**AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**

Town Council Members Present

Julie Harris, present.

Dudley Patteson, present.

Gabe del Rio, present.

Bonnie Schaschek, present.

Jackie Brown, present.

Judy Penniman, present.

Wayne Nunnally, absent.

STR Committee Members Present

P. Robinson, Chair.

T. Thurston, present.

M. Burgess, present.

M. Taylor, present via phone.

W. Nunnally, absent.

Town Staff Present

L. Taylor

J. Nelson

1. **APPROVE AGENDA**

**Motion (*D. Patteson)* to approve the Agenda.**

**Second (J. Penniman).**

**Motion passes 5-0.**

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
* Discussion with Short Term Rental Committee regarding Committee Recommendations – Council thanks the Committee for a very thorough report.
* G. del Rio: Have we compared what is on VRBO, Air bnb and cross referenced with the registrations.
* P. Robinson: There are a few that are not registered. So, what you see on VRBO and Air bnb plus a few more.
* J. Harris: Do we want to limit the number of STR’s.
* P. Robinson: Town Council can limit the number. Question is how to go about it. Mr. McRoberts advised that there may be some back and forth of details to make it stand up in court if it is challenged. We can say how many STR’s we think is appropriate, but it must be done correctly legally. Recommendation was 35.
* J. Penniman: A lot of these properties were bought and are being rented with no CUP and they are a business. There must be some regulations and not let every house become a STR. There needs to be some management of these properties and not rely on neighbors to make complaints to have the properties managed.
* P. Robinson: There is a provision of someone must be within 90 minutes of the property.
* J. Penniman: Ordinances are to protect our property and our town. Concerns about TOI becoming a transient community due to STR’s such as Lake Anna.
* P. Robinson: The number of 35 will allow the STR’s that are currently operating and limit the new ones. The limit will hopefully stop the community from becoming a transient community.
* G. de Rio: Is there a survey or comparison in Lake Anna. Do we adopt a number or percentage?
* L. Taylor: 27 are registered right now.
* P. Robinson: Current ones would be grandfathered in.
* J. Brown: Issues with receipts with VRBO and Air bnb.
* S. Tara: (has a STR through Air bnb). Air bnb does not collect the taxes on her behalf. She pays her taxes straight to the town. Senate Bill 651 is intending to bring more clarity to the collection and remittance of taxes for STR’s.
* P. Robinson: New bill takes effect Oct. 1, will clarify, and resolve the Air bnb issue. There is still a monthly form stating how much tax should be coming in.
* J. Penniman: Tax collection from STR’s shouldn’t be a burden for the Town.
* G. del Rio: Any revenue sources that the Town has require some management. This is just another one of them.
* J. Harris: Does Town Council want Mr. McRoberts to work out an ordinance that does a flat-out number of percentage as regards STR’s.
* D. Patteson: STR’s can be beneficial but we need to make sure that everyone benefits from STR’s, so a finite number is good.
* P. Robinson: Hotels/motels are exempt from STR.
* G. del Rio: Fine with number (35). Need to make sure to consult Mr. McRoberts on the process.
* J. Harris: Question of insurance on STR.
* P. Robinson: We don’t have any safety inspections in Irvington.
* D. Patteson: It is in the Town’s best interest to require liability insurance.
* P. Robinson: Town or Urbana has inspections by the Town Manager/designee to make sure the STR is abiding by the ordinances and provisions.
* Discussion that CUP stays with the property, not the owner.
* Female: Who have oversight and enforcement over the number of STR’s.
* B. Schaschek: STR’s should follow same rules and regulations as the Tide’s Inn & Hope & Glory. Should be inspected by Board of Health also.
* P. Robinson: Problems is enforcement and who is going to do it.
* J. Harris: Rental rules and renter conduct. Use of taxes. All recommendations will be forwarded to Mr. McRoberts.
1. **ADJOURN**

**Motion *(Dudley Patteson)* to adjourn.**

**J. Brown second.**

**Motion passes 5-0.**