

Members Present

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Bertrand, Ms. Hertzberger, Mr. James, Mr. Martin, Mr. Washington, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Whitten, and Mr. Hess

Members Absent

Mr. Stauffenberg, and Mr. Marcotte

In Attendance

Mr. Kruse, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Bossert, Mike Lammey, Michelle Sadler, Sarah Billadeau, Andrew Pristach, Dave Tyson, Rich Howell, John Bevis, Leigh Marcotte, Chad Miller, and Don Pallissard

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Olthoff, at 9:00 a.m.
Quorum Present.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes- May 23, 2006

A motion to approve the minutes from May 23, 2006 was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Bertrand. Motion carried.

4. Subdivisions

• **White Point Subdivision – Variances**

Mr. Tyson stated that this is for one variance for White Point Subdivision. White Point Subdivision is northwest of Grant Park. At the present time the developers of the subdivision are actually in negotiations with the Village of Grant Park. He has a letter from the Mayor of Grant Park that states that Grant Park is currently working with the developers to execute a pre-annexation agreement for the White Point Rural Subdivision. The Mayor also stated in the letter that the Village does not have any problem with individual wells or septic treatment systems for this subdivision due to the distance from the Village limits and the Village Board does not foresee extending the public system out to that area for quite some time, if ever.

Mr. Tyson stated what he is here for today is not to ask for all the variances that have been originally applied for but for just the variance on the well and septic system. The only reason that those two items cannot be submitted to the Health Department because the Health Department will not even hear the matter until such time that the County Board has approved a variance for those two systems.

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Mr. Tyson stated that after this is complete the other variances will not be brought back to the committee until the pre-annexation agreement is worked out with the Village of Grant Park.

A motion to approve the variance was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes and 4 nays (Ms. Hertzberger, Mr. Martin, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Whitten).

Ms. Hertzberger stated that the County needs to be very careful. A subdivision near there has been a regret to the County. This needs to be done right the first time.

Mr. James stated that what the developer is requesting is not out of line. There is a lot of homework yet to be done to see if the well and septic are fit to go into that location.

Mr. Scholl stated that the key element here is the letter from the Mayor. The Mayor stated that due to the distance from the Village limits, the Village Board does not foresee extending the public systems out to that area for quite sometime, if ever. If this area is going to be developed, the subdivision is going to have to well and septic.

5. Solid Waste

None

6. Transportation

- **Commuter Rail – Earth Tech Contract**

Mr. Lammey introduced the new Transportation Planner, Sarah Billadeau.

Mr. Lammey stated that Earth Tech is the selected consultant by the Task Force. The Earth Tech Contract is a task ordered contract. It is the first time this has ever been done. He does not know how much things are going to cost. By having a contract setup this way, money can be released a little at a time.

Mr. Lammey stated that this will go to Finance.

A motion was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Tripp. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 11 ayes.

- **METRO Intergovernmental Agreement**

Mr. Lammey stated that about seven years ago METRO was formed with an Intergovernmental Agreement between Aroma Park, Bourbonnais,

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Kankakee, and the County. A year after that Bradley joined the Intergovernmental Agreement. Currently, the original agreement is expiring. At this time, the Village of Manteno wishes to join the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Mr. Lammey handed out a memo that spoke to the amount of money spent on METRO and the ridership.

A motion to approve the METRO Intergovernmental Agreement was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.

7. Planning

8. Other

- **Kankakee County Manteno Enterprise Zone Expansion – Oak Street Expansion & Deletion of Property**

Mr. Tyson stated that he is representing the Village of Manteno on this matter. What Manteno is requesting is to take some property out of their Enterprise Zone, which is actually located in the north side of Manteno, and add some property right downtown in Manteno into the Enterprise Zone. This is for a 13,000 square foot retail center. There is a developer that wants to come to Manteno and build a nine unit, 13,000 square foot retail center. There is an acre of land lined up for this project right now. This project will bring in approximately 50 construction jobs and up to 100 permanent jobs after the completion of the center. What Manteno is looking for is to have the County adopt and support the change of this Enterprise Zone. The Village Board will approve this on Monday night.

Mr. Tyson stated that there is no change as far as the size of the Enterprise Zone. It actually decreases the amount of land in the Enterprise Zone. He stated that the building permits are already in place.

A motion to approve the Manteno Enterprise Zone Expansion and Deletion of Property was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Hess. Motion carried.

- **Zoning Board of Appeals – Opening**

Mr. Olthoff stated that in the committee members packet there is a letter of resignation from Rich Howell.

A motion to accept the resignation of Rich Howell from the Zoning Board of Appeals was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Martin. Motion carried.

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- **Professional Engineer Recommendation from Stormwater AD HOC Committee**

Mr. Olthoff stated that in the packet there is job description of the Professional Engineer.

A motion to approve the Professional Engineer Recommendation from Stormwater AD HOC Committee was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 11 ayes and 0 nays.

- **Kankakee County Economic Development AD HOC Committee Recommendation**

Mr. Kruse stated that in January the County Board passed a resolution for three members of the County Board to meet with three members of the Economic Development Association to try and come up with strategies for moving forward with Economic Development within the County. This came out of the Regional Planning Commission which Mr. Washington and Mr. Tripp are on. He thanked them for all the work they do on the Regional Planning Commission. What has transpired has been that the Economic Development Association is very interested in continuing to work together and partner with County Government through this process. In the packet there are the outlined strategies and goals. The Economic Development Association has adopted these strategies and goals. He is looking for the same kind of action at the County Board level to approve these strategies and goals.

Mr. Washington stated that for all the time that the County has had Economic Development efforts in this County, the County has been a stand aside and watch agency rather than an active participating agency. With these agreements the County intends to be active in the push towards bringing more economic development into the County.

Mr. James stated that he supports this. What is the County's obligation with this?

Mr. Kruse stated that there are a lot of services and things of that matter that are already provided by the County; for instance, the services of GIS, Transportation Planning, Land Use Planning, etc. It is even more important that when the County is looking at this, there are other opportunities and grants to help pay for portions of this that the County could be eligible for.

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A motion to approve the Kankakee County Economic Development AD HOC Committee Recommendation was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.

9. Executive Session

There was no executive session at today's meeting.

10. Old/New Business

Mr. Whitten stated that he would like to have the topic asking the EPA for more money to run the Solid Waste Program.

Mr. Olthoff stated that he will have that placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Also, the issue of the 6000 Interchange, Boudreaux Estates, Rifle Range, and River Bend Drainage issue.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kruse and seconded by Mr. Tripp at 9:42 a.m. Motion carried.

William Olthoff, Chairman

Stephanie Jackson
Executive Coordinator

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