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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting  
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)  
(Heap/Albers/Matchett/Meehling)  
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Heap on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 via the Zoom application. Members attending via Zoom were Chairperson Mike Heap, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout (absent), Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg, Village Attorney Fred Keck and Office Manager Julie Polson. Village Hall was open to the public for this meeting and there were no guests present. Guest present via Zoom: Janet Baechle.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of December 30, 2020 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to approve the December 30, 2020 minutes and Trustee Denise Albers seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Attorney Keck advised the deadline has passed for the owner of 301 W. Washington to address the issues on the property. Attorney Keck will proceed to the next step and update everyone next month.
3. Meadow Pines/Edison Estates Subdivisions – Edison Estates Preliminary Plat: Chairperson Heap advised Matt talked to the Klemme's about the drainage issue in Meadow Pines. They will install a silt fence as soon as it dries up. John brought up the mud issue that is coming off the field that is owned by Mr. Despain. He said about 1/3 of the mud is coming from the field, and the other 2/3's is coming from Meadow Pines. John is recommending a grass waterway for the farm ground where the water comes through. The electric crew continues to install transformers in Edison Estates. Once the transformers are set, John advised the streetlights will then be installed. Matt has received one villa building permit for Edison Estates.
4. Code Revisions/Legal Review: The public hearing on the zoning code revision is set for February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
5. Update on Utility Disconnections and Revenue/Loss Numbers: Tony advised nothing has been added into next year's budget for late penalties. He has asked Trustee Albers for assistance with the next round of disconnects. He will bring them to the board and ask for a decision on what to do with them.
6. IML Social Media Policy: Attorney Keck advised this is not mandatory, and said he is more concerned about the practice and actual administration of it. Tony commented we cannot delete comments made on our Facebook pages. Tony said we have a policy but do not have language in there that addresses when a post is deleted from a Facebook page. For purposes of FOIA, we are required to keep all comments. Tony advised he will work on it.

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7. IML COVID-19 Vaccination Policy: Attorney Keck stated this is not mandatory, and he has not had anyone adopt a vaccination policy. Tony does not believe we should adopt a policy.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

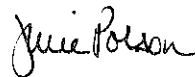
1. Resolution #21-01: A Resolution Urging the Governor to Veto House Bill 3653 Regarding Criminal Justice Reform: Attorney Keck provided a sample resolution to both Matt and Tony. Currently, the bill has not been signed by the Governor. Attorney Keck advised everything in that bill is an unfunded mandate. Tony believes it is one of the worst pieces of legislation and changes policing in the state of Illinois forever. If this bill goes into effect, it will cost \$300,000 - \$500,000 a year in unfunded mandates. He doesn't know how small communities will have a police force. Chief Schutzenhofer confirmed the officers are very concerned. He and Tony provided memos to all our officers offering our support at all times. Chief Schutzenhofer has a conference call with legislators trying to redo the bill. He also said no police chief was contacted for any input on the bill. John suggested this could be brought up at the APPA Rally. Chief Schutzenhofer stated with this bill, our officers cannot review their camera after an incident. If they do, they could be charged with a felony. He also commented the criminals will have more rights than the police officers.

*Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to recommend Resolution #21-01: A Resolution Urging the Governor to Veto House Bill 3653 Regarding Criminal Justice Reform and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Denise Albers motioned to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager