

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3, 2015 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Bill Flott, Bob Young, James Carley, Justin Goembel (late), Daryl Holt and Bill Peterson (late).

Absent: Paul Ritter.

Committee Chair Flott noted the agenda, Bob Young moved, seconded by James Carley, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as outlined by the committee chair. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Minutes of the February 3, 2015 committee meeting were referred to the committee. Interested citizen Megan Dassow remarked that upon a review of a tape of the February 3, 2015 meeting that some more detailed information should be added to these minutes. Bob Young suggested that Megan Dassow provide written correspondence stating the information she believes should be part of these minutes, then the committee will approve this information as an addendum to these minutes. Bob Young moved, seconded by James Carley, that these meeting minutes be approved as discussed. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

ETSB Report:

As the ETSB Chair, Mike Ingles reviewed with this Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services Committee the 2014 annual report from the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB). This report included information on the membership of the ETSB, the ETSB/911 employees and statistics including the number of calls processed through the 911 center. Mr. Ingles continue to review this report commenting on financials and the status of proposed capital projects. Mr. Ingles remarked about the status of the StarCom radio project with wiring currently being installed in the dispatch center for that project. Mr. Ingles then commented about the Spillman CAD system, which will be installed during the second half of this year.

Interested Citizen John Slagel inquired as to where the information on new CAD system is to be stored. Mr. Ingles responded that initially the information is to be stored locally on dual processors, and that offsite data centers are being considered as potential future sites to store this information.

IEMA Potential Grant Review and Acknowledge IEMA Accreditation:

The committee was provided with some hand out information about the consideration of a commodity flow study that would be paid through a Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness planning grant administered through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. An outline for a similar commodity flow study for Whiteside County was also made available to the committee. Dialogue took place regarding the major transportation routes that lead through Livingston County and that hazardous materials are transported on these interstate, highway and rail routes as they transit through Livingston County. The value of this study and how this study would be followed up took place. A consensus of the committee was to not pursue this grant at this time.

Mr. Schopp also informed the committee that Livingston County has received a Certificate of Accreditation from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for a current two year period.

Other considerations pertaining to the review of the proposed Pleasant Ridge Wind Energy Project Special Use:

The March Pleasant Ridge Wind Energy Project hearing calendar was reviewed. Committee members commented that they would like to see these hearings end in March. Carolyn Gerwin expressed her concerns about wind farm decommissioning security funds and how they relate to potential bankruptcy issues. Carolyn Gerwin suggested that the county consult with an attorney specializing in bankruptcy. Committee Chair Flott replied that he would discuss this issue with James Griffin, the attorney consulting Livingston County relating to Wind Energy regulations.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice in the amount of \$3,386.50 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period of November 2014 to January 2015 relating to landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator area Landfills, for environmental/solid waste landfill consulting service to Livingston County was submitted to the committee. Daryl Holt moved, seconded by Bill Peterson, that this statement be approved for payment. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Solid Waste Report:

A copy of a planning commission monthly synopsis of landfill information and correspondence was presented to the committee members. The monthly information synopsis relating to Livingston Landfill focused on report copies pertaining to CAAPP and NPDES monitoring and reports, ground water monitoring results, extended review time requests for the IEPA to take action on some of their landfill permits was mentioned, along with methane gas surface monitoring results. The committee was informed of the decommissioning of gas wells.

Information on the Streator Area Landfill gas well X-309 was also part of this report. Host agreement information was also presented to the committee. The planning commission administrator then reviewed some general information about the regional pollution control facilities located in Livingston County with the committee. This information included maps depicting the location and layout of the Livingston and Streator Area landfills. These maps were also used to relate to the landfill gas collection system.

Carolyn Gerwin opened a dialogue on the abandoned Smith Douglas property. The history and status of this facility were talked about. Mr. Schopp agreed to go and check on the creek bank/pond berm this Spring. Mrs. Gerwin suggested that the IEPA be contacted about their status, on this IEPA sealed site.

Continuing the Process of Reviewing of the County's Wind Energy Ordinance:

The committee is waiting to continue the process of reviewing the County's Wind Energy Ordinance until after all of the evidence is on the record pertaining to the Pleasant Ridge Wind Energy Project.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Then Daryl Holt moved, seconded by Justin Goembel, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission