

## AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES MARCH 6, 2018 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, Patrick Killian, Steven Lovell and Paul Ritter.

Absent: James Carley.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: Non-committee County Board member John Slagel and County Executive Director Alina Hartley Interested citizens of the county were also present at this committee meeting.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt commented about the agenda for this March 6, 2018. Jason Bunting then moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, 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 February 6, 2018 committee meetings. Justin Goembel moved, seconded by Steven Lovell, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Committee Briefing on Solar Energy Special Use Applications:

The committee members were presented with information packets briefing them on the proposed Threshermens Solar and Miacomet Solar projects being proposed by Cypress Creek Energy. Each site is proposed to be about 30 acres in size. The Threshermens Solar project is to be located in Section 26 of Esmen Township. The Miacomet Solar project is to be located in Section 21 of Newtown Township. Then a brief general discussion on solar energy took place. These solar farm proposals will proceed through the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals hearing process with the zoning board of appeals to make a recommendation, and then these solar energy applications will come back before the county board for a decision.

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

Printed copies of the planning commission monthly synopsis were presented to and reviewed with the committee members. These reports and discussion on these reports focused on landfill gas monitoring reports, NPDES reports and water sampling reports, at Livingston Landfill. At the Streator Area Landfill gas well X-309 issue continues to be monitored, water monitoring reports and their application to renew their IEPA permit were mentioned. Host Agreement and monthly host agreement fund information was also provided to the county.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The committee was the briefed about a new state Consumer Electronics Recycling Act. The planning administrator related that he had opted into this program for the county, as discussed with the committee last week. An update on some of the issues being pursued regarding improperly discarded materials then took place.

Public Comments:

Mark Heil, a resident of Rapp Court, related that he has no major concerns about the proposed Threshermens Solar farm, to be located about a mile north of where he lives. He noted that no noise would be heard from proposed solar farm and the proposed solar farm would be difficult to be seen from their residential area. An increase in tax revenue that may be generated by them was mentioned. A discussion on cover grasses under the solar panels also took place.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$1,281.25 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from January 5, 2018 to February 20, 2018 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. Jason Bunting moved, seconded by Justin Goembel, 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 6:45 p.m.

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Charles T. Schopp, Administrator  
Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission