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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, July 15, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. Board Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., on Monday, July 15, 2013 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 Raymond 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 Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum.

### EXHIBIT A: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

*Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. motioned to approve the Regular Board Minutes of Monday, July 1, 2013 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried*

**FINANCE:** Trustee Smith stated he has nothing tonight.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Bryan Vogel presented three months of Treasurer's Reports for January, February and March 2013 to be reviewed and hopefully to have an approval at the next board meeting.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** None.

**ESDA REPORT:** None.

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

1. Kevin Groth took the floor. Kevin said he had a water leak in his basement and he called the village and talked to Debbie. He asked Debbie if they could have someone come out and read his meter because he has no idea where he stands. Kevin stated Debbie was real nice on the phone and said she would get it taken care of right away and asked for my phone number. He said a day or so later Jane called him back and said we read your meter and this is what you got and this is what your average is and here is where you stand, call me if you have any questions.

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Kevin stated he just came here tonight to say thank you and how nice they were on the phone to him. Kevin stated what a great job you guys do and thank you. Mayor Speiser thanked Kevin for appreciating what we do because we don't hear that too often.

2. Tony Miller said he has a couple of things. (1) He is glad to see the pool is fully functioning. He would like to have another name for the baby pool, something like splash pool. (2) Tony said he saw on the agenda the village has an agreement with Freeburg Fire Protection District. He hopes we live up to our end of it because in the past we haven't. Mayor Speiser said he is sure we have worked everything out with them. Mayor Speiser said the Fire District gave us payment for one of the two years that we questioned them about. Mayor Speiser stated John and Tony did meet with the Fire District and they did get everything worked out, and everybody is happy and we will stay on top of it from here on in.

3. Dave Self stated a friend of his who lives in Fairview Heights held a pool party at our Village Park pool. Dave said his friend and his wife were very much impressed on all the work the village has done out there and he would like to say thank you. Mayor Speiser thanked Dave for his compliment.

4. Dave said he and his wife are here to talk about the 111 S. Walnut house. She said while she was gone that house was to be torn down, she came back and it is still standing there. Zoning Administrator Henning said he talked to the owners and they do have the bids in for who will be tearing it down. Gary said he will find out how long it will take them to get it down and as soon as he gets an answer he will contact them. Mayor Speiser informed Dave and his wife it will be taken care of and Zoning Administrator Henning is on it.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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

**CONTRACTS, RELEASE, AGREEMENTS and ANNEXATIONS:** None.

#### **EXHIBIT B:**

##### **BIDS:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have the bids for the shed concrete floor over at the maintenance building, they came in Friday. Mayor Speiser said the gentleman that had lowest bid did not supply the bid bond which is required. Mayor Speiser asked the board would you like to have him contacted and see if he is going to supply the bid bond or move on to the next lowest bid? Trustee Trout said he thinks we should give him until Friday to have the bid bond and then if he doesn't move on. Mayor Speiser asked Public Works Director John Tolan to get in touch with the contractor and see if he can supply the bid bond. John said he will and he will bring back information and if we should move on to the next lowest bid. Mayor Speiser said we will put Exhibit B on hold for the Shed Concrete Floor until next board meeting.

**EXHIBIT C:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #13-09 A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois.

*Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #13-09 by title only and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Raymond Matchett - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT D:**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have Resolution #13-10 A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeburg, Illinois, Authorizing the Village to Enter into and the Mayor to Execute an Agreement between the Village of Freeburg and Freeburg Fire Protection District for an Intergovernmental Agreement for the purpose of installing Antenna on the Save Water Stand Pipe.

Trustee Smith asked before we vote on this, what the settlement on the issue? Trustee Blaies said this is just to put the Antenna on the Save Water Stand Pipe; this hasn't anything to do with the settlement. Trustee Smith said he thought we settled the dispute. Village Administrator Funderburg explained the situation to Trustee Smith. Village Public Works Director John Tolan said we had several issues and they had issues and finally we have come together and straightened out the issues. John said it is the same agreement; we are just clarifying everything for both sides. Trustee Blaies asked is this a three year or five year agreement? John said no, just a yearly agreement. Mayor Speiser asked are there any more questions before we vote?

*Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Resolution #13-10 by title only and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Raymond Matchett - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**Exhibit E:****ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1466 An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #1379 Regarding Residency and Commercial Legacy Electric Rates, Exhibit E. Mayor Speiser said there were 8 customers who annexed into the Village Freeburg. When they were annexed in there was not an annexation agreement that they would receive a special rate, they were receiving a special rate from Ameren they claim at that time. Mayor Speiser said Tony checked into it 1997, the state law prohibits giving special rates to one customer and not another. He thinks it is time everyone in the village pays the same electric rates.

This is way this ordinance was drawn up. Trustee Smith asked have the 8 customers been notified. Mayor Speiser replied we have not. Trustee Smith asked when we will notify them. Mayor Speiser said once we pass this ordinance.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1466 by title only and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett- aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays). 6 voting aye, the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Speiser stated we have a Mayoral appointment of John Tolan to FSH Water Commission. Mayor Speiser said it was brought to his attention in November of 2010, the Village had an obligation to appoint someone to the FSH Water Commission and it was never done; that is why he would like to appoint John Tolan.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the Mayoral appointment of John Tolan to the FSH Water Commission and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

##### **EXHIBIT F:**

**Committee As A Whole Meeting:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Committee As A Whole Meeting to order on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Review of Village of Freeburg Code of Ordinances: Mayor Speiser stated the purpose of this meeting was for Frank to provide an overview of our code.

2. Rentchler Road water Line Project: Mayor Speiser said we talked about the Rentchler Road water project.

##### **EXHIBIT G:**

**Electric Committee Meeting:** Trustee Blaies called the Electric Committee meeting to order on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

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

1. Portable Generator Replacement Trustee Blaies said the generators are still being worked on at Burr Oak and they should be ready to go by next meeting.

2. Charter Agreement: Trustee Blaies said we are negotiating with Charter on the streets and dedicated easements.
3. Wiegmann's project/Grade School project: Trustee Blaies said we are about to start phase #2. Trustee Blaies said the grade school project is complete and everything went very smoothly.
4. Shed: Trustee Blaies said we talked about re-bidding the concrete floor to the contractors who submitted the bids the first time, which we already talked about it earlier on the agenda.
5. Prairie State Tour: Trustee Blaies said the Prairie State Tour is coming up on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
6. LED Lighting: Trustee Blaies said we have a grant for lighting which will provide LED lights to the new shed and the Village Hall

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Proposals for Repairs to 412 West High Street: Trustee Blaies said we talked about repairing the roof at the old power plant. Trustee Blaies stated we will put money in the budget to replace it next year.

#### **EXHIBIT H:**

**Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:** Trustee Matchett called the Personnel/Police Committee meeting to order on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **POLICE:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Policy on taking cars home: Trustee Matchett said we discussed the policy on the police officers taking Village police cars home. Trustee Matchett said he feels like some of the trustees liked seeing the patrol cars around town and also like the fact they are sitting at the police officers' residence. Trustee Matchett said the police officer has to live in town to be able to take the police car home. Trustee Matchett stated the committee felt the community likes having the police presence in the neighborhoods.
2. Towing issue: Trustee Matchett said we had a little towing issue. The committee directed Stan to call Casey and voice his concerns to him.
3. Stop sign at Emily/Vine and Emily/Cherry: Trustee Matchett said we talked about the stop signs and Chief Donald would like to add another one at Mill/Cherry
4. Part-time officer to be hired: Trustee Matchett said we talked and discussed hiring two part-time officers. Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge said before we vote she would like to make a motion to go into Executive Session.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7: 55 P.M.**

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel 5 ILCS, 120/2 – (C)(1) and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED  
8:05 P.M.**

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 8:07 P.M. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

*Trustee Matchett, Jr. motioned to hire part-time Police Officer Joe Berry and Police Officer Christopher Flynn upon passing their drug test and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

5. Megsi renewal: Trustee Matchett said we took care of the St. Clair County's enforcement group earlier on the agenda.

**PERSONNEL:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Employee handbook: Trustee Matchett said a copy of the handbook was provided to the committee and we talked about it.
2. Time Clock Policies: Trustee Matchett said Tony has a meeting with Greg and Jim on July 16<sup>th</sup> to talk about time clock policies.
3. Office Cleaning: Trustee Matchett said we have the proposal ad in this week's Tribune paper for the office cleaning job.
4. Police Chief and Village Administrator: Trustee Matchett stated we also put the ads in this week's Tribune paper for Chief of Police and Village Administrator positions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request to carry over vacation: Trustee Matchett said Public Works Director John Tolan requested that his vacation be extended to the fall. Trustee Matchett said the committee agreed and extended it to December 31, 2013.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 17, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.  
Street Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 17, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Appeals Meeting – Thursday, July 25, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.  
Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 31, 2013 – 4:45 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, July 31, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.  
Plan Commission Meeting – Wednesday, July 31, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.  
Board Meeting - Monday, August 5, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.

## VILLAGE BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:

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

**Trustee Steve Smith:** He is glad to see finally the sidewalk is being laid going down Main Street. We have waited five years for this.

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

**Village Clerk Jerry Menard:** No thank you.

**Trustee Mike Blaies:** No thank you.

**Trustee Raymond Matchett:** No thank you.

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

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

**Village Public Works John Tolan:** – No thank you.

**Zoning Administrator Gary Henning:** He will make sure he takes care of the property on South Walnut Street.

**Chief of Police Stan Donald:** No thank you.

**Mayor Speiser:** He informed everyone that Zoning Administrator Henning did put a zoning report in everyone's mail box.

**ADJOURN:** *Trustee Raymond Matchett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk

