

Village of North Freedom
Law*Ordinance*Cable Regulations Committee Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2023

Call Meeting to Order: Chairperson Michael Carignan called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Chairperson Trustee Michael Carignan, Trustee Dennis Anstett, & Trustee Darrell Weiland.

Others Present: Clerk/Treasurer (C/T) Nicki Breunig, & Residents: Ron Mickelson & Lori Cook

Adopt Agenda as Presented: Motion to adopt agenda as presented Anstett/D.Weiland. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Review – Creation of Short-Term Rentals Ordinance: Committee presented with a draft Ordinance from Village Attorney. Committee reviewed. Noted the need to separate out residential zoned vs commercial zoned requirements. Noted a change was needed to draft for Village quiet hours and to not limit outdoor activities done. C/T will send revisions to Attorney. Bring changes to full Board at November meeting.

2. Discussion/Review – Regulation & Licensing of Dogs (12.08): It was brought up by Village President Dear that he has seen homes/residents with more than 2 dogs per household. At the September meeting that Chair Carignan was excused for, Trustee Doering noted that he had wanted to bring this up in the past for discussion of possibly changing the number of dogs per household. Chair Carignan thought there was a limit on the number of animals per household but no such Ordinance was found. C/T reached out to ClerkList on what other municipalities do with households and dogs and received numerous options that the Village could do. Reviewed with Committee. Resident Lori Cook noted the enforceability of Village Ordinances and questioned why make a new one or change it when the ones the Village have aren't enforced. Resident Lori Cook also noted that on High Street there are a number of homes with dogs and some over the limit. C/T noted that any dog violations are not an exception to the Violation Letter Ordinance and so if any come in, they need to come before the full Board during the Regular meeting, essentially being 30 days before acted on. Recommendation to amend that Ordinance to make Dog Violations to be acted on right away. Will bring to full Board at November meeting. Was noted by Anstett to make sure with any violations that would be sent in regards to dog violations, it should be noted in the violation letter to show proof of vaccination of rabies and if not, could be fined. Recommendation from Committee to amend number of dogs per household to 2 with the exception to exceed the limit to only 3 dogs per household with application prior to getting an additional dog. Will bring to full Board at November meeting.

3. Discussion/Review – Citizen Ordinance Complaint Form: Some of the Board at

the September meeting noted they felt that the Complaint form that was approved in March was too restrictive for residents to file complaints. C/T noted that a complaint form was just filed with the Office for the November meeting and the filer had no troubles with getting the required signatures. Committee made miscellaneous changes and will bring to full Board at November meeting.

Adjournment: Chair Carignan adjourned the meeting at 10:55 A.M. with a motion presented by D.Weiland and seconded by Anstett.