

Members Present

Mr. Stauffenberg, Ms. Schmidt, Mr. James, Ms. McBride, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Tholen, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Whitten

Members Absent

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Hess, and Mr. Marcotte

In Attendance

Mr. Kalecki, Mr. Kruse, Mr. McLaren, Mr. Vickery, Ms. Bernard, Eric Sadler, Joe Franco, Laura McElroy, Leigh Marcotte, Michelle Sadler, John Bevis, Mike Martin, Mark Wilson, Don Lambert, John Bevis, Mike Van Mill, Rich Howell, Delbert Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey, Don Pallissard, Terry Vaughn, and Misty Fields

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Stauffenberg at 9:10 a.m. Quorum present.

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Subdivision

• **Shadow Creek- Variances**

Mr. Stauffenberg stated that the developer of the subdivision asked to have this item postponed.

• **Sunset Grove – Final Plat**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.

• **South Shore Subdivision- Land Usage- Covenants on Property**

Mr. Kalecki stated that out past South Shore Golf Course, which is a residential area, there is a vacant piece of land where there use to be a home. It was purchased by a person up north who has been using that property as a campground. There have been some issues with littering, alcohol, noise complaints, the use of generators, etc. There have been police reports. There is also an issue with livestock being kept on the property. This situation doesn't seem to get any resolution so the people are coming before the County Board for resolution. He asked if anything could be done. He brought a petition that everybody in the community has signed.

Mike VanMill stated that he will go back to the staff and review it and if they find some avenues within the zoning ordinance we would want to make sure we have a legal basis.

5. Planning

• **Delbert Skimerhorn- AICP**

Mr. Van Mill stated he is proud to make this announcement. Delbert Skimerhorn has worked here for 18 years progressing through the planning profession. He has accepted more responsibility, taken on projects that have been completed, which we see the fruits of today. They had talked about Delbert pursuing the certification for national planners. Mr. Van Mill is happy to say that after one exam Delbert has passed the AICP. It reflects very well on Delbert's knowledge of the planning issues and as a County we should value that.

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- **Reappointment of Steve Duchene to Board of Examiners and Appeals**

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Scholl and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried. Mr. James opposed.

A motion to reappoint was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Whitten.

Amendment to vote individually on the RPC reappointments was made by Mr. Scholl and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried.

A motion to reappoint Steve Duchene was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Tholen. Motion carried.

- **Reappointment Regional Planning Commission Members**

William Bukowski – A motion to reappoint was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. McLaren. Motion carried.

Barry Jaffe - nominations fails.

Mayor Samuel Payton – A motion to reappoint was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried.

Loretto Cowhig – A motion to reappoint was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.

Ralph Paarlberg – A motion to reappoint was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Ms. Schmidt. Motion carried.

Rich Howell – A motion to reappoint was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Whitten. Motion carried.

Mel Blanchette – A motion to reappoint was made by Mr. Scholl and seconded by Mr. Tripp. Motion carried.

- **Appointment of County Board Member to Replace Mr. Tripp on the Regional Planning Commission**

Mr. Kruse will make this appointment.

8. Old/ New Business

- **Economic Alliance Service Agreement**

Mr. Van Mill gave a presentation with regards to the Economic Alliance and the consideration of an update of the current service agreement that is between the County Board and the EDA.

A motion to approve the service agreement was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried.

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State's Attorney's office has evaluated this. We will send it to them again.

- **Revolving Loan- Accion**

Over the course of a few years, the Planning Department has been working with a company called Accion of Chicago in attempts to evaluate the need and the possibility of Accion helping our organization with the micro loan program for K3 County. We saw a need for several years but did not know how to structure something of this nature. We had Accion fill out a revolving loan application. We presented that to the loan committee which consists of 2 private sector people and 2 county board members. Accion made a presentation and in the packet are the findings and recommendations of the revolving loan fund committee which says they concur with creation of a micro loan program and that we allow Accion of Chicago to administer the program under the terms and conditions for which they already operate. We would loan up to \$75,000.00, but only in \$25,000.00 increments.

A motion to move forward was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Scholl. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Vickery went through some of the things the revolving loan committee went through during the screening process.

- **Revolving Loan- City of Kankakee**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. James. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays.

- **Enterprise Zone**

Mike Van Mill stated that he would have a presentation at next meeting.

- **Delegation Agreement**

Mr. Van Mill stated that Mr. Olthoff was going to give the presentation but he got called out of town. He will make the presentation next month.

Ms. Bernard requested that the agenda item be Reinstatement of Delegation Agreement.

Mr. Whitten stated that the Health Department's job is to inspect composts and land fills. This is the health department's job; he doesn't think the county has any business with the delegation agreement.

Mr. Scholl stated to some extent he agrees with Mr. Whitten. In his opinion, the delegation agreement is dead at this time. We need to step forward and deal with the real problems that confront us. The problem that confronts us is clean water throughout the county. We need to ensure clean water in the County. Every one who has a well; it is their responsibility to get that water tested. Individual water is the individual's responsibility.

Mr. Schmidt commented that all she can say to that is good luck.

A motion to reinstate the delegation agreement as it was when we dropped it was made by Ms. Hertzberger. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Mr. Vickery stated that we need a delegation or an enforcement mechanism to stop the pollution.

Mr. Scholl stated that when he said the delegation agreement was dead he meant the relationship between us and the State. We need enforcement within the County. This is a county issue and we need to deal with it on a county level.

Ms. Schmidt said we need to put county wide inspector on the agenda for the next month.

- **Resignation of Drainage Commissioner Calvin Meyer- B.M. Lewis Drainage District**

A motion to approve the resignation was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Scholl.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. was made by Mr. Tripp and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.

James Stauffenberg, Vice-Chairman

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