

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2021 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, Gerald Earing, Scott Mennenga, Steven Lovell and John Slagel, Paul Ritter, Tim Shafer

Absent: None

Others Present: County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast, County Executive Director Alina Hartley, non-committee county board members Seth Welch and Linda Ambrose. 1

Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented about the agenda for this January 5, 2021 meeting. Gerald Earing then moved, seconded by Tim Shafer that this agenda be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a roll call vote; Bunting-Yes, Ritter-Absent, Earing-Yes, Lovell-Yes, Mennenga-Yes, Shafer-Absent, Slagel-Yes

Committee Chair Jason Bunting then referred to the minutes of the December 16, 2020 committee meeting. John Slagel moved, seconded by Tim Shafer, that these meetings minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a roll call vote; Bunting-Yes, Ritter-Absent, Earing-Yes, Lovell-Yes, Mennenga-Yes, Shafer-Absent, Slagel-Yes

Business:

Briefing on Solid Waste:

Printed copies of the 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, CAAPP reports, NPDES reports, groundwater monitoring results, private well sampling results, a report on a significant medication on changing parameters of some parameters in some of the ground water wells, and a report on a significant modification regarding Streator Area Landfill well X-309 which noted seasonal higher methane concentrations being considered for additional remediation measurers. The committee members were informed that the newly constructed cell area has been permitted and trash placement is now taking place in this cell. Plans to move the Enbridge pipeline that dissects the landfill are moving forward to have this project take place in 2021. New cell construction would then take place in 2022. Monthly host agreement fund information was also provided to the committee.

Briefing on New Required Emergency Planning Components:

Discussion among members of the committee took place regarding the county's emergency operations plan and potential updates that may need to be made in accordance with IEMA standards.

The zoning and planning administrator informed the members of the committee that his office would be contacting various county offices to obtain information regarding the continuity of government and continuity of operations. Other new planning requirements will include a recovery plan and an alternate housing annex.

Briefing on Concepts to Update the Comprehensive Plan:

A handout on the basic elements of the Livingston County Comprehensive plans was presented to the committee members. Then there was discussion among the members about the county’s comprehensive plan and options for updating the comprehensive plan including the county’s statistics and census information that is part of this plan. Members discussed when and how the process should proceed with updating the comprehensive plan. It was the consensus of the committee that county should begin this comprehensive plan using internal personnel.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:

The zoning and planning administrator informed the committee about FEMA’s new national risk index and Livingston County’s standing within the index. The administrator also discussed new guidelines relating to flood insurance that will become effective this year.

There was then discussion among the members regarding Nicor facilities in Livingston County as they relate to issues that had previously been discovered in the LaSalle County plant, of which will be further investigated.

Lastly, there was discussion relating to the Livingston Landfill’s leachate disposal methods, including pre-treating and disposal at a public waste water treatment facility, recirculation of the leachate. A concept of deep well injection was brought up, along with potential concerns of the use of this method, of which has not been proposed at the local landfill.

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice with a total amount of \$863.50 from Deigan and Associates, LLC for Professional Services for the period from December 10, 2020 to December 18, 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 roll call vote; Bunting-Yes, Ritter-Absent, Earing-Yes, Lovell-Yes, Mennenga-Yes, Shafer-Absent, Slagel-Yes

Adjournment:

Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved by a roll call vote; Bunting-Yes, Ritter-Absent, Earing-Yes, Lovell-Yes, Mennenga-Yes, Shafer-Absent, Slagel-Yes

This meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission