

TOWN OF FREEPORT

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NOTICE OF REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FREEPORT

The Town Board of the Town of Freeport met on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the Town Hall of the Town of Freeport located at 201 East Exchange Street in the City of Freeport.

MINUTES

1. **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to Order at 5:30 PM by Supervisor Sellers.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge was recited and roll call vote was taken.
3. **Roll Call** – Members Present: Trustee Nickee Bender, Trustee Kathi Altensey, Trustee Joy Seller, Trustee Mickey Martin and Supervisor Patrick Sellers, Also present were Town Assessor Cynthia Petta Connell and Town Attorney Michael J. Phillips
4. **Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2014 Town Board Regular Meeting** – A motion was made by Trustee Altensey and seconded by Trustee Bender to approve the minutes as presented. A voice vote was taken and Supervisor Sellers declared the motion passed.
5. **Resolution TR 2014-01** to change accounting system from Accrual to Modified Cash Basis. Town Attorney Phillips explained to the Board that he has a call into the Auditor questioning the rational of this change and is doing research with State Statutes to make sure this request from the Auditors does not violate any State laws.
6. **Approval of Claims and Demands/Bills Payable** – A motion was made by Trustee Bender and seconded by Trustee Sellers to approve the Claims and Demands as presented. After some discussion a roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Bender, yes, Trustee Altensey, Yes, Trustee Sellers, Yes, Trustee Martin, yes Supervisor Sellers, Yes. Supervisor Sellers declared the motion passed.
7. **Budget Comparison Report** – The Budget Comparison Report was reviewed.
8. **Approval to Begin Budgeting Process** – A motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Bender to approve the Budgeting process. A voice vote was taken and the Supervisor declared the motion passed.

9. **Supervisor's Report** – Supervisor Sellers reported the following

- a. The ABLE (reading) Program testing was conducted with 15 clients required to attend and 12 actually attending. Three will have their benefits terminated.
- b. The RED FLAG program is going well and no rental property is being subsidized with Township funds that are on this list.
- c. Supervisor Sellers has adopted a SUBSTANCE ABUSE DRUG POLICY effective immediately and is being initiated to eliminate obstacles for employment. There is a zero tolerance for drug use.

8. **Assessor's Report** – Assessor Petta Connell reported that the County has not scheduled any hearings yet for Commercial Properties. The following information was also included in her report:

2013 Loss	Rate	
Initial Assessment Losses \$ 9,689,310		0.0042559
Board of Review	<u>499,290</u>	
	\$10,188,600	43,361.66 Approximate tax \$ loss due to the loss in equalized assessed value.
2013 Tax Rate	?????	

9. **Trustee's Report** - Trustee Martin passed out a spreadsheet regarding the current budget and asked that this spreadsheet be included in the minutes and that the deficit is a concern and work needs to be done to minimize it.

10. **Other Business** - None

11. **Public Comments** (3 Minutes Each Person). None

12. **Executive Session to discuss Pending litigation per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)** – A Motion was made by Trustee Bender and seconded by Trustee Sellers to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending litigation per 5 ILCS 120(c)(11). A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Bender, Yes, Trustee Altensey, Yes, Trustee Sellers, Yes, Trustee Martin, Yes, Supervisor Sellers, Yes. There were no motions or votes held in Executive Session.

13. **Adjournment till February 18, 2014.** - A motion to adjourn till Tuesday, February 18, 2014 was made by Trustee Bender and seconded by Trustee Sellers (February 17 is a legal Holiday)

Barbara L. Burns, Town Clerk