

March 15, 2021

Sanitation/Planning & Zoning/Dog Control

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Alan McCoy.

Present: Cedric Schnitzler, Ron Lueth, Alan McCoy, Sharon Folcey, and Mary Cook.

Also Present: Alison Elliott-Sanitation, Zoning, Dog Control Administrator

Possible Corrections and Approval of February 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

A **motion** was made by Mary Cook and seconded by Sharon Folcey to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2021 meeting. Motion carried: 5-0.

Public Comments: (3 minutes each, one time only). None

Office relocation

Cedric asked the chairman to put on the agenda for this month's meeting because he felt it was important to start thinking about relocation for the SZD as well as for Park/Forestry and Land Information. Rolling Hills will be starting their new construction this April and are projecting a move in the fall of August of 2022. Therefore, it is important to find a new location before that time.

Cedric stated the Property/Maintenance Committee have toured the old Sparta Police Station at 121 E. Oak St, Sparta, that building will be available in the future. He feels that this would be a good fit for the SZD department but would like some feedback. Cedric asked if the Committee members would be interested in doing a tour of the building. The Committee was interested and instructed Alison to make arrangements for a tour prior to the SZD meeting on April 19th starting at 5:15pm.

Sanitation & Zoning

FEMA Floodplain Mitigation Grant.

DNR municipal flood control grant

Shoreland zoning violation in the Town of Wilton. (Borntreger)

Zoning violation in the Town of Ridgeville (Swenson)

Alison gave a presentation to update the Committee members on the progress of the demolitions of the first three properties purchased with the FEMA grant. Two were on Jameson Rd and one on Hammer Rd. She presented pictures of the sites before and after. Both of the sites on Jameson Rd have been completed. Buildings are down at the Hammer Rd location just the concrete remains to be removed, which will be done after the road bands are lifted.

Alison also showed a brief presentation of the flooding at the Hammer Rd property from July 2017 and August 2018 and Sept 4, 2018. This property has flooded 5 times since 2017.

There are currently two more accepted offers (Leon) and one more pending in the Town of Portland.

Ron Lueth asked the question as to what was going to be done with the Green Space after the projects have been completed.

Alison explained that a long term plan will be developed beginning in April for these properties. This plan will need to be approved by the County Board as well as get approval from FEMA , Wisconsin

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Emergency Management and the Department of Natural Resources. It was stated that the Leon Community Center has expressed interest in the two sites in Leon adjacent to their property.

Andy Kaftan-County Attorney-Corp. Council was present to give an update on the Shoreland zoning violation in the Town of Wilton (Borntreger). and Zoning violation in the Town of Ridgeville (Swenson).

Andy explained that building without a zoning shoreland permit is a violation of the County Ordinances. If the owner refuses to take it down the court could fine them and the owner could do jail time. The County could do the work to bring the properties into compliance with a court order however, the County cannot place a judgement on the property taxes. If the Towns get involved then the cost of compliance could be placed on the property taxes and if not paid in three years the property could be foreclosed on. It would however need to be budgeted for initially. Andy mentioned the possibility of looking into having the Highway Department do the work.

Discussion was held:

Andy also discussed the ongoing issue with the Swenson property in the Town of Ridgeville. Alison gave the Committee members a hand-out on the past history. Mr. Swenson was sited back in 2010 and did clean up the site but it was back to the original condition by 2015 and possibly even worse.

Andy felt that since this has been a reoccurring issue that we do not need to send another letter that a citation would be in order at this time giving him a date to have everything removed and cleaned up by June 1st. The Committee members were in agreement with Andy's decision and Andy will draw up a citation letter.

Andy also mentioned this might be another case where the County would need to cover the cost of compliance and could possibly work with the Town of Ridgeville to have that cost placed on the property taxes.

Ron Lueth requested a copy of the citation and letter to share with the Town Board of Ridgeville and will discuss with them the possibility of working together to bring this property into compliance.

Dog Control:

Nothing new to report at this time. Alison did mention that Jeff Leis-On-Call Humane Office has been working very hard visiting various sites that are in need of getting Kennel Licenses, to include several of those that will also need Conditional Use Permits. Jeff has learned that several of these residents have State Licensing for breeding but have never gotten licenses from the county.

Andy Kaftan also mention that Jeff is doing a great job, he has been working an investigation recently that involved having to confiscate 9 dogs. He has been a real asset to our county.

Financial Report

FINANCIAL REPORT - VOUCHERS - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS – CREDIT CARD EXPENDITURES – LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Discussion was held :

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Department Vouchers		Interdepartmental Transfers		Credit Card Voucher	
Sanitation	84.75	Sanitation		Sanitation	0
Zoning	304.69	Zoning		Zoning	8.00
Dog Control BOA	1001.85	Dog Control		Dog Control	0
Total	1,391.29	0			\$8.00

Set Date for Next Meeting and Possible Agenda Items.

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 19, 2021 and will start at 6:00 pm in the County Board meeting room in the Justice Center. Agenda items: Three public hearings, two change of zoning and one conditional use permit. Also a possible tour of the former Sparta City Police Station prior to the meeting.

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Cedric Schnitzler seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried: 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Recorded by Gretchen Jilek