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

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Stanley Donald

VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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The meeting of the Legal and Ordinance Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Lisa Meehling on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, in the Freeburg Municipal Center. Members attending were Chairperson Lisa Meehling, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Dean Pruett, Trustee Matt Trout, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Ray Matchett, Zoning Administrator Gary Henning (absent), Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Janet Baechle, Alan Hucke, Millstadt Police; Mayor Rich Klein, Jeff Groh, Sil Becker, Rick Trout and Tim Meehling.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 30, 2016 Minutes: Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the March 30, 2016 minutes and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Trustee Meehling confirmed we have received payment on 3 Lake Dr., so hopefully the new company will work with us on this one.
3. Occupancy permits inspections: Village Administrator Tony Funderburg has nothing new. Trustee Meehling asked if we still plan on doing this. Tony said right now this isn't at the top of the priority list. Item will be taken off the agenda for now. When Attorney Manion has something, we will put it back on.
4. Combination of Plan Commission and Board of Appeals: Per the Committee as a Whole Meeting, Attorney Manion is following up on some questions Frank Heiligenstein had. Mayor Speiser advised we have a meeting scheduled to discuss this on May 12th. It will be finalized at that time. Trustee Blaies asked about appointments, and Tony advised we are going to put those on hold for now.
5. Local Debt Recovery Program: Trustee Meehling stated this was also discussed at the Committee as a Whole meeting. Tony advised this will be placed on the May 16th agenda.
6. Golf Cars or Side by Side Vehicles: Trustee Pruett asked for the item to be tabled since Chief Donald is not here. Mayor Speiser would like to have the public heard. Mayor Klein from New Athens stated their ordinance was done by Frank Heiligenstein and has been in effect for 2-3 years. They have around 27 side-by-sides and golf carts which are checked by the police chief. The annual inspections cost \$25.00. He spoke to the chief who felt the program was going very well, and have had no problems. He acknowledged they don't have traffic like Freeburg does. The majority of the 27 registrants are ages 40 and up. He is only speaking for New Athens, but he thinks it's great. Trustee Albers asked if there have been any accidents or under age kids, and

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Mayor Klein replied no. She also asked about insurance, and Mayor Klein said he knew they had to have it but wasn't sure what it was. He has received no complaints over the program.

Officer Alan Hucke from Millstadt stated they have had the ordinance since 2011. They currently have a little over 50 registrants. They haven't had any issues with it; no one under 21 allowed to operate it; not allowed on sidewalks or in the village park; \$50 for the initial registration and \$50 per year. The registration form is filled out, the police department is contacted for any officer to conduct the inspection. Once that is done and signed off on, the registrant takes it back to village hall for the sticker to be issued which is placed on the rear of vehicle on the slow moving emblem. They have not had any real issues. It is clearly stated in the ordinance if the driver is intoxicated, it falls under a DUI. They are not allowed to operate on a state highway, they can cross it. If they live outside the village, they are on their own outside limits. The registrants are similar demographics, majority are 40 and older. Trustee Meehling said Caseyville has a release form if the owner allows someone else to drive it, they are liable. Breese requires seat belts to be installed on golf carts. The seat belt law is not enforceable since this doesn't fall under the Illinois Vehicle Code. Trustee Meehling asked both Officer Hucke and Mayor Klein if they would do anything differently and both said they would require seat belts. Rick Trout is in favor, and would like to see it pass; Sil Becker, no problems in Okaville, give it a trial basis. Janet asked if she could cut over to Wolf; Jeff Groh – in favor, no different than a moped, they are allowed on street. Trustee Meehling said this is on hold until next month so Chief Donald can contribute to the conversation.

7. Happy Hour Consideration: Trustee Meehling confirmed the letters have been sent out to the local bar owners. Julie advised the seminar is May 25th at the Wildey Theater in Edwardsville. Julie and Tony will work on the ordinance and try to have it ready for the May 16th board meeting.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Park Rules Sign: Tony stated we need a sign posted of the rules in the pavilion. He said a lot of the information comes directly from the code. He would like to order it as soon as possible. Trustee Meehling questioned the no alcoholic beverages. Tony said we don't allow alcohol in our park or on village property. The committee requested that park be changed to pool. Village Clerk Jerry Menard said we also need to add no firearms. Tony will add that as a separate logo like we have here at Village Hall.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: See comments under #6.

E. ADJOURN: Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn at 5:59 p.m. and Trustee Dean Pruettt seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.



Julie Polson
Office Manager