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# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

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

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**  
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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, January 28, 2015, in the Freeburg Municipal Center. Members attending were Chairman Matt Trout, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dean Pruett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Trustee Steve Smith, Trustee Mike Blaies (5:25 p.m.), Zoning Administrator Gary Henning, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Randy Stevenson, Jason Wernle and Janet Baechle.

*Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to amend the agenda in order to hear Public Participation first and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Wernle were here to request a change in our ordinance to allow the bars to close at 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. They would also like to keep the option where they can request a 2:00 a.m. closing time six times a year. They want to keep additional revenue in Freeburg and believe it would benefit Freeburg. Both Randy and Jason said the patrons leave around 12:30 a.m. to go to other towns that have bars that stay open until 2:00 a.m., and this would help them compete with them. They feel they control any problems, and request our consideration on this. Randy said he talked to Brenda of Skootrs and said she was very interested. He attempted to talk to Reifschneiders, but no one got back to him. Trustee Trout said we'll talk about it and it will be placed be on next month's agenda for further discussion.

### **A. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of December 17, 2014 Minutes: *Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to approve the December 17, 2014 minutes and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Gary said as of the first of the year, Richard Gordon resigned from Board of Appeals. Mayor Speiser is working on a replacement. Gary summarized the hearings before the Board of Appeals, see attached report. He advised the inspection has approved everything going on at Kesslers. He, Tony, John and the owners of Log Logistics met and had a very good meeting. We went over everything they need to do. Tony said they will be moving from East St. Louis, and they hope to have everything in Freeburg by the end of the summer. Tony added the Ernst building is moving a little forward. At the current time, there is no grant money out there to help them, we did all we could. He is requesting we extend their permit to October of this year or whatever deadline the board feels is appropriate. Once date passes and if the building is not down, we can demolish it and place a lien on the home. Tony confirmed the homeowner is

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actively making calls to get bids. Steve asked how dangerous the building is and Tony believes any abandoned building is dangerous. Steve prefers to give them until the end of June. Tony will try to put demolition costs on this project in the budget.

*Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to extend the demolition permit on the Ernst property located at 101 E. Hill Street until June 30, 2015 and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

3. Occupancy permits inspections: Trustee Trout said we need to move forward with this. He doesn't believe it needs to be a long drawn out process, but more of a simple checklist. Julie and Tony will have a policy ready for the next committee meeting.
4. Park District Deed of Property for Pool: This will be placed on Monday's agenda in ordinance form.
5. Koppeis Request to Lower Taxes: Tony hasn't heard anything on this.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. St. Clair County Update of Building and Property Maintenance Code: Mayor Speiser said we will be receiving the update in about 6 weeks.
2. IL Codification Newsletter: Provided for informational purposes.
3. K-9 Policy: Tony felt it was important to have a detailed policy on our K-9 dog in our codebook. Julie will get a complete copy to everyone including Chief Donald and Officer Boeving.
4. Executive Session to Discuss Executive Sesion Minutes:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
5:24 P.M.**

*Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to enter into Executive Session at 5:24 p.m. citing discussion of executive session minutes, 5 ILCS, 120/2-(c)(21), and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED  
5:38 P.M.**

*Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to reconvene the regular session of the Legal/Ordinance Committee meeting at 5:40 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

Trustee Pruett said Randy and Jason have a valid point with wanting to keep the bars open until 2:00 on Friday and Saturday. Trustee Trout said if we do consider it, we might want to limit the number of special event late openings from 6 to 3.

Trustee Matchett asked if we should get Chief Donald's in put on this and we will do so.

Trustee Niebruegge provided the completed Gazebo rental form, and stated we will take to full board on Monday night. She asked for anyone to email her with any corrections or suggestions.

*Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to recommend to the full Board the Gazebo Rental Policy be approved and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.*

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Janet quesitoned the gazebo, and what happens if too many people cram in. Matt asked about inclement weather and Tony said the park covered in our code. We are just talking about renting the gazebo. Mike asked about a rain date, and Tony said the policy should say events rain or shine. Tony said they could book 2 dates if they are worried about the weather.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager

