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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)
(Miller/Carpenter/Matchett/Meehling)
Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:47 p.m., by Chairperson Dana Miller on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Members present were Chairperson Dana Miller, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Village Attorney Fred Keck and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of November 1, 2023 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to approve the November 1, 2023 minutes, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Village Engineer Tim Pruett issued two building permits for a home addition and a deck, and one occupancy permit. He sent letters to Cardinal Court and Railroad St. regarding cars that have been sitting out for years.
3. Development Update: Tim said we met and talked to developer of the Parrish property. There are some items that need to be added or addressed which include a detention area, back porches in setback areas, spruce up rear buildings facing Urbana/Adele, and an emphasis on adding an entrance on Urbana. They will come back with a revised site plan.
4. Despain Property: Attorney Keck Fred said he and Matt tendered the lawsuit to our insurance company, and they accepted it. He met with Attorney Chuck Pierce who is representing us, and is hopeful we will have a resolution. Matt said they did start working again on Despain's property, so he had Attorney Keck sent an email to his attorney. Most of the equipment has been pulled out.
5. Sunset Ridge/Phil Sheets Detention Area: Attorney Keck has nothing new on this. Tim talked to Belleville's engineer about a month ago.
6. Vacation of Village Right of Way on Regions Bank Property: Tim explained to Wendy Williams, the manager in Freeburg, that we are looking to give them the property. The expenses involved include surveying and attorney fees, and Tim asked if they would split those. The real estate contact in Alabama is out of office until 12/4. Matt said did have a positive conversation with Lee Smith regarding their contribution towards this. The Smiths will then own that property, and Matt said he plans to close it off. We don't want commercial traffic going through there. It is in our best interest to take care of this.

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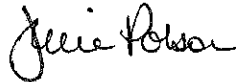
B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. EM Wiegmann's Board of Review Hearing: Matt advised Wiegmann's want to protest their taxes. In the past, we have not attended the hearings, and the committee agreed not to.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: Trustee Meehling advised there is a trailer on Meadow Ridge that has been there for over a month. Tim will contact the homeowner. Matt said it has been brought up that workers are being moved out of SAVE Site, and is going to be turned into a place to get people back on their feet. St. Clair County said it has nothing to do with refugees or illegal immigrants going in there. It is funded through grants, and is partially true that people that were or are homeless will stay there short term to get established and back in society. Matt is working with Andy Bittle on it. We provide Save Site with water, electric, maintain the streets, and provide police protection. That property was annexed into the village. To our knowledge, it has not started yet. Trustee Blaies asked about a solar farm, and John said there is a possible solar farm in the St. Liberty/Fayetteville in the future.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 6:05 p.m., and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager