

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, March 16, 2015 at 5:30 PM** in the Town Supervisor's Office located at **524 W. Stephenson St., Suite 230** in the City of Freeport.

MINUTES

1. **Call To Order** - Supervisor Sellers called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited and roll call taken.
3. **Roll Call was taken as follows:** Board Members present: Trustee Kathi Altensey, Trustee Nickee Bender, Trustee Mickey Martin, Trustee Joy Sellers and Supervisor Patrick Sellers. Also present were Assessor Cynthia Petta Connell and Town Attorney Michael J. Phillips.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the March 2, 2015 Town Board Regular Meeting** - Trustee Sellers made a motion to approve the **March 2, 2015** Town Board Regular Meeting. Trustee Bender seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and all members voted in favor of the motion. Supervisor declared the motion passed 5 – 0
5. **Approval of Annual Town Meeting Agenda** - Trustee Bender made a motion to approve the **Annual Town Meeting Agenda**. Trustee Altensey seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and all members voted in favor of the motion. Supervisor declared the motion passed 5 – 0
6. **Approval of Bills Payable** -Trustee Bender made a motion to approve the **Bills Payable**. Trustee Sellers seconded the motion. Trustee Altensey questioned the invoice of \$325.00 from Attorney Greg Pelini. Supervisor Sellers read a prepared statement explaining his attempt in starting a 501(c) (3) charitable organization emulating the By-Laws set forth by the former organization called Human Services Funds. Per Attorney Pelini, it was of his opinion that Supervisor Sellers not create a 501(c) (3) as it would not be a legal organization under the auspice of the Township Code 60 ILCS . A roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve the Bills Payable as presented as follows: Trustee Altensey, yes, Trustee Bender, yes, Trustee Martin, yes, Trustee Sellers, yes, Supervisor Sellers, yes. Supervisor Sellers declared the motion passed 5 – 0.

7. **Selection of Auditing Firm to Prepare Annual Audit for Fiscal Year May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015.** Motion made by Bender and seconded by Sellers to approve Benning Accounting Services as the Auditing Firm for Fiscal Year 2015. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Altensey, yes, Martin, Yes, Sellers, yes, Bender, yes, Supervisor Sellers, yes. Motion passed 5 – 0.
8. **Supervisor's Report** – Supervisor Sellers distributed the Social Security Reimbursement sheet. Supervisor Sellers also distributed the Expenditure to Budget Report, through March 16, 2015.
9. **Assessors' Report** – Assessor Petta Connell stated Board of Review closed the 2014 books. The Assessor stated following Board of Review Action for 2014 there was a loss of approximately \$14,133,400 Assessed Value. This indicates there may be a \$55,000.00 - \$60,000.00 financial (revenue) loss for the Township.
10. **Trustees' Report** – none
11. **Public Comments (maximum of 3 minutes each person)** - Maryna Misiewicz requested a copy of the Minutes for the March 2, 2015 Meeting, Bills Payable and Budget Expenditure Report. Sheila Hooper responded to Attorney Pelini's findings of his opinion on the 501(c)(3) organization.
12. **Other Business** - The Clerk distributed, for information purposes only, the talking points that Governor Rauner presented to the Freeport Community on his visit here earlier this month.
13. **Adjournment till Monday, April 6, 2015.** Trustee Bender moved to adjourn and Trustee Sellers seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 5:59 PM.



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