

## AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MEETING

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

Present: Tim Shafer, Gerald Earing, Steven Lovell, Jason Bunting, and John Slagel, Paul Ritter, and Scott Mennenga

Absent: None

Committee Chair Bunting commented about the agenda for this November 2, 2021 meeting. Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Scott Mennenga that this agenda be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Committee Chair Bunting then referred to the minutes of the October 5, 2021 committee meeting. John Slagel then moved, seconded by Paul Ritter that the October 5, 2021 minutes be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

#### **Business:**

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

The zoning assistant administrator presented a solid waste update to committee members by relating that there were no significant updates to report outside of the normal correspondence from CEC that the zoning office receives.

Mr. Ritter noted a lack of information that has been reported from the Streator Landfill. The zoning administrator responded by informing Mr. Ritter that with each year away from the closing date of the landfill goes, the less frequency of reports are required.

#### **Electronic Recycling Event Discussion**

The assistant zoning administrator provided committee members with a copy of the event flyer as well as a copy of the insurance policy for the event. It was then related to committee members that the Livingston County Probation Department has been contact regarding help from probationers with the event on Saturday in Dwight. It was unclear as to how many probationers would show up to the event due to the fact that it was simply posted as a community service opportunity for probationers and Kayla from the probation office did not know how many would show up to the event. There was further discussion as to other options to get volunteers such as high school programs or employees from the Village of Dwight.

Committee members then discussed the volume of material that is to be expected for the event. It was noted that there is typically less volume of recyclables when it is held in Dwight and that the event site itself is also smaller than what the Pontiac site was. Committee members then discussed

traffic logistics as well as the site layout. It was determined that due to the potentially muddier conditions, the flow of traffic would likely need to be determined the morning of the event. There was then discussion as to how to best receive items from the City of Fairbury in a manner that would limit congestion at the event site.

### **Review of Diegan & Associates 2022 Proposal and Work Agreement**

The zoning administrator noted that there were not many changes to the work agreement from the previous agreement. It was, however, noted that the new agreement proposed a raise in hourly billing rates for Gary Diegan as well as two others on his staff. The zoning administrator noted that Diegan's office lost an employee since the last work agreement.

The committee chair noted the great work that the group has done for the county.

Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Gerald Earing that the 2022 proposal and work agreement for Diegan & Associates be approved as presented. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

### **Legal Counsel Debrief**

The committee chair then introduced Mr. Andrew Keyt to the committee members who represented the Livingston County Zoning Board of Appeals in a recent legal case regarding a decision that the ZBA made on the Pontiac Flying Service zoning case.

There was then discussion between committee members and Mr. Keyt as to what could be done to mitigate these issues in the future. Mr. Keyt explained that it is possible for the county board to expand their decision making to other genres of special uses or use other metrics such as multiple parcel special use requests or acreage thresholds to determine if it would go to a full county board decision. Mr. Keyt explained to committee members that decisions made by the elected members of the county board hold a higher burden of proof for legal challenges than decisions made by appointed members of the ZBA.

**Other Issues to Come Before the Committee:** None

**Public Comment:** None

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

Two bills were presented for approval which included a bill for \$411 from Diamond Brothers insurance for the e-recycle event on Saturday and a bill for \$438.50 from Diegan & Associates.

Steven Lovell moved, seconded by Paul Ritter, that the bills presented be paid. The motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m..

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