

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2017 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: Daryl Holt, Justin Goembel, Jason Bunting, James Carley, Marty Fannin, Steven Lovell and Paul Ritter.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board Chairman Bob Young, non-committee County Board member Vicki Allen, County Executive Director Alina Hartley and County Finance Director John Clemmer. Interested citizens of the county were also present at this committee meeting.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt noted the agenda for this July 11, 2017 meeting noting a clarification of the upcoming zoning board of appeals meeting dates. Jason Bunting then moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt then referred to the minutes of the June 6, 2017 committee meetings. Then Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Marty Fannin, that these meeting minutes be approved with the correction of the spelling of Mr. Fannin's name. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Solid Waste Report – Review of a synopsis of solid waste documents and host fee information:

Printed copies of a report for Deigan and Associates and a copy of the planning commission monthly synopsis were presented to and reviewed with the committee members. These reports focused on landfill gas monitoring reports and groundwater monitoring reports. A copy of the results of the Streator Area Landfill water monitoring wells split sample was also provided to and discussed with the committee members. Monthly host agreement fund information was also provided to the county. The devising of a plan and lack of funding for placing a new cap on the old landfill south of Pontiac was talked about.

Update on the Review of the Illinois Noxious Weed Law:

The administrative rules pertaining to the Illinois Noxious Weed Law have been reviewed. The administrative rules have some sections which are listed as shall do actions and some sections listed as may do actions, creating questions as to what specifically would meet the analysis of the Illinois Department of Agriculture requirements.

It was pondered what would be the consequences of not complying with these regulations, other than being advised of the regulation by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. County Executive Director Alina Hartley offered to inquire with the UCCI as to how other counties are meeting the requirements of the Illinois Noxious Weed Law. The committee advised that this matter be further researched and that reports be made back to the committee as necessary.

Update on the Consideration on the Update of the Livingston County All Hazards Mitigation Plan:

The committee members were informed that this plan was developed with a grant administered through IEMA, of which should have five year update. As discussed with the committee last month a Request for Proposals may be part of the process for additional grant funding for the update of this all hazards mitigation plan. Again the importance of this plan is that with the county having such a plan it may assist in seeking disaster mitigation funding. The Request for Proposals will be sought soon, in that the window of the grant applications opens in late summer of this year.

Committee update on the status of Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-3-17, which is focusing on the results on the Advisory Referendum on wind turbine setback distances and how these results may be incorporated into the wind energy zoning regulations:

Mention was made to the committee members that the Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled public hearing on August 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm to continue their review this zoning case. The committee members expressed their thoughts regarding this zoning case and the hearings regarding the ZBA review of this zoning text amendment.

Evaluation of a Spiller Pays Ordinance:

Committee member Paul Ritter explained his reasoning for his proposed a Spiller Pays Ordinance for Livingston County. Though spiller pay regulations are addressed in an environmental safety section of the Illinois Statutes, Mr. Ritter has more confidence in the county having a separate spiller pays ordinance. A dialogue of how other Illinois counties have a spiller pay ordinance took place. The committee agreed that the language in the spiller pays ordinances from other counties may be reviewed to see if proposed text for the Livingston County Spiller Pays Ordinance can be supplemented with additional specific language.

Review of Draft Budget Proposals:

Proposed draft budgets for Regional Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Solid Waste, and ESDA were presented to the committee. Jason Bunting moved, seconded by Steven Lovell, that this committee approve that these draft budgets be forwarded to the Finance Committee for their review. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

Livingston Landfill's July 21st. Open House was mentioned to the committee members. This open house is planned to begin at 11:00 am.

The Sun Trucking property and properties in the area of the Sun Trucking property were further discussed, as to limited improvement is seen in some area and how burn piles continue to be a concern on other area properties.

Public Comments: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$4,901.00 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from May 11, 2017 to June 6, 2017 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 and explained to the committee. Justin Goembel moved, seconded by James Carley, that this committee approve the payment of this invoice. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session Pursuant to 5/ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) – Litigation: None

Adjournment:

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

This meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission