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## THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE THROUGH THE ZOOM CLOUD MEETING APPLICATION AND CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:

Join URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4478727673>

**Meeting ID: 447 872 7673**

We ask the public to mute their phone or mic until Public Participation  
If you have any questions, please contact Matt Trout at [mtrout@freeburg.com](mailto:mtrout@freeburg.com)  
Village Hall will be open to the public for this meeting

January 22, 2024

### NOTICE

#### MEETING OF LEGAL AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision (Miller/Carpenter/Matchett/Meehling)

A Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting of the Village of Freeburg will be held at the Municipal Center, Executive Board Room, **Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 5:45 p.m.**

#### LEGAL AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

##### I. Items to be Discussed:

- A. Old Business
  - 1. Approval of December 18, 2023 Minutes
  - 2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties
  - 3. Development Update
  - 4. Despain Property
  - 5. Vacation of Village Right of Way on Regions Bank Property
- B. New Business
  - 1. Executive Session Minutes
- C. General Concerns
- D. Public Participation
- E. Adjourn

At said Legal and Ordinance Meeting, the Village Trustees may vote on whether or not to hold an Executive Session to discuss the selection of a person to fill a public office [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(3)], litigation [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(11)] personnel [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(1)]; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS, 120/2- (c)(2), real estate transactions [5 ILCS, 120/2 - (c)(5)]; discussion of executive session minutes, [5 ILCS-120/2-(c)(21)]; discussion of purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, [5 ILCS-120/2-(c)(5)]; or discussion of the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, [5 ILCS-120/2-c)(6)].

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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting  
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)  
(Miller/Carpenter/Matchett/Meehling)  
Monday, December 18, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:45 p.m., by Chairperson Dana Miller on Monday, December 18, 2023. Members present were Chairperson Dana Miller, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Attorney Fred Keck (absent), Village Engineer Tim Pruett, and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of November 29, 2023 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to approve the November 29, 2023 minutes, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yeas, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Village Engineer Tim Pruett sent a letter last month to the Railroad Street property regarding the derelict vehicles sitting on the right of way for several years. He gave them a deadline of January 8<sup>th</sup> to get it done. We will have them towed if not taken care of. He issued one building permit for a new home on Sleeping Indian. The old grain bin area on the high school property is a disaster. The high school does not get any permits through us. Those are done through the Board of Education. We will send the superintendent a message, and Tim advised he will talk to them to see what their plan is.
3. Development Update: Tim stated he and Village Administrator Matt Trout met with 4 residents of Covered Bridge. We told them they are talking about a \$1,000,000 project and will need more support. Matt advised them to figure their stuff out for a conversation to move forward. They came to us, and Matt told them this is not a project we were looking to do. They have only had a conversation with a handful of people.
4. Despain Property: Matt advised Attorney Keck sent their attorney an email a month ago. Despain seems to be staging some materials out there again. Matt will talk to Attorney Keck on our next step, and also see if he has had any conversations with Despain's attorney.
5. Sunset Ridge/Phil Sheets Detention Area: Item can be taken off the agenda.
6. Vacation of Village Right of Way on Regions Bank Property: Tim said both Regions and Lee Smith will pay half. He will have Volkert draw up the vacation plat.

## B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Freeburg Development Board of Review Hearing: Matt advised they want to protest their taxes. We have not attended in the past, and the committee agreed.

Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting  
Monday, December 18, 2023

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to adjourn at 5:58 p.m., and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager