

**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**  
Seth Speiser

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Jerry Menard

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Mathew Trout  
Dean Pruett  
Elizabeth Niebruegge  
Lisa Meehling  
Ray Matchett, Jr.  
Mike Blaies

# VILLAGE OF FREEBURG

## FREEBURG MUNICIPAL CENTER

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Legal and Ordinance Committee Meeting

(Annexation; Building; Zoning; Subdivision)

(Meehling/Blaies/Pruett/Trout)

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 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, November 18, 2015, 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 Ray Matchett, Trustee Elizabeth Niebruegge, Zoning Administrator Gary Henning, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson.

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

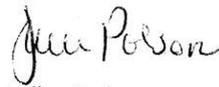
1. Approval of October 28, 2015 Minutes: Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the October 28, 2015 minutes and Trustee Dean Pruett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Zoning Report/Nuisance Properties: The pallets are still out at Dollar General. Julie will ask Gary to talk to Dollar about putting up a privacy fence.
3. Occupancy permits inspections: The committee agreed having the Fire Department conduct inspections on smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors is a good option while we are looking at which direction we should go. Trustee Niebruegge said at least this process will start to his some of the issues. Trustee Meehling said it may help our landlors work towards having better rental properties.
4. St. Clair County Update of Building and Property Maintenance Code: Nothing yet.
5. Combination of Plan Commission and Board of Appeals: Tony advised we won't have anything on this until next year.
6. Comprehensive Plan: The public hearing is set for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Tony encouraged everyone to attend. He hopes this room is packed with people to foster good conversations. Tony confirmed we published the public notice per the requirements, and the plan will be posted on the website. Elizabeth suggested we try to send an article in and see if Tom will publish it.
7. Local Debt Recovery Program: Tony and Julie will rewrite it and bring the code changes back to next month's meeting.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Speiser said someone approached him about golf carts or side by sides, and he requested we ask other municipalities what they do. He suggested Millstadt, New Athens, Marissa, Waterloo, and Smithton.

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Tony said there is a guy wants to start a program at Freedom Farm for homeless veterans. It's a year long program where they transition their way back into society, train for a job, and build their own tiny house. Tony said we have 5,000 trucking jobs in this region. He believes this is a worthwhile project. The county doesn't want any tiny homes. He asked if there is a way we could annex them in? Tony believes our homeless vets need all the help they can get. If we can be a part of a solution, it would be a good thing. John said this might also be an avenue to get water to Jefferson Road.

- B. **GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.
- C. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
- D. **ADJOURN:** *Trustee Dean Pruett motioned to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. and Trustee Matt Trout seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson  
Office Manager