

AGRICULTURE, ZONING AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2022 CONTINUATION OF THE RECESSED
APRIL 5, 2022 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 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 and Steve Lovell.

Absent: Scott Mennenga and Tim Shafer.

Others Present: Additional County Representatives included: Non committee County Board Members James Blackard, Linda Ambrose. County Executive Director Alina Hartley, County Health Department Administrator Jackie Dever , Assistant Planning and Zoning administrator Jesse King, along with several interested citizens.

For the approval of the agenda for this April 14, 2022 meeting. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Steve Lovell, that this agenda be approved as amended. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Business:

Airport Setback Discussion (Continued from the April 5, 2022 recessed meeting):

As a follow up to an issue raised at the last meeting, the committee chair related that State's Attorney Randy Yedinak was unable to attend the meeting. It was related that the matter of researching how special uses can be transferred is still a work in progress. Some special uses have conditions that dictate as to how the special uses can be transferred, and other special uses may need to be reviewed on a case by case basis. The zoning administrator remarked that if there was an intent to allow for the special use which was not specifically noted, but was silent, then we can go back and review the options on how to transfer those special uses if need be.

Then the committee discussed the status of their review of the airport setback issue. The state definition of the different types of airports is located in one of the committee handouts regarding this matter. The committee members analyzed as how they could move on with this issue. Then Gerald Earing moved, seconded by Steve Lovell, that the committee complete their current review of airport setback distances. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Solid Waste Update:

Printed copies monthly synopsis document reviews were presented to and reviewed with the committee members. These reports and discussion on these reports for Livingston Landfill focused on reports regarding NPDES reports, water well monitoring test results. Comments were also made about the status of the 2022 cell construction and final cover plans. Monthly host fee information was also provided to the committee.

Paul Ritter followed up on the presentation his class made at the last committee meeting pertaining to trash/litter along the I-55 corridor. Mr. Ritter noted that representatives of Republic Services are open to discussing this matter with his students. Areas regarding this matter that could be discussed include tarping and the lack of workers. Solutions can then be discussed. How litter/trash on private property can be cleaned up was talked about, including trash /litter near the landfill and the Walmart in Pontiac.

Ordinance Concerning Emergency Management Declaration:

Mr. Schopp remarked that consideration should be made to allow for the current county COVID emergency declaration to continue since some financial assistance programs are continuing, and that this declaration can be reviewed again after July 15, 2022, a current date on which some of the financial assistance may end. Then he commented on how the county regulations could be amended to be more detailed about county emergency declarations. County Health Department Administrator Jackie Dever commented on the ongoing grant programs for her department and how the need to supply health care facilities with PPE etc. may need to continue if new outbreaks of COVID occur. So, it is wise to continue the disaster declaration at this time. Jim Blackard related that he does not believe the current status of this disaster is an issue, but that it would be wise to allow for a review of declared disasters every 90 to 120 days. The significance of such a review and a potential county board vote on this issue was considered. How some disaster proclamations, such as by the state of Illinois, are renewed after a set period of time was mentioned. The committee agreed to further talk about this subject at a future committee meeting.

Other Issues to Come Before the Committee: None

Public Comment: None

Review and Approval of Bills:

An invoice was presented in the amount of \$432 from Diamond Brothers Insurance for an event policy for the April 2, 2022 electronic recycling event. Also presented was an invoice with a total amount of \$1,167.14 from the Deigan Group for Professional Services for the period from January 18, 2022 to March 9, 2022 relating to landfill monitoring and technical reviews of Republic/Allied Waste's Livingston and Streator Area Landfills, for environmental/solid waste landfill consulting service was presented to the committee. Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Steve Lovell, that this committee approve the processing of these invoices. This motion was then approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

Adjournment:

Paul Ritter moved, seconded by Gerald Earing, that this meeting be adjourned. This motion was approved by a voice vote of all ayes.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Charles T. Schopp, Administrator
Livingston County Regional
Planning Commission