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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)
(Meehling/Blaies/Pruett/Trout)
Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairperson Lisa Meehling on Wednesday, December 30, 2015, in the Freeburg Municipal Center. Members attending were Chairperson Lisa Meehling, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Dean Pruett, Trustee Matt Trout (absent), Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Trustee Ray Matchett, Zoning Administrator Gary Henning, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of November 18, 2015 Minutes: Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Zoning Administrator Gary Henning said the door has been secured at 3 Lake Dr. After soon as the foreclosure is finalized on January 22, 2016, we will know what will be done.
3. Occupancy permits inspections: Administrator Funderburg has discussed the inspections with other fire departments. Attorney Manion is reviewing this because he is worried about our liability if someone gets hurt conducting an inspection. He wants to have a clear understanding of it before we make a decision.
4. St. Clair County Update of Building and Property Maintenance Code: Mayor Speiser stated we will have the new code within the next month or so.
5. Combination of Plan Commission and Board of Appeals: Tony advised Attorney Manion has this at the top of his list to get done. He is also working on the personnel handbook and local debt recovery. It would be an easier time to combine the boards at reappointment.
6. Local Debt Recovery Program: Tony advised the delay is in the hearing process. We need to incorporate an additional hearing. Tony brought up Rock Falls who hands out a pamphlet explaining the entire utility process and the residents follow the procedures set out in the pamphlet. We want to see that pamphlet with the process first. Local debt is really used for the people that skip town, not the ones that we are working with. Tony will get it emailed out to everyone to have on the agenda at the second board meeting in January.

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7. Golf Cars or Side by Side Vehicles: Trustee Meehling stated Marissa, New Athens and Millstadt allow golf carts and side by sides. Along with this information, she would like to talk to each of these municipalities to see what kinds of issues they are having. She feels that if this is something people have asked us to look at it, she would like to make sure we look at everything. Trustee Blaies said he based his decision on the Chief's opinion who felt it would not be safe. Mike said we should consider this since other towns are doing it, but he would like to find out if they have any issues. Trustee Pruett said Marissa said it's going better than they thought. New Athens said they wish they'd never done it. Dean would like to ask Attorney Manion what happens if someone gets hurt. Tony believes it comes down to who is inspecting the golf cart to make sure it meets all the legal requirements.

8. Homeless Veteran Program at Freedom Farm: Tony said if this program would move forward, we would try to get water out there. It seems like the county doesn't want it. The guy is looking at other alternatives since the number of days they can stay at Freedom Farm is limited. Tony hopes they can find a way to do it.

B. NEW BUSINESS: Tony said when we passed the 1:00 a.m. closing on Friday and Saturday nights, we also allowed a 2:00 a.m. closing on Thanksgiving night and New Year's Eve. This year, Tony went to everyone regarding the 2:00 a.m. extension to see if they wanted them. In the future, the request has to been in writing. Tony said when he was at Lucky Joes, Randy asked him if the Village would consider happy hours. The State of Illinois allows it but our code does not. He will email the information to everyone and would like it added to the next agenda.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager