

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Stauffenberg

In Attendance

Mr. Kruse, Mr. Bossert, Mr. McLaren, Mike Van Mill, Don Pallissard, Rich Howell, Mike Lammey, Jim Greenstreet, Darrel Bruck, Keith Runyon, Leigh Marcotte, and Delbert Skimerhorn

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

Darrel Bruck, Jr. spoke regarding FEMA and the Minnie Creek.

Keith Runyon spoke regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan Update.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2007 was made by Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Marcotte. Motion carried.

4. Transportation

• Intermodal Workshop

Mr. Lammey stated a workshop is scheduled on November 5, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Leo Hassett Community Center in Manteno. The workshop sessions will be led by Earth Tech. Lunch will be provided around 11:00 a.m. that will coincide with a question and answer session. There will be bus that will leave Manteno for a tour of CenterPoint at 11:45 a.m. which is expected to return to Manteno sometime after 3:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in attending the workshop, please contact Michelle Sadler to reserve a seat no later than Friday, October 19th,

5. Other

• Intergovernmental Agreement Between County o Kankakee and Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District

Mr. Van Mill stated it has come to his attention as he was going through the exercise of putting next year's budget together as to whether the County has an agreement with the Soil and Water Conservation District. This has been discussed over the course of the last couple of meetings. The Soil and Water Conservation District is a very valuable agency for the things that the Planning Department does. In the past, their involvement in the Stormwater Ordinance and Technical Manual was something that saved the County about \$50,000.00. As the Planning Department went through the process of getting RFP's together on doing the Stormwater Ordinance and Technical Manual there was not a bid that came back less than that. The County basically had the Ordinance and Technical Manual done for free. He thinks that everyone is happy with it and it

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allows the County to move forward with becoming a Rural to Urbanizing County. Without their help with that, the County would not be where it is today with that Ordinance. Their availability is something that as a County we need. For instance, the Planning Department is starting to develop an existing conditions report with the prison site in Pembroke Township. As part of that report, the Planning Department has called upon the Soil and Water Conservation District to do the environmental portion of the report. Those are the kind of projects that make the Planning Department's relationship with them invaluable. The County has had this partnership for at least 10 years and he would like to continue that into the future.

Mr. Scholl stated considering the cost savings to the County and the availability of the service from the Soil and Water Conservation District, he would move that the County enter into an intergovernmental agreement for FY08 in the amount of \$3,000.00, which was seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 11 ayes and 1 nay (Mr. James).

Mr. James stated he finds it difficult to believe that the County is getting a bargain out of this.

Mr. Howell stated he believes the first agreement between the County and the District was for FY92. The County Board found then that \$3,000.00 was a worth while contribution. The District does offer services, would you get things as promptly, I am not sure. We are responsive not only to Mr. Van Mill, but to Mr. Lammey, Mr. Pallissard, and Mr. Skimerhorn on natural resource issues. The Soil and Water Conservation District also continues to work with the GIS Department. It generated maps for every drainage district in the County in order that they could then be put into the GIS System for the Assessor. That was the first time those have ever been updated. The Soil and Water Conservation District also continues to work with the Health Department and the Highway Department. So it is not just services that come to this committee.

6. Old/ New Business

- **Economic Alliance of Kankakee County Dinner- October 25, 2007 at Hilton Garden**

Mr. Van Mill stated the members of the Committee should have received an invitation to attend the Dinner which is being held Thursday, October 25th at the Hilton Garden.

Mr. Van Mill handed out the Economic Development Strategic Plan (a 3-Year Strategy). He briefly discussed the plan with the Committee.

Mr. Van Mill stated as the Committee is aware, the Alliance and the County sponsored a tour of Pembroke Township. During that tour and afterwards, we have committed to assisting the Township and the Village in three major projects. First of all, doing an existing conditions report of the prison site to find alternatives and uses for the acreage there. Secondly, we will be assisting them on trying to find how to maximize the use of the old Nestle plant. Thirdly, we will help them with an update of their comprehensive plan for the Village and the Township. That was a very constructive trip, in which a lot of people in community became well educated on the challenges in Pembroke Township.

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7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m. was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Bertrand. Motion carried.

William Olthoff, Chairman

Stephanie Jackson, Executive Coordinator

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