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

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Matt Trout on Wednesday, March 25, 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 (absent), Trustee Mike Blaies (absent), Zoning Administrator Gary Henning, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guests present: Janet Baechle.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of February 25, 2015 Minutes: Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to approve the February 25, 2015 minutes with correction and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: Zoning Administrator Henning said June 1st is the deadline for the truck parked on Peabody Road/Rt. 15. The Ernst property deadline is June 30th. A lot of people have been burning leaves, and Gary has talked to them. He has also picked up a lot of signs. When the owners of the signs pick them up, we are providing them with a copy of our sign regulations. O'Reillys grand opening has been scheduled for Friday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m. Gary will advise the Tribune. Finally, Kessler is aiming to open on April 15th.
3. Occupancy permits inspections: Gary advised that St. Clair County charges the following for inspections: homes are \$100/yr.; apartments \$50/yr.; duplexes \$100/yr., and mobile homes are \$75/yr. Mayor Speiser asked if older homes are grandfathered or have to be brought up to code and Gary said he will check on that. Tony said we will get a copy of the County's inspection program.
4. Koppes Request to Lower Taxes: Tony said three properties have gotten their taxes lowered. Anything over \$100,000 in assessed valuation we get a notice. This year we received \$228,000, and Joe Koppies' taxes were lowered, so we will now get about \$218,000 – \$220,000. Tony confirmed it's more than enough to cover the TIF.
5. St. Clair County Update of Building and Property Maintenance Code: We have not received anything from the County.
6. Extension Request on Fridays/Saturdays for Bars to Close at 2:00 a.m.: Trustee Trout said it seems most are okay with a six-month trial. Mayor Speiser would like the option to bar a business from closing at 2:00 a.m. if there are problems in that six-month period. Trustee Pruett said it keeps people here rather than having them leave and come back.

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Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to the full Board to extend the closing time to 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights with a six-month probation period with a right to cancel at any time and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance #1542 Abating TIF Bond Taxes: Tony advised this ordinance abates the TIF bond taxes so the residents don't pay for the TIF bonds, only the TIF does.

Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to recommend to the full Board Ordinance #1542 Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2014 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Tax Increment Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014 for approval and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Spring Clean Up: The dates for our annual spring clean up are going to be from Friday, April 24 through Monday, April 27th. Julie will get the information on the website. J&C will do everything including appliances. We will only charge for tires and TVs.

John advised we are going to add an additional week of leaf pickup from April 6th – 10th. Our leaf pile has been burning for a while and John had the guys work on it to spread the leaves out. If this rain doesn't take care of it, we will have the fire department spray some foam on it. We won't use this area next year. We will look at setting up a compost somewhere.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet asked about branch pickup, and John advised it is the second Wednesday of the month..

E. ADJOURN: Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adjourn at 5:21 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.



Julie Polson
Office Manager