

## **Building Committee - August 3, 2023**

Attendees: Chirs Bell (CB), Jerry Canton (JC), Bill Koons (BK), Ruth Griswold (RG), Dan D'Agostino (DD)

Per the Committee's request, the Fire Marshall sent in his idea for a senior citizen smoke alarm program. The Committee reviewed his thoughts, which include: a \$600 annual budget to stock one to two sets at a time of photoelectronic detectors with sealed lithium-ion batteries. The batteries last 10 years. When a senior resident in need contacts the Building Department, the Fire Marshall would then visit the property, do a simple inspection to ensure proper placement of units on the first and second floors, and then install them. If the property has high ceilings that require scaffolding or has other limitations, the homeowner would need to hire another party to install them. The Committee likes the idea of having a program for seniors, but is concerned that the requests may far exceed \$600 annually. At the suggestion of DD, the committee will reach out to Chagrin Valley Fire Department to see if they already stock similar detectors for seniors or if they are familiar with any programs that may assist the Village.

The Committee addressed the Mayor's request to adjust the pay for DD to \$60 per inspection. The Committee's concern is that DD is already employed by the Village at \$40 per hour and paying him \$60 per inspection on top of his hourly rate could potentially cause issues for other employees who may then want a similar structure for their work. After discussion, it became evident that DD was not asking for \$60 on top of his \$40 per hour, but rather the inspection fee only. He also noted that he now has his own LLC – which he did not have a year ago – so he would be able to provide the inspections as a third party, similar to Dave Hocevar, not as an employee of the Village. DD noted that he is looking to be paid closer to the industry rate, but not trying to take advantage of the community. Other inspectors with the same credentials are charging \$75-100 per inspection. The Committee recognized that as a backup, this rate would be less than the contracted rate per inspection with Hocevar. The Committee showed interest in the idea of DD resigning his position with the Village and then providing a contract proposal for Council to review.

It was noted that Dave and Ruth will both be out the week of August 21.

The Committee discussed updates on 151 Lakeview Lane. Dennis Coyne confirmed that the charges were not dropped and no action has been taken by the court. Dave Hocevar is working on getting more detail regarding the status.

RG reported that there are no building issues at this time.

RG noted that neighbors have made complaints again regarding 1233 Bell Rd. BK will speak with both the Chief and Building Inspector to see what can be done.

BK reported that he would like Council to consider removing the need for Police to be hired when pavilion rental applicant notes that there will be alcohol.

BK reported that he has a candidate he would like to potentially propose as an alternate for both ARB and BZA. The candidate is qualified to serve on ARB and would give us two alternates for BZA.

The committee discussed 1269 Bell Rd. A senior citizen owns the property but no longer lives there. He drives up every day to get his mail from the property. Unfortunately, the home is in need of repair. BK will look into this matter and report to the committee if action will be necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.