

LAW COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 MEETING

- Attendees: Richard Bardach, Ray Warren, Natalie Wolf, Stacy Lefton, Tom Muething, Scott Lahrmer, Bill Doering, Peg Conway, Chief Wallace, Ed Hattenbach, Laura Kamesar, Jane Murphy, Scot Lahrmer, JK Byar, John Chaiken and Rabbi Kahlmanson.
- Motion to approve the minutes of the March 04, 2013 law committee meeting was made by Natalie Wolf, seconded by Ray Warren and was unanimously approved.
- Year to date legal costs for the 2013 calendar year were reviewed. Scott Lahrmer advised that monthly legal costs during this time period have been averaging \$3,000 to \$5,000.00 per month, which is expected. The invoices during this time period did not reflect any unanticipated expenses.
- The ordinance amending Section 31.33 of the village code pertaining to public requests to speak at public meetings was approved – the motion to recommend this ordinance for approval by council was made by Ray Warren, seconded by Natalie Wolf and was unanimously approved. The first reading of the aforementioned ordinance will take place at the October 15 council meeting.
- The Trash Ordinance (Section 159.230 of the Village Property Maintenance Code) was reviewed. Village resident Laura Kamesar requested that the law committee review the current ordinance due to complaints of residents putting trash out on Thursdays and often not returning garbage cans from the street until Sunday. Ms. Kamesar had requested that the current garbage ordinance be revised such that garbage cannot be placed at the street until 5 P.M. on Thursday and must be returned to the home no later than 9 P.M. on Friday. Chief Wallace presented a solution to the problem by having the police place a flier on the door of current repeat offenders reminding residents of the current ordinance and the penalty for violating the aforementioned ordinance. It was generally agreed to try this approach before attempting to revise the property maintenance ordinance. In addition, there is going to be a reminder placed in the Village E-News and the March newsletter of the current garbage ordinance.
- In new business, a discussion was entertained as to the need for a magistrate to oversee the Village's Mayor's Court. A request was made by council member Richard Bardach that a magistrate be utilized for future Mayor's Court dockets. It was generally agreed to address this issue at a future law committee meeting.