

**Members Present**

Mr. Olthoff, Mr. Tholen, Mr. Stauffenberg, Ms. McBride, Ms. Barber, Mr. Washington, Ms. Schmidt, Mr. James, and Mr. Hess

**Members Absent**

Mr. Hubert and Mr. Tripp

**In Attendance**

- **Board Members**

Mr. Bossert and Mr. Liehr

- **Department Heads**

- **Media**

Leigh Marcotte

**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**

**3. Approval of Minutes – September 29, 2010 and October 5, 2010**

**A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Stauffenberg and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried.**

**4. Subdivision**

- **J & J Subdivision – Preliminary/Final Plat**

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that this is a two-lot minor subdivision located along Rt.1 about two miles north of the Village of St. Anne. The property is zoned R1-Residential and has been since 1967. It contains two houses with one house having an accessory structure; they have both been there for well over 30 years. The applicant desires to divide the two houses apart so he can sell them. They each have their own septic, well, and driveway.

Ms. Schmidt asked if this will allow them to build a house there.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the only way they could do that is if they tore one of the houses down – only one house per lot is allowed.

**Mr. Stauffenberg made a motion to approve it and Mr. James seconded it. Motion carried with voice vote.**

**5. Building**

- **Quarterly Report**

Don Pallissard reviewed the quarterly report with the committee. Last year we received \$235,199 for fees by the end of September; this year we received \$149,628 during that same time frame. That is a difference of \$85,571. Last year we issued 899 permits by the end of September; this year we issued 774.

Mr. Stauffenberg asked if the houses under “Residential” are all new houses.

Mr. Pallissard stated that they are new houses. We are six to seven houses behind where we were last year.

Ms. Schimdt asked if he was going to do this report on a regular basis. She thinks it is a good idea.

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that he was planning on it; he has had some people ask him to.

## **6. Transportation**

### **• Rural Transit**

Mike Lammey stated that a couple months ago they came to the committee asking to provide service to Sun River Terrace which they started two months ago and they have been pleasantly surprised – the bus is full on some trips. They started with a service two weeks ago in Hopkins Park to provide work trip service to downtown Kankakee. They didn't advertise it very much the first week but had two people show up without any notice that the service was even being provided. Hopkins Park started advertising it last week so they think it will grow. It will be interesting to see what happens. They are going to try to add St. Anne to that service, also.

Mr. Lammey stated that they have been servicing Momence for a while now. Their first trip out there is 6:00 a.m. but most of the Momence employers start their early morning shift at 5:00 a.m.; therefore, they miss their first shift. They have applied to the State for some money to begin service at 3:00 in the morning. They received the grant; they have the money for the operating but do not have any hope right now of getting a grant for a vehicle for that. They are tapped on vehicles right now, so until they can get about a 22-passenger vehicle they are not going to start that service. He doesn't know when that is going to happen; the State does not have any 22-passenger vehicles on their inventory to sell at this point. They would have to go outside the State system to find one but they need the grant to do that.

Mr. Lammey stated that a few months ago they were told that there were some nursing homes in the County that needed to have mental health services but those services were not available in the County. They would have to travel to Iroquois County for those services. With the committee's blessings, they talked to some people in Iroquois County but he now believes that they may have been misinformed on that issue. They believe there are mental health providers in Kankakee County and they are trying to put the two together now. They haven't heard anything about that issue for about a month so he assuming it is no longer a big issue. They will continue to work on that.

Mr. Lammey stated that the State of Illinois is becoming more and more difficult to work with – they now have to prove financial hardship before they can be reimbursed for funds that they have already spent.

Mr. Stauffenberg asked if they could go to Midwest Transit for a bus.

Mr. Lammey stated that the problem is that if you lease a bus it comes out of operating and not capital and operating is 50/50 percent and capital is 100/0 percent.

## **7. Other Business**

## **8. Old Business**

## **9. New Business**

Mr. James stated that we have a tremendous amount of residential areas throughout the County and we seem to have an influx of pole buildings. In White Subdivision there was an issue over a pole building going up because it was in violation of the covenants. We have just issued a permit for a second pole building going right up next door to the first one – in a residential subdivision. There are a lot of residential

subdivisions out there and we are going to have to start making a decision right now whether or not we are going to allow this to continue. There are wars out there and we better act on it. He doesn't care what our code says – it is time to change it. He makes a motion to look into it and do something about it.

Mr. Olthoff stated that it is not on the agenda so we cannot act on it. It will be put on next month's agenda.

**10. Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m. was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. McBride. Motion carried.**

Bill Olthoff, Chairman  
Joanne Langlois, Executive Coordinator