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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting  
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)  
(Heap/Carpenter/Matchett/Meehling)  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 6:10 p.m., by Chairperson Mike Heap on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. Members present were Chairperson Mike Heap, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, 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 August 30, 2023 Minutes: Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the August 30, 2023 minutes, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Village Administrator Matt Trout issued 4 building permits: 1 home addition, 1 pool, 1 fence, and 1 wrecking. Matt advised we are going to be dealing with the home on Torrey Lane for a while. He will review the issues with Attorney Keck and how we are going to handle them. Chief Schutzenhofer has made several attempts to serve ordinance violations regarding the overgrown grass, but no-one around to serve. We are going to have a company maintain the grass and then file a lien against them. Matt did get a contact at IML for Airbnb. Trustee Carpenter asked Matt to look at a house on S. Richland that needs attention.
3. Development Update: Matt advised the Murphy's are working on the engineering plans.
4. Despain Property: Attorney Keck had a 1.5-hour conversation with our insurance adjuster. He formally filed on behalf of the Village in Despain's ejectment and trespass against the village and to removal of our infrastructure from his property since there no easement. Our insurance company has 30 days to advise if they are going to defend us.
5. Sunset Ridge/Phil Sheets Detention Area: Attorney Keck advised Belleville has not reached out to him to discuss this.
6. Vacation of Village Right of Way on Regions Bank Property: Matt contacted both the local branch manager and the national Regions' representative.

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**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

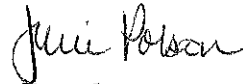
1. Vacant Property Purchase: Andy Bittle contacted us saying there is a parcel for sale abutting our property behind the street shed. Matt commented it is right next to the parcel we sold to American Tower. Our options are to conduct a title search that would cost \$400 - \$500 or purchase the parcel for \$786. The committee agreed to pay the \$786 and be done with it.
2. Resolution #23-15: A Resolution in Support of St. Clair County Parks Grant: Matt stated we are working on bids to replace the pool parking lot, and also creating a sidewalk around the back bleachers and tying it into the existing walking path. We would also like to replace some of the swings for the playground.

*Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of Resolution #23-15, A Resolution in Support of the St. Clair County Parks Grant, and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 6:28 p.m., and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager