred Helms last week and has not heard back from him. They have talked which is a step in a positive way.
2. Sewer issues: Trustee Pruett said John has requested a 90 - day extensions from the County, so we could possibly get the sewer problem straightened out and taken care of.
3. Water break on County property: Trustee Pruett said on the water break over on Belleville Street and Apple Street, we had to open it up and install concrete collars. Trustee Pruett said we will be sending the County a bill on that, because we did all the work.
3. Leaks in SAVE water tower: Trustee Pruett said the water tower is leaking again due to the cold weather. Trustee Pruett said John had a guy come out to look at the leaks and gave us cost to fix them. Trustee Pruett said the cost would be about \$3968 to fix it. He suggested we get the tower completely resealed. Trustee Pruett said we should have this done every ten years. Trustee Pruett said we never have had this done, and the SAVE tower was built in 1998.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Spring Cleanup: Trustee Pruett said we talked about the spring cleanup which is scheduled for Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Clean Sweep of Freeburg event.
2. Waste Management: Trustee Pruett said Waste Management is requesting to change Wednesday's trash pickup day to Friday. Trustee Pruett said there will be a further discussion with them.
3. Water Consumption: Trustee Pruett said FSH advised Freeburg's water consumption is down about 17, 000,000 gallons which means our revenues will be down.

**EXHIBIT I:****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 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 2014.

**The following items were talked about or discussed under:****POOL:****OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Lifeguard applications: Trustee Niebruegge said we will be looking at the application for lifeguards for the next meeting.
2. Pricing for Pool: Trustee Niebruegge said she gave a recap on the meeting that was held on 2/2/14.

**STREETS:****OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Safe Routes to School: Trustee Niebruegge said we have a reimbursement request from TWM for the SRTS project.
2. Shady Lane Dispute: Trustee Niebruegge said Attorney Manion has scheduled a public hearing on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15 p.m. to address the property transfers.
3. Cemetery Road: Trustee Niebruegge said Tony will write a letter to the County stating project needs to be done.
4. Street banners: Trustee Niebruegge stated that Shelia Gallagher is taking over on this project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Stop sign at Alton/High: Trustee Niebruegge stated the stop sign that was voted on tonight was discussed at the meeting
2. New Grant Opportunities: Trustee Niebruegge said we talked about some new grant opportunities. We received a grant from the Metro East Parks and Recreation Program for \$12,854.54. The committee authorized Tony to sign the documents to move this grant forward. We will be using the grant money to build a gazebo in Village Park.

3. Emergency call list for snow removal: Trustee Niebruegge said when the weather gets bad and we have our guys working on electrical or water issues, it leaves us shorthanded when it comes time for snow removal. It would be great to have a list of guys that we could call to handle the snow for us.

Mayor Speiser stated we held a Community Development Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m. this evening and the minutes are unavailable.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Community Development Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 25, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.  
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 26, 2014 – 4:45 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 19, 2014 26, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.  
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 2014 – 6:15 p.m.  
Economic Development Committee Meeting – Monday, March 3, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, March 3, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

**VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:**

**Trustee Dean Pruett** – No thank you.

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

**Trustee Mike Blaies** –. He would like to congratulate the two new officers.

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard** – She would like to congratulate the new officers also.

**Trustee Matt Trout** – He would like to welcome the two new officers.

**Trustee Steve Smith** – No thank you.

**Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge** – Congratulation to the two new officers,

**Mayor Seth Speiser** – Congratulation to the two new officers.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Attorney Manion** – He would like to take this time to congratulate the two new officers.

**Public Works Director John Tolan:** - No thank you

**Zoning Administrator Gary Henning** – congratulation to the two new officers.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk