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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 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 Tuesday, January 20, 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 Steve Smith – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – here; Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Matt Trout – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (7 present, 0 absent). Mayor Speiser announced there is a quorum.

### **EXHIBIT A: & B:**

Mayor Speiser stated the December 1, 2014 minutes are unavailable. We have the minutes for approval from the Public Hearing held on Monday, January 5, 2015 and Regular Board meeting held on Monday, January 5, 2015.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on Monday, January 5, 2015 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

*Trustee Steve Smith motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 5, 2015 with corrections and Trustee Elizabeth seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**ESDA REPORT:** Mayor Speiser said ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer left his report for us to review and if we have any questions are concerns to contact Gene.

**PULIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

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**EXHIBIT C:**

**REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE:**

1. Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator's Report. If you have any questions please contact Zoning Administrator Gary Henning.

**REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE:** None.

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

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

**EXHIBIT D:**

**BIDS:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have the Water Tower Bid recommend acceptance of Trikote's bid to paint the inside/outside of the West Water Tower not to Exceed \$288,000.

*Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to accept Trikote's bid to paint the inside/outside of the West Water Tower not to exceed \$288,000 and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**ORDINANCES:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Speiser stated there is a recommendation to take 50% of last year's surplus in the amount of \$70,803.93 and place it in the Health Insurance Surplus Fund.

*Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to take 50% of last year's surplus in the amount of \$70,803.93 and place it in the Health Insurance Surplus Fund and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr.– aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS -** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:**

**EXHIBIT E:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Mike Blaies called the meeting of the Electric Committee to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Surplus Temporary Service Equipment: Trustee Blaies said Shane did surplus a large majority of the transformers left over from the Wiegmann project and received a check in the amount of \$13,741. They are still working on the bigger items finalized them and getting them ready to go to Springfield for the auction up there.

2. Net Metering and Geothermal Program: Trustee Blaies said on the grant from IMEA, we have \$15,000 available to use for 2015. We are going to make 25% available to business and residents.

3. Shed: Trustee Blaies said the inside work has been completed. Shane is getting bids to insulate the ceiling.

4. Charter Pole Agreement: We are still waiting for AT&T.

5. New Bucket Truck: Trustee Blaies said we should have the bucket truck the first week of February.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Shane is revisiting the agreement with Altorfer to service our generators. He would like to see the generators at the north power plant included in the agreement.

Mike said that John said our last reportable accident was in May of 2012. He would like to start some type of safety award program.

**EXHIBIT F:**

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

Trustee Dean Pruett called the meeting of Public Works Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Sewer project: Trustee Pruett said Tony has talked to Fred Helms who is still waiting for something from his brother Matt. Mayor Speiser believes we need to set a deadline for this sewer project.

2. Sewer issues: Trustee Pruett said John reported they cleaned all the problem areas last month.

3. Countryside Lane Annexation: Trustee Pruett said we talked about this issue and it seems no one owes the road. We hope that Belleville does a quit claim and deed the road over to us.

4. West treatment Plant Exception: We had another visit from the EPA inspector and everything went very well. We are going to incur some costs from Rhutasel, because EPA is asking for several pieces of documentation to complete the inspection.

5. Water Tower Painting: Trustee Pruett said we took care of the Water Tower painting earlier on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Public Notice Requirement for Water Violation: We discussed the Public Notice Requirement for the Water Violation. John is going to talk to different groups in town explaining the status of it.

**EXHIBIT G:**

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

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

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

**POOL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Trustee Niebruegge said John covered the wading pool area items.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Advertise for Lifeguards: Trustee Niebruegge said we will advertise for two weeks and see if we get any response.

2. Freeburg High School Music Boosters and Smithton Athletic Association Donation requests: We had two groups that we grant a one 10-day pass one to Freeburg High School Music Boosters Club and one 10-day pass to Smithton Athletic Association.

3. Revised Sketch of Land Addition for Swimming Pool Area:

We looked over the new plot of land being acquired. Elizabeth said the park board is supposed to vote on this at their January meeting. We are working on finding a solution to the bath house floor and adding hot water in the concession stand before opening up this year.

**STREETS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Safe Routes to School: Trustee Niebruegge said the project across the street is out for bid. We met with Rhutasel on this and there is money from MFT that we can use for the extra work on this job. She believes the bid should come in around \$260,000. We will use MFT money to complete the remaining sidewalk costs to this project.

2. MFT/Ditch on North Main Street: We received approval from IDOT to resurface North Main Street.
3. Drainage Problem areas/Southgate Drive/Countryside Lane: Trustee Niebruegge said John said the survey work is done on Countryside Lane.
4. Shady Lane Dispute: Still working on this issue.
5. Cemetery Road: Still the same.
6. Village Park Gazebo: She will get the policy out to everyone.
7. DECO Sidewalk Grant: We will get this finalized and bring to the next committee meeting so we can get this information out to our residents.
8. Reduction in Residential Area Speed Limits: We found out our code already calls for 25 mph in residential areas. We will still order signs to post the information coming into town.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. AgeSmart Collection Request : We will respond to the request advising there is a four-hour limit and send a copy of the new code.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Board of Appeals Hearings – Thursday, January 22, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 28, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 28, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.  
Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 28, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.  
Park Action Committee Meeting – Monday, February 2, 2015 – 6: 00 p.m.  
Board Meeting – Monday, February 2, 2015– 7:30 p.m.

#### **VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:**

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

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

**Trustee Mike Blaies** – He would like to thank Mr. Gordon for the 30 years of his service.

**Trustee Matt Trout** – No thank you.

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

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

#### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Village Administrator Tony Funderburg**: No thank you.

**Village Attorney Brian Manion**: - No thank you.

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

**Shane Krauss-** No thank you.

**Village Zoning Administrator Gary Henning:** No thank you.

**Mayor Speiser -** He would like to thank Mr. Gordon for his 30 years of service.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

  
Jerry Lynn Monard  
Village Clerk