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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)
(Trout/Matchett/Pruett)

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
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VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Matt Trout on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, in the Freeburg Municipal Center. Members attending were Chairman Matt Trout, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dean Pruet, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Trustee Steve Smith, Zoning Administrator Gary Henning, Public Works Director John Tolan and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Lisa Meehling and Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of January 28, 2015 Minutes: Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the January 28, 2015 minutes and Trustee Dean Pruet seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Zoning Administrator Henning advised the sign article will be published in next week's edition of the Tribune since they did not have enough room to run it this week. John will then start removing illegal signs on the 10th. Mrs. Ernst has received our letter advising the demolition permit has been extended to June 30, 2015 for her property on E. Hill. Gary said the owner of the trailer at Peabody Road/Route 15 has been unsuccessful in finding a storage place for his materials. Per the committee's request, Gary will continue to work with him to get rid of the old trailer. Trustee Trout said the surrounding area is a separate issue but is also an eyesore. Gary will work with the property owner to start the clean-up process.
3. Occupancy permits inspections: Trustee Trout said we need to move forward with this.
4. Koppeis Request to Lower Taxes: Item can be taken off the agenda.
5. St. Clair County Update of Building and Property Maintenance Code: We are waiting to receive it from the County.
6. Canine Policy: Julie stated both Chief Donald and Officer Boeving have reviewed the policy and made minor revisions to it. Attorney Manion has reviewed the policy with Buddy Parker and also made minor changes to it.

Trustee Dean Pruet motioned to recommend to the full Board Ordinance #1540, An Ordinance Establishing a Police Department Canine Policy under the Village of Freeburg's Code of Ordinances for approval and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

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7. Extension Request on Fridays/Saturdays for Bars to close at 2:00 a.m.: Trustee Trout said a decision does not need to be made tonight on this. He suggested a six-month trial period for the bars to stay open on Friday and Saturday. He suggested that we create a special class of license for this. We could also amend our existing code to reflect the time change. If it doesn't work out, we would then repeal that ordinance. This may be something we would want Attorney Manion's advice on. The committee wants to look at the surrounding communities and see what they do.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. National Athletic Training Month Proclamation: Mayor Speiser received a request from Brett Kisro, the athletic trainer for the Freeburg high school athletes. March is National Athletic Training Month and he requested the Village promote athletic safety and training.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to recommend to the full Board the Proclamation for National Athletic Training Month for approval and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Liquor Liability Coverage at Pool: Julie advised that in a recent pool meeting, Manager Scott Schulz asked if the Village would consider selling alcohol at home swim meets. No alcohol would be allowed inside the fence. Trustee Niebruegge stated she was not aware that people were bringing alcohol to these events. Mayor Speiser said there is no alcohol permitted on village property and we need to post signs at the entrance to the pool advising of this. The committee was in agreement not to serve alcohol at the meets.

- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** Trustee Trout said if the Village Administrator is not going to be present at the meetings, they need to be rescheduled.

- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

- E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager