

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE July 2, 2019 MEETING

The committee chair called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse, 112 W. Madison St., Pontiac, Illinois and roll call was taken.

Present: Jason Bunting, Gerald Earing, Steven Lovell, Tim Shafer and John Slagel.

Absent: Paul Ritter, Patrick Killian.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board Chair Robert Young, Livingston County Executive Director Alina Hartley and County Finance Director Dianne Schwahn.

Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented about the agenda for this July 2, 2019 meeting, Tim Shafer moved, seconded by John Slagel, that this agenda be approved as proposed to be amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Committee Chair Jason Bunting then referred to the minutes of the June 4, 2019 committee meeting. John Slagel moved, seconded by Tim Shafer, that these meetings minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

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 reports regarding the landfill gas system, NPDES reports, groundwater monitoring results. The groundwater reports included a copy of the recent split sample results pertaining to Livingston Landfill. The county's consultant will participate in a groundwater split sample event in October at the Streator Area Landfill. Golf netting to control blowing debris is being installed at the Livingston Landfill. An open house at Livingston Landfill is planned for August 9th. Dialogue on these documents then took place. Monthly host agreement fund information was also provided to the committee.

Recycling Projects Update:

Dialogue continued among the committee members on experiences learned from the recent electronics recycling event and the county battery recycling program. Considerations on how these programs can be modified were discussed and will be discussed again at a future meeting. The committee would like to work toward proceeding prudently in these projects.

Property Use Complaints Process Updates:

A process of sending complaint letters to property owners has started and will continue. The committee will be updated on this project at future meetings.

All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update:

The next mitigation planning meeting is still proposed to take place on August 6th at 7 pm, after the August Agriculture, Zoning and Emergency Services Committee meeting.

Department Budget Review:

Department budgets were reviewed by the committee. Gerald Earing moved, seconded by Steven Lovell, that this committee recommend these department budgets to the Finance Committee as proposed. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. A written explanation in amendments to the budget compared to this year's budget will be prepared for the finance committee.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The zoning administrator remarked about the AT & T Tower proposed to go up south of Saunemin, as several county board members had received letters regarding this proposed project. The committee was informed that the zoning board of appeals will meet on August 1st, and the Livingston County Regional Planning Commission will meet on July 29th, with these dates varying from their original schedule. The committee was informed that zoning board of appeals member Rich Kiefer is proposed to be reappointed at this month's county board meeting. The committee was informed of an Illinois Department of Agriculture web site that provides information addressing agriculture emergencies related to the wet spring.

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$4,778.25 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from May 20, 2019 to June 19, 2019 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. Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Tim Shafer, that this committee approve the payment of this invoice. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

Adjournment:

Then Gerald Earing moved, seconded by John Slagel, 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