

EEHW COMMITTEE MEETING
November 15, 2018 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Dudley, Chair
Debra Kraft
Matt Brown
Laura Zimmerman
Jerry Potts

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland
Kevin Meachum
Rachel Joy
Helena Buckner

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Greg Collins, Veterans Administration
Jennifer Gunter, P&Z
Kris Horton, Animal Control
Dianna Heyer, Health Dept
Laurie Rasmus, Env Mgmt
Tracy Sumpter, P&Z
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dudley at the Macon County Office Building.

MINUTES

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the 10/25/18 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Ms. Kraft made a motion to accept the report of the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0.

ZONING –

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-03-05-18, a Petition Requesting a Special Use Permit Submitted by Lisa Smith to Operate a Coffee House and Beauty Salon in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning

Ms. Gunter explained that the property is commonly known as 8791 Bethel Road in Pleasant View Township. The petition was heard at the last Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing due to questions on property lines from the previous survey. The minutes were sent out to the committee members and the petitioners are present if there are further questions.

Chair Dudley said that at the last committee meeting, they had asked for a 2nd opinion on the survey. He asked if they had gotten that. Ms. Gunter replied no, a second survey was not done.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board, seconded by Mr. Brown and roll call vote showed the motion failed 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding Case S-01-11-18, a Petition Requesting a Special Use Permit Submitted by Kenny Ferguson to Store Construction and Excavation Equipment when not in use in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning

Ms. Gunter explained that the property is commonly known as 2640 Sangamon Road in Oakley Township. The Oakley Township Planning Commission and the Oakley Township Board met on October 22nd, 2018 and both boards voted to recommend approval with opposition from one Township Board Member for the Special Use Permit. On November 7, 2018, a Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing was held and based on the finding of facts and staff recommended approval with stipulations found in the resolution, the ZBA voted 5-0 for denial of the special use permit.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and roll call vote showed the motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Brown voting nay.

SUBDIVISIONS – None

REPORTS

Animal Control

Ms. Horton distributed a monthly report on statistics and reported that they are doing the Home for the Holidays Foster Program where an animal can be fostered between now and the first week in January. If it is decided to adopt, the fee is half price which is about \$40.

Ms. Horton also reported that they had lost an employee this past week. Jack Freeman had been with the department for 13 years, 7 months and 5 days. He died from complications from heart surgery at Barnes Hospital the night before last. Chair Dudley extended thoughts and prayers to the family on behalf of the EEHW Committee and asked Ms. Horton to convey that for them.

Veteran's Assistance

Mr. Collins invited the members of the committee and those present to come out to the Pearl Harbor event which will be held on Friday, December 7th at 10 a.m. in front of the Beach House.

Ms. Kraft commented that she had gone to the Veterans Day ceremony at the Salvation Army and it was wonderful.

Environmental Management

Ms. Rasmus reported the Keep America Beautiful has designated Nov. 15 as America Recycles Day. That is today, so she wished everyone a Happy America Recycles Day!

This year global impacts, most notably China's National Sword Policy, have influenced our nation's recycling efforts –both in terms of economics and operations. During the Feb. EEHW meeting, Ms. Rasmus shared some of the details regarding China's policies and our local impacts. The root of the issue has to do with contamination in recycled material. In fact, a study has shown that 1 in 4 items placed in the recycling bin is not accepted locally for recycling. Without a doubt, it is confusing to know what should and should not go in single-stream recycling. So, today, on America Recycles Day, a state-wide education campaign is being kicked off with an emphasis on how to recycle right. Our department participated today in this educational effort with a series of educational posts on Facebook and Twitter.

Also, specific to our department's single-stream collection program, we created new educational signage for prominent placement on the 11 collection boxes that we operate in the rural areas of the County. We are now in the process of installing these new decals.

Planning & Zoning

Macon County Board Resolution Adopting the 2014 National Electrical Code Published by the National Fire Protection Association

Ms. Gunter explained that this is just updating the code which is currently under the 2011 and will be updated to the 2014 National Electrical Code. The City of Decatur, Village of Forsyth, Village of Mt. Zion, and the County are all going to do this as of January 1st.

Mr. Brown made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Recognizing the 2015 Published Issues of the International Building Code and the International Residential Code for One and Two Family Dwellings

Ms. Gunter explained that this is the same thing. We are currently under the 2012 and are moving up to the 2015 to be in compliance with everybody around us.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 5-0.

Health Department –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY18 and FY19 Health Budget for Dental Clinic Expansion

Ms. Heyer explained that they had received some funding for the dental clinic expansion. Funding has been received from the United Way, The Balance Foundation, & Delta Dental of Illinois. The provisions for these awards were not included in the FY18 or FY19 budgets. The funding will be used toward the expansion to include 4 more dental units within the clinic. This will significantly increase the number of patients served. The Health Department Clinic is the only dental clinic that fully serves individuals that are on Medicaid or do not have any source of health insurance. This will also include equipment purchases and building improvements that will be needed as part of the expansion. A panoramic Xray machine will be purchased to benefit and add to the comfort of the patients served. Other equipment and supplies include a compressor, sharps containers, computers, xray sensors, monitors, etc. Building improvements include plumbing and electrical which will be organized and coordinated with the Decatur Public Building Commission.

Chair Dudley asked if the grants cover the whole expansion. Ms. Heyer said no and explained that this is a two year project. She said that they are getting \$25,000 from the United Way this year, \$28,000 from the Balance Foundation, and \$10,000 from Delta Dental. She said they are hopeful that they will get another \$25,000 from the United Way for FY19. A wonderful donation from Dr. Bechtol of all of the dental equipment including the chairs, Xray machines,

etc... So, a lot of what they thought they would have to spend, they don't because of Dr. Bechtol's wonderful donation. She said that as a result, they are moving a little faster than they planned, but they will fall short in funds is that once it is all done, they will need another dentist, hygienist, and possibly another dental assistant. She said they are thinking they can get all of this installed, up and going, and be able to utilize the extra 4 chairs, but they won't be where they need to be until 2 years. She said that part of her job is to be looking for more funding to help get the additional dentist, hygienist, and help. She said the \$73,417 equals all of the costs for the equipment, plumbing & electrical. What they have on hand right now for 2018 & into 2019 pays for all of that. For 2020, an additional \$14,503 will be for startup of that year.

Mr. Brown made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Macon County Board of Health Food Fees

Ms. Heyer explained that the current fees have been in place for about 3 years. There is a change regarding when the renewal fees are due. Business owners had been allowed to turn in fees by January 15th and now they are being asked to turn in their \$50 renewal fee on January 1st. They are given 6 weeks to get their fee in. We feel like this is not too much to ask; to have it in by the 1st of the year when it is due. It does expire on the 31st of December. The fee does increase the later it gets. The information packets have been sent out and food establishment owners have known that these fees would be due at this time this year. Another thing that is different is that a \$250 reopening fee will be charged if the establishment has to be closed by the Health Department. With the new FDA Food Code, there will be some plusses for the establishments and it will be more difficult for the Health Department to do what they have to do. On average, the Health Department will go out on about 3 visits and try to assist the establishments in reopening. There has not been a charge for that, but when the 3 visits were figured in with the time & mileage it takes, it comes to about that fee. That will start in January. It is not outside of what other Health Departments are charging.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 5-0.

Regional Office of Education - no report

Mental Health – no report

Historical Museum - No report

U of I Extension No report

CITIZEN'S REMARKS –

Lisa Smith, 1550 East 2500 North Road, Blue Mound, IL

Ms. Smith apologized for not being present at the last EEHW committee meeting. She said they were misinformed about the need to be there. She said she was told that either they needed another land survey or needed to bring the land surveyor to explain the plans for the business.

She said they had shown up at the rezoning meeting with the land surveyor who is here tonight. He explained the land survey and property lines to the zoning board. She said that is why they came tonight and brought the land surveyor. She said they thought that was the request. She said when the chairman had asked if a 2nd land survey had been done, no they didn't because they thought that was unnecessary and excessive to have to have done when they already have a land survey and the surveyor came tonight. She said this is the 3rd time this has been brought up and they have been to the zoning hearings 4 times where there has been nobody in opposition to having the business there. She said they've completed every single thing that has been asked of them by the zoning people. She said she just wants people to maybe reconsider. She said she did not understand why they are getting "no's" on everything.

Chair Dudley explained that just because this committee voted no, it will still go before the full County Board next month in December. The full board could or could not pass it. The second thing is, and he said he appreciated the fact that they are trying to start a business in the county. If you were just sitting there by yourself, it's a no brainer, but there is a cemetery next door. We understand land surveys and things, but when property lines change, it is the committee's job to make sure we are doing the right thing because if something happens and someone digs there and a body is dug up, we are going to get sued. Ms. Smith commented that the lawyer for the county said that would not happen – that's all on us. Mr. Dudley said when people sue, they go for the money and the money is in the county. He explained that they had simply asked for a second opinion. He said if the taxes had doubled on her house, she'd go get a second opinion. When a property line changes a foot or two, ok, but when it changes by 11 feet, that bothers us. All we asked for was a 2nd opinion on this. Ms. Smith explained that that is a \$2,000 to \$3,000 opinion. Chair Dudley said it could still pass the full board. Ms. Smith said that the land surveyor explained why the property lines had changed, what happened, and why those lines are where they are. Chair Dudley recommended to Ms. Smith that she have the surveyor come to the full board meeting on 12/13 and explain then. This committee has already voted and the full board will be the next vote. He said he understands the cost, but hopes she understands that the board needs to be sure. Ms. Smith agreed and said she did not understand why the committee did not pass it. She said she wanted a reason why the committee did not pass this or say yes. What are we doing wrong that we need to correct. Mr. Dudley explained that they had asked for another survey for a 2nd opinion. Ms. Smith said there was a choice given to them; bring in the land surveyor or have a 2nd survey done. She said they chose to bring in the land surveyor to explain the survey. Mr. Dudley explained that this is just a sub-committee and it is still going to the full board in December. He said he recommended that they do that there. He said they are not against business in the County, but when there is a cemetery right next to you and a few questions have been asked and clear enough answers to satisfy us were not gotten. He said it may be enough to satisfy the full board. The job of board members is to protect the taxpayers of the county and he said he hoped she understood that is what they are trying to do and that they are not against her business. Ms. Smith said she had brought the cemetery board in to talk about it. The sign has been up for – she said she didn't know how long, and no one has come in to the 4 hearings to oppose it. Chair Dudley explained that he has been doing this a long time and has been chairman of the committee for 10 years and a lot of times, at the local level, nobody comes. That is not uncommon. He repeated that they are not against the business, but they have to be sure there's not going to be anything encroaching on to that property. Sometimes in these older cemeteries, nobody knows who is buried where and we just have to be

sure. He again said that they would be able to come to the December 13th County Board meeting and state their case and the full board will vote on it. Ms. Smith said ok and said she did not understand what was going on when everyone said no.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS – none

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING Next regular meeting –December 20, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Potts, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion carried 5-0 and Chair Dudley adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office