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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting  
(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)  
(Miller/Carpenter/Matchett/Meehling)  
Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:47 p.m., by Chairperson Dana Miller on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. Members present were Chairperson Dana Miller, 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, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director Chris Remick, Village Attorney Fred Keck, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle, Hans Mueller, Greg Vogel, Nolan Shook and Kurt Bruemmer. There were no guests present via Zoom.

## A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 25, 2026 Minutes: Trustee Lisa Meehling motioned to approve the March 25, 2026 minutes, and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Village Engineer Tim Pruett said we had 2 occupancy permits and 3 building permits; 1 swimming pool, 1 fence and 1 commercial renovation. He has sent out a few letters this past week for nuisance properties.
3. Development Update: Tim said there will be a Combined Board meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting there will be preliminary discussions on the Murphy Project, Hayden Project and AES Solar. The Phillips Development was discussed at the last Combined Board meeting and they are working on preparing the Annexation and Vacation Plats. There was a discussion on the Scooters property.
4. FOIA Requests: Reviewed by the committee.
5. Socket Telecom Agreement: Matt said in the packet is the revised agreement that we talked about before. They are here tonight if there are any questions.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to send to the full Board the Agreement between the Village of Freeburg and Socket Telecom, LLC and Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carries.

6. Fire Department Inspections: Fire Chief Hans Mueller and Greg Vogel spoke about the ordinance they would like to adopt regarding permits on fire related items. There was a lengthy discussion and the Board expressed their concerns. Mayor Seth Speiser suggested a meeting with all parties and both attorneys to go over it and have questions answered before bringing it back to the Board.

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**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. St. Clair County Building & Zoning Department Notice of Public Hearing: Matt said this is just for your information.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Tom Carpnter motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., and Trustee Lisa Meehling seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen  
Office Manager