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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Wednesday, January 8, 2014 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 Monday, January 6, 2014 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 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 December 16, 2013.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting December 16, 2013 with corrections and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE: Trustee Smith said we reviewed the following: Board List, Income Statement and the Treasures' Reports. Which the Treasurer Reports will be approved later on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sign at Industrial Park: Trustee Smith said we talked about the sign for the Industrial Park.
2. Local Debt Recovery Program: Trustee Smith said we are still working on this.
3. TIF: Trustee Smith said Edward Jones has already started working on this.
4. Website: Trustee Smith said we will need to address this issue when we start working on the new budget.
5. American Tower Offer: Trustee Smith said Tony talked to American Tower and asked for more details and has requested they provide us with more information on their proposal.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Azavar Audit Solutions: Trustee Smith said this company audits communities to make sure they are receiving all of the utility tax revenues they are due.

EXHIBIT C:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mayor Speiser said we have the monthly Treasurer's Reports for April, May and June of 2013 to be approved.

Trustee Smith said before we vote he would like to know how come the Income Tax for April so much higher than May and June? Treasurer Vogel said he would look into it and let us know.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to accept the April, May and June of 2013 Treasurer's Report's and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

EXHIBIT D:

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser said there was a report from Gene our ESDA Coordinator in our packet. If you have any questions please contact Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

EXHIBIT E:

REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE: Mayor Speiser said next is TWM's Invoice #50607 in the amount of \$1,470.87 for Safe Routes to School.

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve TWM's Invoice #50607 in the amount of \$1,470.87 and Trustee Steve Smith seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT F:

Mayor Speiser said everyone should have a Zoning Report from Gary. Mayor Speiser asked is there any questions or concerns. If so please call Gary.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS: None.

BIDS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXHIBIT G:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1482, An Ordinance Amending Title XV, Chapter 51, of the Revised Code of the Village of Freeburg, St. Clair County, Illinois (Electric System)

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance #1482 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Speiser said there was a possibility for an Executive Session to discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS – 120/2 – (c) (1). Mayor Speiser said at the time the agenda was printed up there was to be two other officers to be interviewed this evening for full-time position with the Freeburg Police Department. There would have been a possibility to hire two- out of the four this evening. The other two will not be interviewed until next week. Mayor Speiser asked would you like to table this until the other two officers has been interviewed

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to table the Executive Session to discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS – 120/2 – (c)(1) until the other two officers have been interviewed and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All in voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Smith asked to go back to Old Business. He would like to know about the article that was in the paper about the Zoning Board allowing apartments, subdivisions in neighborhoods. Village Administrator Funderburg explained what is happening with the code.

OPPOINTMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:

EXHIBIT H:

Legal/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, December 18, 2013.

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Status of Public Hazard Home: Trustee Trout stated Zoning Administrator Henning said he talked to the owner of the Ernst property and he said it should be torn down by January 31st. He told the owner if it is not completed by January 31st we will start fining him. Trustee Trout said the contractor said he has been back up with other projects and will have the building down by the 31st of January.

2. Update Code Book: Trustee Trout said we came out of Committee As A Whole, which we discussed Chapter 1.

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3. Nuisance Abatement Code: Trustee Trout said that Zoning Administrator Henning said we have a home with a building permit outstanding from 2006 and he is going to pass that on to the county.

Trustee Smith asked about the use of golf carts on the streets. Why are we even considering the usage of them with the liability that goes along with it? Mayor Speiser said it was brought up in a committee meeting by Trustee Matchett and we said we will look into this issue.

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

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

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer Project: Trustee Pruett said we discussed the sewer project to the north of town. Trustee Pruett said we are still waiting to hear back from the Helms. Mayor Speiser said Tony did talk to Fred Helms. Mayor Speiser said Fred Helms is going to sit down with us within the next 10 days and hash out the easement and he is not going to let that interfere with the project out there.

Trustee Pruett said we talked about the invoice from Rhutasel & Associates that we paid in the amount of \$1,070 for Phase 1B-1.

2. Sewer issues: Trustee Pruett said John talked to Mr. Fischer and he is not interested in our recommendation to correct his sewer discharge problem Trustee Pruett stated that John contacted the County and advised them and letting them know what we offered and he refused it. Now the County will send him a letter. Trustee Pruett stated that John said Mr. Eitzenhefer is hooking up Bob Linder on Cherry Tree Lane and capped the property at 11 S. Walnut.

3. Water main extension along Rentchler Road: Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Pruett said we sent out about 2,000 cross connection control surveys and have received 1,220. Trustee Pruett said they are going to send out letters to the residents or business that has not responded.

Mayor Speiser asked if we heard anything from Mr. Fischer. John said yes. John said Brian Eckert called back and said he talked to Mr. Fisher and we are going to get together and look at the issue.

EXHIBIT G:

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 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

POOL:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lifeguard application: Trustee Niebruegge said she received applications from 3 new students interested in wanting to be lifeguards. Trustee Niebruegge said she would like to make a motion to hire the 3 lifeguards who submitted their applications and were recommended by the pool managers. Mayor Speiser said before the motion is voted upon he would like to ask a question. Did the village post the lifeguards position in the Tribune? Tony said he is not too sure if it was posted. He said he will look into this and find out for sure. If not, he will have it placed in the Tribune this week. Trustee Niebruegge said we will hold off on the 3 applicants until farther notice. Mayor Speiser said we need to make sure it gets posted into the Tribune first of all then go from there on the hiring.

2. Smithton Athletic Association request: Trustee Niebruegge said we donated one 10 day pool pass to the Smithton Athletic Association's annual Trivia and Silent Auction.

Trustee Niebruegge stated that the pool manager Scott Schulz would like to change the operation hours of the pool from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This way we could have the pool parties from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This might increase the number of parties by changing the hours. Gary asked will this affect the swim team. Trustee Niebruegge said they don't have that figured out yet. Trustee Niebruegge said the committee decided to let the pool managers try the new hours this year and see how it works out. Trustee Niebruegge said the committee also discussed changing the swim lessons from the morning to the evening and possibly on Saturdays.

STREETS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Safe Routes to School: Trustee Niebruegge said the committee went through preliminary review for the Adele Street project. This project is supposed to go out for bid in March.

2. MFT/Ditch on N. Main Street: Trustee Niebruegge said John is working on getting this out for bid.

3. Cemetery Road: Trustee Niebruegge said that Dale Recker from the Township would like to take over Cemetery Road. John said Dale and the county will get together on this issue.

4. Street Banners: Trustee Niebruegge said she is under the impression that Sheila Gallagher is going to take this project over. Trustee Niebruegge said that John would like to see the Christmas decorations replaced.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dandy Mowing: Trustee Niebruegge said we had a proposal for fertilizer and weed control treatment for the Village Hall from Dandy Mowing. Trustee Niebruegge said John would like to see our guys do this and we can save this money for pest control.
2. Street block off request: Trustee Niebruegge said Ron Phillips asked to block off the alley behind 307 N. State Street from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for an auction which would be held on January 18, 2014. Trustee Niebruegge said the committee approved his request.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Committee As A Whole Meeting – Wednesday, January 8, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
Plan Commission Meeting – Thursday, January 9, 2014– 6:00 p.m.
Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – 6:15 p.m.
Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY Monday, January 20, 2014
Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 21, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – She hopes everyone had a nice Christmas and wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Trustee Steve Smith – He would like to thank John and all the employees for doing a good job on the streets.

Trustee Matt Trout - He would also like to thank John and his staff for a great job on getting the streets cleaned.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard - She would like to thank John and the guys for all of their hard work both day and night.

Mayor Seth Speiser – He would like to thank John also, and the Public Works Department. He knows that power went down Saturday night and they were out there until wee hours getting it restored and plowing the snow. He said he thinks the guys did the best they could and they did pretty good job.

Trustee Mike Blaies – He would like to thank John and the street department and electric department for all what they have done this past week.

Trustee Ramon Matchett – He said same here. Thanks John and all the guys for all the work they have been doing.

Trustee Dean Pruett – He said same here. The works department did a great job. He would also like to thank Chief of Police Stan Donald and Officer Mike Schutzenhofer. We had gentlemen who came for a visit over the holidays from Demark, who is also a police officer. The gentlemen came up to the police department and they gave him a tour and showed him how the police department works here in America. He really enjoyed the heck out of it and he thinks that might have made his trip.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – He said the police department and public work guys really worked their back ends off. He thinks John and the guys did a great job (that depends who you talk to). Just kidding. They did wonderful job.

Public Works Director John Tolan: He said the guys did a great job. They worked 6 to 7 hours on one pole after a gentlemen knocked it out. We had three power outages and a sewer problem at the sewer plant and a lot of frozen serves and we had to go out and make sure their service got back up and working. The guys were working 13 plus hours before getting to go home for rest. He said the guys were really dedicated and worked really hard. He really appreciated all of their hard work and the police department was out there getting things done also.

Zoning Administrator Gary Henning – He would like to thank John and his staff and Chief Donald and his staff for a great job.

Treasurer Bryan Vogel – No thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Speiser called for motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Steve Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk