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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Tony Funderburg

**VILLAGE TREASURER**  
Bryan A. Vogel

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**  
John Tolan

**POLICE CHIEF**  
Stanley Donald

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY**  
Weilmuenster Law Group, P.C

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Seth Speiser called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 in the Freeburg Municipal Board Room.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. – here; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - here; Trustee Dean Pruett – here; Trustee Matt Trout – here; Trustee Mike Blaies – here; Trustee Steve Smith - here; Mayor Seth Speiser - here; (7 present, 0 absent ). Mayor Seth Speiser announced there is a quorum. (Trustee Steve Smith present by phone)

### EXHIBIT A:

Mayor Speiser stated we have two sets of minutes for approval; Regular Board meeting Monday, August 19, 2013

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the minutes of Monday, August 19, 2013 and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**FINANCE:** Trustee Smith said he will be restarting the Economic Development Committee on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. before regular board meeting starting Monday, October 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Speiser asked Trustee Smith would you like the lady from Midland Bank to come to the very first meeting in October. Trustee Smith asked Mayor Speiser to call her and ask her to attend the meeting in November.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Manion stated the arbitration decision on John Blomenkamp and Steve Burrows should be in at the end of this month if the arbitrator doesn't ask for an extension.

Mayor Speiser stated we need to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Mayor Speiser asked the board do you want to go into Executive Session now or later.

*Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. motioned to amend the agenda for tonight's meeting to go into an Executive Session meeting later and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

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**ESDA REPORT:** ESDA Coordinator Gene Kramer gave a reported on the following issues.

1. Two severe thunderstorm warnings: On the first severe thunderstorm warning that was issued on August 31, at 8:09 p.m. and the second one that was issued at 8:57 p.m.
2. Re-banding of ITTF Starcom Radios: Gene said the dates for re-banding of the Starcom radios (mobile, base and portables) was listed for the September 2013 as the period from September 23-27 which would include Freeburg's Police Department, Freeburg ESDA and Freeburg Fire Department.
3. St. Clair County 2012 EOP on CD digital: Gene said he received a CD from the St. Clair County Director Herb Simmons. After reviewing the CD; Gene said he found numerous errors that needed corrected.
4. FEMA and Homeland Security: Gene stated FEMA and Homeland Security are encouraging all EMA's and ESDA's to promote September 2013 as Preparedness Month in the US. Gene said that Freeburg ESDA is contemplating an "open house" during September.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Mayor Speiser called for Public Participation: None.

#### **REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

##### **EXHIBIT C:**

Mayor Speiser stated we have Davinroy Mechanical Contractor's Pay Request in the amount of \$46,276.72. Mayor Speiser said there is still \$10,000 we are holding back on the original amount of \$56,276.72.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve Davinroy Mechanical Contractor's Pay Request in the amount of \$46,276.72 to and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion.*

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

##### **EXHIBIT D:**

Mayor Speiser said we have Rhutasel & Associates' Pay Request No. 6 in the amount of \$1,429.21.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve Payment No. 6 to Rhutasel & Associates' in the amount of \$1,429.21 and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion.* **ROLL**

**CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT E:**

Mayor Speiser said we have TWM's Pay Request Invoice #49828 in the amount of \$4,820.11.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve Pay Request Invoice #49828 in the amount of \$4,820.11 and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

**EXHIBIT F:**

Mayor Speiser said we have TWM's Pay Request Invoice #49960 in the amount of \$14,805.63.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve Pay Request Invoice #49960 in the amount of \$14,805.63 and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

**EXHIBIT G:**

Mayor Speiser said we have TWM's Pay Request Invoice #49961 in the amount of \$3,352.25

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve Pay Request Invoice #49961 in the amount of \$3,352.25 and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

**EXHIBIT H:**

Mayor Speiser stated National Association of Letter Carriers' Request to Collect Donations on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and that date has been changed to Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve the National Association of Letter Carriers' Request to Collect Donations on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

**EXHIBIT I:**

Mayor Speiser stated next on the agenda is St. Joe's Church Request to Close Streets/Alleys for Parish Picnic from 8:00 a. m. on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> until 12:00 noon.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to approve St. Joe's Church Request to Close Streets/Alleys for Parish Picnic from 8:00 a. m. on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> until 12:00 noon and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.*

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**EXHIBIT J:**

Mayor Speiser said we have a memorandum from Zoning Administrator Gary Henning informing the board the Plan Commission Committee agreed to postpone the hearing until Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

**CONTRACTS, RELEASE, AGREEMENTS and ANNEXATIONS:** See Exhibit K – Ordinance No. 1472

**BIDS:** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**EXHIBIT K:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser said we have Ordinance #1472, An Ordinance 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, Illinois and Charter Communications Entertainment I.

*Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1472 by title only and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr.- aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

**EXHIBIT L:**

**ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser said we have Ordinance #1473, An Ordinance Authorizing the Village of Freeburg to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program.

After a small discussion on Ordinance No. 1473; Mayor Speiser proceeded with the motion.

*Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1473 by title only and Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT M:  
ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser said we have Ordinance #1474, 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 No. 1474 by title only and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**EXHIBIT N:  
ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Speiser said we have Ordinance #1475, 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 No. 1475 by title only and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. ROLL CALL:* Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett – aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Mike Blaies - aye; Trustee Matt Trout - aye; Trustee Steve Smith - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Smith asked for permission to collect donations for the Christmas Lights in the Park on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mayor Speiser stated this request will have to be put on next board meetings agenda to be voted upon.

Mayor Speiser said at this time he would like to have a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

**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 Raymond Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED  
8:34 P.M.**

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 8:37 P.M. and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

Mayor Speiser said there will be action taken from the Executive Session meeting. Mayor Speiser asked to have a motion at this time.

*Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge motioned to suspend employee Randy Kasper from the Village of Freeburg, Public Works Department for one day without pay for disciplinary action and Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.*

**APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:**

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

Trustee Dean Pruett called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Pruett said Tony Miller was present as a representative of Freeburg Township. Trustee Pruett said Tony is requesting that the committee reconsider their decision to charge Freeburg Township the \$60 water deposit at the new location on Peabody Road. Trustee Pruett said we discuss the issue and we will take it under advisement and get back with them.

Trustee Pruett said also David Self was present to discuss the drainage problem at Deerfield Court. David said every time it rains they seem to have a drainage problem at the front entrance of Deerfield. Trustee Pruett said we talked about cleaning out some of the ditches and see if that would help. Village Administrator Funderburg already has IDOT coming out and they will look at the issue.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Sewer Project: Trustee Pruett stated Administrator Funderburg did talk to the Helms and they will get back with us.
2. Sewer problem areas: Trustee Pruett said we had an issue on Main Street where IDOT was brought in and they proceeded to call the Health Department. John said we met with the home owner on this issue. John said the home owner was in favor of our idea but did not want to help out. John said Tony asked for a 90 day extension from the Health Department to clear up the issue.
3. Water main extension along Rentschler Road: Trustee Pruett said we discuss the Rentschler Road project. Trustee Pruett said Rentschler Road residents they need to get together figure everything out and then they need to get back to us.
4. Fire Department Hydrant Payment: Trustee Pruett said John is currently flushing hydrants.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resident request for second pool credit: Trustee Pruett said we had a resident request for second pool credit because they had to have their pool refilled after a repair. Tony said he doesn't see an issue with granting the second pool credit since the water didn't go through the sewer. The committee discuss that residents can purchase a deduct meter from Ace and we will come out once a year for \$5 and read the meter.

Mayor Speiser said budget billing article was placed in the Tribune to be offer to citizens of the village.

Trustee Smith asked Mayor Speiser on the sewer project it is said we are going to take some money out of the reserve funds every year. Mayor Speiser said we haven't really come to a confirm agreement yet. We are waiting for the other Helms brother to get back in town. Mayor Speiser said it was just an idea that we floated out there to show them we are fully committed to getting the sewer out there as we promised when they to annexed in.

## **EXHIBIT P:**

**Public Property Committee Meeting: (Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation)** Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge called the Public Property Committee Meeting to order on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

### **POOL OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Pool: Trustee Niebruegge said it looks like we are down to the caulking issue.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **STREET:**

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

1. Safe Routes to School: Trustee Niebruegge said the Main Street project is going well. Public Works Director John Tolan said we had the walk through Friday for the punch list and we have about 8 or 9 items on the list. Trustee Trout said the sidewalk going in front of Dambachers looks like it is no thicker than the rest of it and do you think that might crack with all the heavy trucks pulling in and out Dambachers. Public Works Director John Tolan said it is supposed to be six inches and he already question that. Trustee Trout said just driving by doesn't look like the concrete is that thick. Trustee Niebruegge said the newest project will run from Village Hall and this will provide sidewalks from Adele to Moto Mart.
2. MFT: Trustee Niebruegge said the streets were oiled and chipped and we did most of the east side of town this year. Trustee Niebruegge said we will concentrate on the west side next year.
3. Picnic tables at the Village Park: Trustee Niebruegge stated we have a two new picnic tables out at the Freeburg Village Park. We do have them chained and bolted down so they don't go anywhere. Trustee Niebruegge invite everyone to go out there and take a look at them.
4. Street banners: Trustee Niebruegge said we will go ahead and order the banners.
5. Stoplight at Oakbrook/Main Street: Trustee Niebruegge stated we did get the stoplight up at Oakbrook and Main Street for yield on green.

##### **NEW BUSINESS:** None

Mayor Speiser said we held the Legal/Ordinance meeting on Wednesday, August 28, at 4:45 and the minutes are unavailable at this time. Mayor Speiser asked Trustee Trout do you have anything you would like to say about the meeting. Trustee Trout said we do a recap on the meeting without the minutes.

**Legal/Ordinance Committee Meeting:** Trustee Matt Trout called the Legal/Ordinance Committee meeting to order on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 4:45 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Status of Public Hazard Homes: Trustee Trout said the hazard home at 111 South Walnut Street the new owners are currently working a little at a time on it on the weekends to clean it up. They are starting on the outside working their way in. Trustee Trout said they will eventually tear it down.
2. Code Book: Trustee Trout said we have started updating the Code Book with new codes and revising some of the old ones.
3. 101 East Hill: Trustee Trout stated they are going to begin to collect bids to have the building removed.
4. Furtak – 113 East Apple Street: Trustee Trout said Mr. Furtak hearing has been rescheduled.

**Committee As A Whole Meeting:** Mayor Speiser said Committee As A Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. minutes are unavailable at this time.

Mayor Speiser said the committee did decide to send 10 people to the IML Conference in Chicago in October of this year.

*Trustee Matt Trout motioned to send up 10 people to the IML Conference in Chicago on October 17<sup>th</sup> to October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion.*

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee Matt Trout – aye; Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge – aye; Trustee Raymond Matchett, Jr. - aye Trustee Mike Blaies – aye; Trustee Dean Pruett - aye; Trustee Steve Smith – aye; (6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent). All voting aye, motion carried.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Electric Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 11, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.

Personnel/Police Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 11, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

Plan Commission Hearing – Thursday, September 12, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

Community Development Committee Meeting – Monday, September 16, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting - Monday, September 16, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals Hearing – Thursday, September 26, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

**VILLAGE BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Trustee Dean Pruett:** He said heard good comments from the public about the road oiling and chipping of the streets. They were please how the excess rocks were swept off of their driveways. They commented this has never been done before and they were very pleased.

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

**Trustee Mike Blaies:** He said how much he really enjoyed the trip to Prairie State Tour. He said after going down in the mine he would not want to do that every day.

**Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge:** She would like to let everyone know she is heading up the Community Development Committee. She has some brochures that were made up that kind of outline the focus of this committee and what we plan on doing for the community. This is an open committee anyone from the public are invited to attend.

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

**Trustee Steve Smith:** He would like to thank the Mayor and Board of Trustees for including him by phone for the meeting. Also John could you have someone go out and give the Christmas Trees a good soaking so we don't lose them. John did reply; we did that last week and we will do that again this week. Steve said thank you he appreciated it.

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

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

**Village Attorney:** No thank you.

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

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

Mayor Speiser thanked everyone for coming this evening.

**ADJOURN:** *Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. and Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*



Jerry Lynn Menard  
Village Clerk