

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2020 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: Jason Bunting, Paul Ritter, Gerald Earing, Patrick Killian, Steven Lovell, Tim Shafer and John Slagel.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast Non Committee County Board members Linda Ambrose, Mark Runyon and James Carley, and County Executive Director Alina Hartley.

Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented about the agenda for this February 5, 2020 meeting, additional comments are planned regarding electronic recycling under other business to come before the committee. Paul Ritter then 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 Jason Bunting then referred to the minutes of the January 7, 2020 committee meeting. John Slagel moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that these meetings minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Review and Recommendation for Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-1-20 – Venturi

This zoning case pertains to proposal to amend the zoning classification from an I1, Light Industry, District to a R2, Low Density Multiple Family Residence, District classification on property on the eastern end of Livingston Rd. in unincorporated South Streator. The report for this zoning case was reviewed. This review included the reasoning for this proposed zoning text amendment and information on the surrounding property uses including information on residential development in the area over the last several years. It was confirmed that these properties are served with the public water service of Illinois American Water, and are served by the Reading Township public sewer system. Gerald Earing moved, seconded by Patrick Killian, that this committee recommend to the Livingston County Board that Livingston County Zoning Case ZM-1-20 – Venturi be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Review and Recommendation for Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-1-19 – Livingston County –

This zoning case pertains to a proposal to amend the text of the Livingston County Zoning Regulations pertaining to cannabis regulations. The report for this zoning case was reviewed with the committee members. The new proposed text amendment language recommended by the zoning board of appeals was explained. The recommended setback distance from specific areas from schools, parks etc. was explained, in that an existing regulation distance of 1500 feet was being recommended. The recommended language in regard to a request for an affidavit, was explaining as having the basic language coming from draft municipal regulations. The reasoning for the placement of this recommended language was also commented about. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Steven Lovell, that this committee recommend to the Livingston County Board that Livingston County Zoning Case ZT-1-19 be approved as presented including the recommendations by the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals. This motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. It was reasoned that these regulations may need to be reviewed in the future, as this new business evolves in Illinois.

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, groundwater monitoring results, NPDES report, a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) report on the gas system a flare testing. A malodor issue was discussed. A new cell area is planned for 2020, along with some gas system work. Pipeline movement may take place in 2021 and more cell construction in 2022. Diegan and Associates submittal review comments were also part of the printed copy materials. Monthly host fee information was also provided to the committee.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

2019 Electronic Recycling report forms remarked about, and plans to enter the 2021 electronic program clearinghouse were noted.

Trash in the field east of the Aldi, Walmart, Taco Bell etc., business area was talked about, regarding where the trash is coming from and as to how it may be cleaned up.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$ 906.75 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from December 16, 2019 to January 9, 2020 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. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Gerald Earing, that this committee approve the payment of these invoices. This motion was approved by a voice vote.

Steven Lovell moved, seconded Patrick Killian, to go into executive session pursuant to 5/ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) – employee matters. This motion was approved by roll call vote.

Jason Bunting-Yes, Paul Ritter-Yes, Gerald Earing-Yes, Patrick Killian-Yes, Steven Lovell-Yes, Tim Shafer-Yes and John Slagel-Yes.

This meeting went into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:17 pm. No action was taken resulting from this executive session.

Adjournment:

Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission