

Lake County Illinois

*Central Permit Facility
500 W. Winchester Road
Libertyville, Illinois 60048*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

8:30 AM

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Public Works, Planning & Transportation Committee

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- * Topic or Agenda Item Number followed by Public Comment.

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1. Call to Order

Chair Durkin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present 9 - Chair Durkin, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Taylor, Member Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

Others present:

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation

Eric Waggoner, Planning Building and Development

Robert Springer, Planning Building and Development

Austin McFarlane, Public Works

Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County

Matthew Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Alex Carr, Communications

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Abby Scalf, County Board Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Durkin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Durkin hopes all are staying safe and healthy and looks forward to meeting again in person.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

REGULAR AGENDA

PLANNING BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

7.1 [20-0624](#)

Ordinance establishing the Lake County Temporary Emergency Public Nuisance Ordinance.

Attachments: [EXHIBIT A LAKE COUNTY TEMPORARY EMERGENCY NUISANCE ORI](#)

Eric Waggoner, Planning Building and Development Director, presented this item to establish a COVID-19 temporary emergency ban on open burning in unincorporated Lake County. The temporary prohibition of open burning in unincorporated areas would go into

effect immediately and set to expire on June 10, 2020.

Based on information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), exposure to smoke from open burning can result in serious health consequences during the COVID-19 pandemic in people who have existing respiratory conditions and also for those who don't. People who contract COVID-19 are more likely to develop more severe symptoms and/or serious complications due to smoke exposure.

Director Waggoner said open burning during this pandemic also increases the risk of fire, which can impact fire departments and first responders when resources may be strained as they focus on public health and safety during this time.

In light of the potential risks, governments across the country have enacted similar temporary bans on open burning. Also, fire protection districts in Lake County including Antioch, Countryside, Lake Zurich, Long Grove and Fox Lake have enacted temporary bans on open burning within their boundaries.

Significant discussion ensued, including questions by Committee members on alternatives for residents to handle yard waste during the temporary ban, which include communication tools to inform residents about composting or working with their local waste hauler. Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County director, said the agency is providing information on its website and other communication channels to inform residents about composting.

The Committee also addressed what steps may be needed if the temporary ban needs to be extended and what consequences would be taken if someone is found burning yard waste on their property. Director Waggoner said if an individual calls their local fire protection district, a truck would be called to put out the fire. If someone calls a County department such as Planning Building and Development, Health Department or Sheriff's Office, a warning may be issued after the result of the inspection. If it's clear the resident will not comply, the County may utilize a ticketing option.

A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that this item be recommended for adoption to the regular agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye: 9 - Chair Durkin, Vice Chair Pedersen, Member Clark, Member Hewitt, Member Maine, Member Taylor, Member Vealitzek, Member Wasik and Member Wilke

7.2 [20-0041](#)

Director's Report - Planning Building and Development.

Eric Waggoner, Planning Building and Development Director, had nothing to report.

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION

7.3 [20-0003](#)

Director's Report - Transportation.

Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation Director, said Lake County will be among local agencies to receive new bond proceeds from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The funds are part of the 2019 Rebuild Illinois capital bill.

Lake County's estimated bond share will be \$23,700,000, and the first disbursement will be \$3,960,000. The Lake County Division of Transportation must allocate the funds within one year of receipt and use the funds in their entirety by July 1, 2025. Director Schneider said the timing for these funds is good as the department sees impact on other funding sources. Discussion ensued.

Director Schneider also said IDOT plans to move forward with its 2020 program as planned, but looking forward to 2021 and beyond, the state may make adjustments to its program.

PUBLIC WORKS

7.4 [20-0042](#)

Director's Report - Public Works.

Austin McFarlane, interim Public Works Director, said the department is developing its multi-year rate study and will be bringing this study to the Committee for direction.

Director McFarlane said as they observe Drinking Water Week, they recognize the public works employees who are working to maintain operations and provide uninterrupted service to customers.

8. Executive Session

9. Public Comment

10. County Administrator's Report

Matthew Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, had nothing to report.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no remarks from members.

12. Adjournment

Chair Durkin called the meeting to be adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2020.

Meeting minutes prepared by Abby Scalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair

Vice Chair

Public Works, Planning, and Transportation Committee