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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting  
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)  
(Miller/Carpenter/Matchett/Meehling)  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:51 p.m., by Chairperson Dana Miller on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Members present were Chairperson Dana Miller, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling (absent), Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett (absent), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Attorney Fred Keck (absent) and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 27, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to approve the March 27, 2024 minutes, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Village Administrator Matt Trout said there were 2 pool and fence permits, 1 electric permit and 1 fence permit issued. There have been several complaints for residents not mowing their grass. Bill's Auto Body property is starting to get cleaned up. He has been working with the daughter and there have been several prospective buyers. It is currently an SR1 zoning. He has spoken with her about what the process would be to rezone. Obviously, a lot of commercial interest for that property. Also, the Cardinal Court trailer has mostly been cleaned up and moved out.
3. Development Update: Matt said Scooters plans have been reviewed and Village Engineer Tim Pruett doesn't see any problems with them. They are waiting on a contractor list so he can issue the permit. He does have the engineering plans for the Murphy/Riess property by the Dollar General. There are some issues they need to fix but it is moving.
4. Despain Property: Nothing new.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Clair County Building & Zoning Dept. Agreement for Building Inspection Program: Matt said the old and new agreements are in the packet. There aren't many changes. They are raising the electric permits from \$50 to \$75, electric rewire from \$75 to \$100 and have updated some codes. He will have Village Attorney Fred Keck review and have it on the agenda for the committee meetings in a couple of weeks and ready for approval at the last Board meeting in May.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** Trustee Tom Carpenter asked about the closed sessions and Matt responded that we need to get it scheduled.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

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**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adjourn at 6:00 p.m., and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Downen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Downen  
Office Manager