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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)
(Heap/Albers/Matchett/Meehling)
Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:46 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Heap on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 via the Zoom application. Members attending via Zoom were Chairperson Mike Heap, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, Village Attorney Fred Keck and Office Manager Julie Polson. Village Hall was open to the public for this meeting and there were no guests present. Guest present via Zoom: Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of November 16, 2020 Minutes: Trustee Denise Albers motioned to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Zoning Administrator Matt Trout has issued 2 roof mounted solar projects, 1 pool with a fence, 1 electric meter pedestal, and 9 occupancy permits. Matt advised Attorney Keck has sent a letter to W. Washington property. They have completed some items but nothing to bring them close to compliance. They have until January 9th to complete the items. Attorney Keck does not believe there will be any court enforcement soon.
3. Meadow Pines/Edison Estates Subdivisions – Edison Estates Preliminary Plat: Matt said homes are continuing to be built in Meadow Pines. Edison Estates final plat was recorded earlier this week. They are still doing a little bit of final grading and adding riprap. The electric install work has started. Mark did ask when we can open the streets, and Matt has discussed this with John. Until they remove the equipment and our electric guys are done, we don't really want to open them. Mark also brought up the stop signs for that subdivision. Matt didn't see them on the plans, and they would need to be added by ordinance. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg advised we can add this Monday night's agenda. Matt commented the streetlights will be decorative. The first step is to get the wire in the ground and set all the transformers.
4. Code Revisions/Legal Review: Matt will get this wrapped up and copies out to everyone.
5. Update on Utility Disconnections and Revenue/Loss Numbers: Tony advised we continue to not assess late fees, and all of these numbers will be included in his budget.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Combined Planning and Zoning Board Appointment – Terry Gamblin: Mayor Speiser advised he, Trustee Heap and Matt met with him to discuss the position. Matt stated he was a member of the Architectural Committee in Millstadt and has designed projects across the country.

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Mayor Speiser believes he will be a great fit on the board. Matt said he will replace Kevin Groth until May when that spot will be open for reappointment.

2. IML Social Media Policy: Attorney Keck commented this is the social media policy that IML is recommending we adopt. The advantage to having a policy like this is when someone violates it, we have good cause for disciplinary reasons. The problem is if we adopt it, we need to enforce it. Tony said this would be included in the handbook. Attorney Keck commented his firm has one, and we need to review this one and make a decision on whether or not to have one.
3. IML COVID-19 Vaccination Policy: Attorney Keck said IML has taken the most neutral position possible on the vaccination policy. They don't support a mandatory vaccination policy or vice versa. Attorney Keck also received one from the City of Centralia, and they modified it to be a voluntary choice by the employee. Attorney Keck advised his firm has a social media policy but will not have a mandatory vaccination policy. He advised the board should review these materials and make a decision in the next month.
4. Wiegmann's Board of Review Hearing: Tony advised Wiegmanns is fighting their property taxes and is not in favor of sending the Village to oppose that. Attorney Keck does not think it is in our best interests to send him.

Mayor Speiser would like to extend a gesture of support to our businesses by waiving the liquor, video gaming, coin operated licenses and business registrations fees to help them out. He stated it is so important to support our businesses and help them stay in Freeburg. To qualify, the businesses had to have these licenses last year. He would like for the board to vote on it Monday night. Tony advised the cost is \$9260 for all of the licenses. This is one small way to help our businesses like we have with our residents; utility bills. Attorney Keck believes this is spectacular and will use us as an example to his other municipalities.

Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend to the full Board waiving the 2021 fees for liquor, video gaming and coin operated licenses and business registrations for anyone had a 2020 license in the amount of \$9,260 and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Matt is working on the zoning map revision that will be published in the paper for zoning amendments or annexations. He asked Tim Pruett if he had zoning GIS and the costs that would be associated with it. Tony said he might have that information.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked if the new subdivisions will have more streetlights than what hers has. Matt advised the distance between streetlights is set by our code. John said they are going to put one LED light on Silverthorne to see what the neighbors think about it. John commented the streetlights are to light the streets and the homeowners should light their own homes. Chief Schutzenhofer said people need to lock their car doors.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager