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FREEBURG REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2015 @ 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, November 2, 2015 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

ROLL CALL: Trustee Matt Trout – here; Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Lisa Meehling – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; Mayor Seth Speiser – here; (6 present, 1 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, October 19, 2015 for approval.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to accept the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 19, 2015 and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

EXHIBIT B:

FINANCE:

REVIEW OF BOARD LISTS: Trustee Matchett stated we reviewed the Board Lists.

REVIEW OF INVESTMENTS: Trustee Matchett said we reviewed the Investments. Trustee Matchett said we are asking for the sealed bids for the January renewals.

INCOME STATEMENT: Trustee Matchett stated we reviewed the Income Statement.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Matchett stated the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report has been published in the paper.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sign at Industrial Park: The Sign at the Industrial Park is on hold for right now.
2. 3-5 Year Plan: The 3 to 5 year plan is still moving forward.

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3. Newsletter: We are working on the next issue, which will include January, March and April. If anyone has anything they want to be included please turn it in to the village office.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tax Levy: Trustee Matchett said we have the 2015-2016 Tax Levy. We have projected an increase of 4.01%. Trustee Matchett said he would like to make a motion.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. motioned to adopt Ordinance #1555 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

Trustee Matchett said we talked about the Village selling fishing license.

TREASURER’S REPORT: None.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Attorney Manion said the only thing he has to report is on Countryside Lane. Attorney Manion met with Bill Weber on Friday and he indicated they were going to have to review it some more.

ESDA REPORT: Mayor Speiser asked if everyone receive an ESDA Report from Gene. If anyone has any questions you can contact Gene.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

EXHIBIT C:

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDANCE:

Zoning Administrator’s Report: Mayor Speiser said next we have our Zoning Administrator’s Report. Are there any questions for Zoning Administrator Henning?

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

EXHIBIT D:

1. Board of Appeals Recommendation. Mayor Speiser stated the Board of Appeals Recommended that Mr. Crowe be allowed to add on to his car wash.

EXHIBIT E:

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Plan Commission Recommendation of the Smoker Rezoning.

EXHIBIT F:

2. Plan Commission Recommend Wolf’s Proposed Minor Subdivision for Wolf Crossing.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the Recommendation of the Plan Commission for the Wolf’s Proposed Minor Subdivision for Wolf Crossing and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

Recommend Approval of Resolution to Set Public Hearing Date for Comprehensive Plan and this will be under Resolutions.

CONTRACTS, RELEASES, AGREEMENTS AND ANNEXATIONS. None.

BIDS: None.

EXHIBIT G:

RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Speiser said we have Resolution #15 –12. A Resolution for Public Hearing on Official Comprehensive Plan for the Official Village Plan of Freeburg. Mayor Speiser stated having conducted several prior public informational meeting, giving the public an opportunity for completion of an extensive survey and working with village consultant Moran Economic Development, LLC in the formulation of the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Freeburg and having received a draft of such Comprehensive Plan from the village consultant. Mayor Speiser asked for a motion that the draft plan received be submitted to the corporate authorities for consideration, review and public hearing as provided by statue,

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adopt Resolution #15–12 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays; 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT H:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1554. An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #1543 and Amending Section 21-3-1 (Liquor) to Amend the License Hours of Operation Until 2:00 A.M. on weekends.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adopt Ordinance #1554 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT J:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1556. An Ordinance Declaring it Necessary or Convenient for the Village of Freeburg to Use, Occupy or Improve Certain Real Property Owned by the Town of Smithton and/or the Road District of the Town of Smithton for Purposes of Extending Utility Service and Approving Acceptance of a Permanent Utility Easement.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adopt Ordinance #1556 by title only and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT K:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1557. An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Patrick and Donna Smoker Annexation.

EXHIBIT L:

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adopt Ordinance #1557 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1558 An Ordinance Annexing the Smoker Property into the Village of Freeburg.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adopt Ordinance #1558 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT M:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1559 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning of the Smoker Property from SR-1 to Agriculture.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adopt Ordinance #1559 by title only and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – nay; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; (4 ayes, 1 nays, 1 absent) With 4 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

EXHIBIT N:

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Speiser stated we have Ordinance #1560 An Ordinance Declaring Certain Property to be Surplus (Fogger).

Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adopt Ordinance #1560 by title only and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

EXHIBIT O:

Electric Committee Meeting:

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

The following items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Surplus Temporary Service Equipment: Trustee Blaies said Shane has listed the Explorer and generator on the Ibd system. We just did the fogger machine earlier on the agenda.
2. IMEA Grant Program: Trustee Blaies said the grade school receive the IMEA Grant for the lighting.
3. Charter Pole Agreement: Trustee Blaies said we are waiting to hear back from AT&T on the number of their poles.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. IMEA Annual Meeting: We have the IMEA Annual Banquet Dinner coming up on the November 13th and 14th.
2. Zach Kramper completed training hours: Trustee Blaies said he would like to make a motion.
Trustee Mike Blaies motioned Zach Kramper be promoted to Level 4 Lineman at \$27.66 per hour as of 10/21/2015 and Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Lisa Meehling – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – absent; (5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

EXHIBIT P:

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, October 14, 2015.

The following item or items were talked about or discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewer project: Trustee Pruett said the project was awarded to Haier Plumbing and they are ready to go. The sewer line by Reifschneiders will be part of the process.
2. Countryside Lane annexations: Trustee Pruett said we talked about the Countryside Lane annexation and we are waiting on Belleville.
3. Water Violation – Restricted Status List: We have been notified we are off the list.
4. FSH Contract: We are working on rewriting the contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Speiser said he did met with Charlie Kaiser on the property purchase for the sewer plant extension and he will met with Tim tomorrow to go over the surveying with him.

EXHIBIT Q:**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, October 14, 2015.

The following items were talked about or discussed under:

In the absent of Trustee Niebruegge, Trustee Trout gave the committee report.

POOL:**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Pool/Storm Shelter/St. Clair County Parks Grant: We need to bring the 3 bidders back and see if they still want to be considered for the project. The pool cover is on and the floor has been resurfaced in the splash area.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Freeburg High School Music Boosters Association Trivia Night Donation Request: We approve a 10-day pool pass to the Freeburg High School Music Boosters Association Trivia Night.

STREETS:**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Safe Routes to School: Trustee Trout said Tony had a meeting with IDOT for the railroad project for Safe Routes to School.

2. MFT/Ditch on North Main: John said the oil and chipping is done. Matt said they did swept last week. The Public Works Department are going to be working on sealing the cracks at the Village Hall parking lot, Timberwolf, Lone Oak and Meadow Brook.

3. Community Compost Area/Leaf Program: Trustee Trout said the leaf program is working out well.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Freeburg Women's Community Club request to use Village Park for Halloween Parade: We approve the request of the Freeburg Women's Community Club for use of the Village Park for their Halloween Parade.

2. Ron Phillips Auction request to close Edison Street on October 24th: We approve the request to close Edison Street for the Ron Phillips Auction.

EXHIBIT R:**Committee As A Whole Meeting:**

Mayor Speiser called the Committee As A Whole Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

Mayor Speiser said this was to discuss the FSH Contract, which is at our attorney office as we speak.

EXHIBIT S:

Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:

Trustee Lisa Meehling called the meeting of Legal/Ordinance to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Meehling said Zoning Administrator Henning talked with the bank and they have taken over the property and they will take care of it.
2. Occupancy permits inspections: Trustee Meehling said Matt, Tony and herself have meet to discuss this issue last week. We decided to come up with a list of items to consider and looking into meeting with a local property inspector. One who has done some inspections for other municipalities and possibility of a property manager. The Mayor was approached by Lee Smith and Lee said the fire department would be willing to do inspections on smoke detectors and carbon dioxide detectors.
3. St. Clair County update of Building and Property Maintenance Code: Nothing new.
4. Combination of Plan Commission and Board of Appeals: Mayor Speiser has not talked with Brian about this. But we are leaning toward not using and outsider help for this.
5. Comprehensive Plan: Trustee Meehling said we discussed this and the Plan Commission meet last week. We held the Public Hearing earlier tonight.
6. Local Debt Recovery Program: Attorney Manion is working on this. This would require us to add some language to our code and that will be done by an ordinance.
7. Liquor Code: We just pass the Ordinance to Amend the License Hours of Operation for weekends.

NEW BUSIENSS: None.

EXHIBIT T:

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting:

Trustee Matt Trout called the meeting of Personnel/Police to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

POLICE:

OLD BUSIENSS:

1. In Car Computer: Trustee Trout said we talked about the in car computer and the police department is checking on that with Computron.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. No Parking Signs to be placed at Jr. Midgets Football Field: Trustee Trout said a few people have come to us about putting up no parking signs on Cemetery Road where the Jr. Midgets practice football. They would like us to make it a little safer for everyone. People are parking on both sides of the street which seems to be on the dangerous side. Matt said Public Works Director Tolan is working on this.

PERSONNEL:

2. Stop Sign on Potter: The stop sign at Potter Street has been replaced.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Job Descriptions/Handbook: Trustee Trout said we have passed the Job Description Handbook on to Attorney Manion to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Trout said we talked about some health insurance issues. There will be a Health Insurance meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Village Administrator Funderburg said there will be a Plan Commission meeting on December 3 at 7:00 p.m. and he would like as many people as possible to attend this meeting. We need to encourage people to attend this meeting. This meeting will be put on the website asking people to come bring their opinions. We will be redoing the maps so they are more understandable. Our goal is that this room won't be big enough and we can move the meeting to the Freeburg Library.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Streets Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY – Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Board Meeting – Monday, November 16, 2015– 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MAYOR & TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Trustee Lisa Meehling – No thank you.

Trustee Matt Trout – He said he don't know if anyone seen the news trucks outside the primary school, that was for Make – A– Wish Foundation. He would like to thank them for granting Katrina Scannell her wish. They are sending her and her family to Disney World Universal Studios and Sea World. She has had some cancer issues. He just wanted to thank them for coming to Freeburg in making that wish come true for her. Matt also wanted remind everyone we do have a burning leaf ordinance in town. He would like to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Smoker to the village.

Village Clerk Jerry Menard – Ditto to Matts remarks.

Trustee Mike Blaies – No thank you.

Trustee Ramon Matchett, Jr. – No thank you.

Trustee Dean Pruett – Ditto to Matts remarks. He would also like to send his condolences to Bonnie Watters and her family for the loss of her husband Al Watters. Al was a passed Mayor of the village.

Village Administrator Tony Funderburg – No thank you.

Village Attorney Brian Manion: – No thank you.

Zoning Administrator Gary Henning – He would also like to send his condolences out to Bonnie Watters and her family for their loss.

Public Works Director John Tolan: His condolences to Bonnie and her family of the pass of Al Watters.

Mayor Speiser: - Mayor Speiser said he would like to send his condolence also. Al was a great guy and will be missed.

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 Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.


Jerry Lynn Menard
Village Clerk