

## AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2021 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m..

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

Absent: Paul Ritter, Scott Mennenga

Committee Chair Jason Bunting commented about the agenda for this May 4, 2021 meeting noting an amendment to exclude zoning case ZM-1-21 due to procedural issues. Steven Lovell then moved, seconded by Gerald Earing 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 March 2, 2021 committee meeting. John Slagel moved, seconded by Steven Lovell, that these meetings minutes be approved as presented. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

#### **Business:**

#### **Briefing on Solid Waste:**

Committee members noted the increased amount of tonnage compared to February's report.

The zoning assistant administrator presented an update on information relating to the Streator Landfill 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2021 split-sampling of wells. The assistant administrator related that there were no exceedances of volatile organic compounds noted in the 4 wells that were sampled. However, there were small amounts of arsenic discovered in 2 of the 4 wells that were well below IEPA standards. The assistant zoning administrator assured committee members that the IEPA recognizes that arsenic is a naturally occurring compound in Illinois soils. The assistant administrator also noted that according to Deigan & Associates, Republic appears to be properly abiding by sampling and lab analysis protocols.

Committee Chair Jason Bunting then updated members of the committee of a recent Zoom conference that took place between him, the assistant administrator, Paul Ritter, and Bill Janes from Republic regarding the litter issue along the I-55/Route 66 corridor between Pontiac and Dwight. Bunting related that the conversation has begun between the county and Republic to develop a solution to prevent litter from occurring in the first place rather than continuously picking it up. It was stated that Bill Janes would be reaching out to area landfill managers for ideas as well as contacting trucking companies that currently bring waste to the landfill. Members were told that they would be kept up-to-date as that process develops.

Jason Bunting informed committee members that Mr. Janes told him at the recent Zoom meeting that they have significantly increased enforcement efforts with trucking companies to ensure that

loads are properly secured upon arrival as well as departure which has resulted in recently banning a trucking company from bringing waste to the landfill.

The assistant administrator also noted to committee members that Mr. Janes related at the Zoom meeting that the companies who are hired to come to the area to clean up litter have had staffing issues as it relates to hiring/keeping employees which has contributed to the increased amounts of litter that have been seen in the I-55/Route 66 corridor.

### **Electronic Recycling Discussion:**

The zoning assistant administrator noted that there is a flyer for the June 12<sup>th</sup> recycling event in Pontiac posted onto the Livingston County website which includes examples of items that will and will not be accepted. The assistant administrator told committee members that they could direct their constituents to the county website for that information and that the flyer could be shared to social media.

The assistant administrator then informed committee members that he had spoken with Chris Brock with the street department of the City of Pontiac and had arranged for a street sweeper to arrive at the K-Mart parking lot at 2 PM after the recycling event to cleanup the area to ensure the area looks as it does before the event. Committee members then discussed other equipment that would be necessary for the event.

The assistant administrator then noted that he is still in contact with the trucking company who will be taking the electronics to ensure that there are no miscommunications when the day of the event arrives.

### **Emergency Operations Plan Update:**

The assistant administrator informed members of the committee that the final version of the Emergency Operations Plan for the county has been submitted and formally approved by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. The assistant administrator noted that there is just a short form that the zoning administrator needs to fill out once he returns for the county to receive accreditation.

### **Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:**

The assistant zoning administrator informed members of the committee that the zoning administrator is scheduled to return to work on a part time basis next week and that he anticipates to return to full time sometime in the first part of June.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Review and Approval of Bills:**

Two bills from Deigan and Associates in the amount of \$470.00 and \$1,456.91 were introduced by the chairman. It was then moved by Steven Lovell, seconded by Gerald Earing to approve the payment of the bills. The motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

**Adjourn to Executive Session:**

Steven Lovell then moved, seconded by John Slagel that the committee adjourn to executive session. There was then a roll call vote:

Jason Bunting -	Yes	Steven Lovell -	Yes
Paul Ritter -	Absent – No Vote	Tim Shafer -	Yes
Gerald Earing -	Yes	John Slagel -	Yes
Scott Mennenga -	Absent – No Vote		

**Executive Session then began at 6:20 p.m.**

**Regular Session resumed at 6:31 p.m.**

**Action Resulting from Executive Session:**

Motion by Slagel, second by Shafer to open the executive session minutes of March 7, 2017, March 28, 2017, May 2, 2017 and November 7, 2017, keep closed all remaining executive session minutes, and further authorize the destruction of all verbatim records dated eighteen months and older previously approved for content. The motion was carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

**Adjournment:**

With there being no further business to come before the committee, there was a motion by Lovell, second by Slagel to adjourn. The motion was carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m..

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