

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 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, Steven Lovell, Jason Bunting, James Carley, Patrick Killian and Mike Ingles.

Absent: Paul Ritter.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board Chairman Bob Young, Non-committee County Board members John Slagel, Joe Steichen and Linda Ambrose, and County Executive Director Alina Hartley.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt commented about the agenda for this September 6, 2018. The zoning administrator noted that updates on additional subjects would be made. Jason Bunting moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that this agenda be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Daryl Holt then referred to the minutes of the August 7, 2018 committee meetings. Steven Lovell moved, seconded by James Carley, that these meeting minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Information Provided Pertaining to Proposed Solar Farms Vermilion I and Vermilion II:

The committee members were provided with special use application binders for the proposed Vermilion I and Vermilion II solar farm projects. These two projects adjoin each other, and remarks were made that this is being proposed as two projects instead of one, to allow for the applicant to meet qualifications pertaining to the state approval of solar energy projects. The Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals has begun their public hearings review of these solar energy proposals.

Small Cell Wireless Facilities Update:

The committee was updated regarding how other counties have addressed small cell wireless facilities. Mention was made as to how one county has implemented a small cell wireless facilities fee structure, as outlined in the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act. The county will continue studying the permitting of small cell wireless facilities.

Solid Waste Report – Review of a synopsis of solid waste related documents:

Printed copies monthly synopsis document reviews were presented to and reviewed with the committee members. These reports and discussion on these reports focused on landfill private well monitoring results, and NPDES reports, gas well reports and IEPA closure/post closure correspondence at Livingston Landfill. Linda Ambrose, John Slagel and Steven Lovell all commented on their recent visit to Livingston Landfill.

Host Agreement and monthly host agreement fund information was also provided to the county.

Host Fee Extension:

The committee members had previously been provided with a copy of the Draft Amendment of 2018 – To Host County Agreement and Related Documents as Amended. An additional printed copy of this document was presented to committee members at this meeting. This proposed amendment is for a three year period, the same time frame as similar host agreements in the past. This proposed amendment is similar to past amendments in that it proposes to continue the host fees to be paid per tiers, and the fee will be CPI adjusted annually. Comments were made that Republic Services, calculates these host fees into their budgeting process, and the proposed host fees as proposed to be amended are being considered as part of their budgeting process. Steven Lovell moved, seconded by James Carley that this Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services Committee recommend to the county board that this proposed draft amendment of 2018 to the host county agreement and related documents as amended be approved as it is being presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

Solar Farms Text Amendments:

Dialogue took place as a continuation of a conversation that took place at the last committee meeting, regarding a consideration amend the height of a fence required to surround solar energy special use facilities. The Vermilion I and Vermilion II proposed solar farms applicants are proposing an 8 foot tall fence, which would consist of wooden poles and a wire mesh. Since this fence proposal differs from the chain link type of fence discussed in the past, the conversation was about how to consider this type of fence proposal. The consensus of the committee was to be consistent with their opinion to have a seven foot high fence requirement, without defining the type of fence to be required.

Status of Electronic Recycling:

The committee was updated on the status of the Consumer Electronics Recycling Clearinghouse, and that Livingston County has been assigned to Sims Recycling Solutions, with Dynamic Recycling be a sub service provider for Sims. Details, such as potential costs, of the program will continue to be worked out.

John Slagel as a regional planning commission member remarked about his reasoning of placing limitations on acreage for solar farm development in Livingston County. This concept could include limiting acreage for solar farm development in each township, while allowing for the solar farm development throughout the county.

The committee was updated on the new East Central Flood Alliance group.

Remarks were made about the status of complaint sites.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$ 3,451.25 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from July 9, 2018 to August 14, 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 Steven Lovell, 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

Action Resulting from Executive Session- None

Adjournment:

Then Mike Ingles moved, seconded by Steve Lovell, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Livingston County Regional  
Planning Commission