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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)
(Heap/Albers/Matchett/Meehling)
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Heap on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, in the Freeburg Municipal Center. Members attending were Chairperson Mike Heap, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser (via phone), Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout (absent), Chief Mike Schutzenhofer (absent), Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, Village Attorney Fred Keck and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle (5:37 p.m.)

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of January 29, 2020 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to approve the January 29, 2020 minutes and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: In the absence of Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Trustee Heap asked if there were any questions on Matt's comments regarding nuisance properties. Attorney Keck will be working on a letter regarding the issues as 105 S. Belleville. This has been going on for a very long time.
3. Meadow Pines/Edison Estates Subdivisions – Edison Estates Preliminary Plat: Matt has dropped off the plans for Edison Estates to TWM for their review. Once that is received, Matt and John will meet with Tim Pruett and Mark White to discuss any issues that may come up before it is sent to the Combined Planning and Zoning Board. Public Works Director John Tolan said with respect to the IEPA permits, he would like to move forward with this and have the Mayor sign the permit documents.
4. Code Revisions/Legal Review: Trustee Heap said the Combined Planning and Zoning Board met last night regarding the zoning code review. It went well and they are moving in a positive direction. It will be further reviewed at their next meeting on March 11, 2020. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg said we need to stay on top of this to ensure it continues to move forward. We are trying to get the basic items of the zoning code cleaned up so it can be included in our online code.
5. Bill's Auto Service: Nothing new on this. Matt is working with Bill on his Pitts Street property.
6. IML Drug and Alcohol Policy: Attorney Keck will review our policy to see if it is adequate especially with the recent cannabis changes. The policies contained in the union contracts supersede this one.

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B. NEW BUSINESS: None.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: Mayor Speiser questioned if we want to conduct inside inspections on rentals. Are we liable if we don't do them, and Attorney Keck said no. Attorney Keck advised the City of Troy has a rental inspection program, and they have two full-time inspectors that are licensed and know the regulations. Tony stated we make it clear we only do outside inspections. We are a non-home rule community, and we would have to set up a program through the ordinance process. Fred said we need to decide do we want to regulate this? Trustee Heap doesn't think we should get involved in inspecting the inside of the properties, and Trustee Albers agreed. Attorney Keck said we should have something on our occupancy permit inspection form that states we are not inspecting the inside of the premises.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager