

## AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2021 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.. Pursuant to Public Act 101-0640 and the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation related to COVID-19, participation in this meeting was offered in person, through Zoom and by teleconference.

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 December 7, 2021 meeting. Tim Shafer moved, seconded by John Slagel that this agenda be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Committee Chair Bunting then referred to the minutes of the November 2, 2021 committee meeting. Paul Ritter then moved, seconded by Gerald Earing that the November 2, 2021 minutes be approved as presented. This motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

#### **Business:**

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

The zoning assistant administrator presented a solid waste update to committee members by relating that the Livingston landfill plans to begin accepting contaminated soil from a McLean County project which is intended to be cover soil at a different section of the Livingston landfill apart from the current active deposit site. There was then some discussion about what exactly the soil was contaminated with and if it would lead to problems in the future. Chairman Bunting noted that the contaminated soil seemed to be similar to a previous project at the landfill that ended up being beneficial to the landfill.

There was then discussion between committee members about the recent odor issue that was particularly noticeable. It was noted that there were turbine problems with Hoosier Energy which led to gas release.

The committee then discussed the upcoming pipeline relocation project which was discussed as being on schedule at the time of the meeting. Committee members then discussed the exact relocation route versus the current pipeline route.

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

The committee then discussed the recent electronic recycling drive that was held in Dwight. It was noted how smoothly the event was ran and how much the abundance of help was appreciated.

## Special Use Discussion

Committee members then discussed the idea of expanding the list of special use genres that the county board would make final decisions on rather than the zoning board of appeals.

After some discussion among committee members weighing the pros and cons of different options for the county board assuming final decision making authority over more special use cases, Paul Ritter moved that a zoning text amendment process be started for the county board to be able to have final decision making authority over airports and mineral extraction in addition to what they already do. Tim Shafer seconded the motion.

The motion carried by a roll call vote:

Jason Bunting – Yes	Steven Lovell - Yes
Paul Ritter - Yes	Tim Shafer – Yes
Gerald Earing – Yes	John Slagel – Yes
Scott Mennenga – Yes	

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

**Public Comment:** None

### Review and Approval of Bills:

One bill was presented for \$572.50 from Diegan & Associates.

John Slagel moved, seconded by Gerald Earing, that the bill presented be paid. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of all ayes.

### Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m..

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