

Members Present

Mr. Bossert, Mr. Liehr, Ms. Bernard, Mr. Whitis, Mr. Tripp, Mr. LaGesse, Mr. James, Mr. Vickery, Mr. McLaren, and Mr. Washington

Members Absent

Ms. Schmidt

In Attendance

- **Board Members**

- **Department Heads**

Kevin Duval, Bonnie Schaafsma, Debbie Woodruff, and Lori Gadbois

Others

- **Media**

Leigh Marcotte

Dimitrios Kalantzis

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes – August 26, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. LaGesse and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried with a voice vote.

4. Presentations

5. Legislative

Ed Meents was not present. Mr. Bossert stated that Mr. Meents wanted him to report that UCCI did have a meeting early in the week. UCCI is moving ahead with a health insurance pool for multi-county enrollment. Initially, they are going to rate counties separately and eventually in three or four years they will have one rate that they will apply across the whole pool. That program is getting off the ground. We did hear the presentation a few months ago but elected to pass it up at this time. He thinks it is going to be a good opportunity for small counties. October 13 is the deadline to register for the October 22 & 23 UCCI banquet and seminar.

6. Information Services

Mr. Duval did not have anything to report.

7. Health Department

Ms. Schaafsma stated that they started their seasonal flu shot campaign on Saturday with their first walk-in clinic at the Health Department from 8-12. They did close to 300 vaccinations and will be doing them every Thursday between 9 and 4 on a walk-in basis through October. They have plenty of vaccine – both the vaccination type and the nasal spray. If you are between the ages of 2 and 49 and are healthy you can get the nasal spray because it is a live vaccine. H1N1 is one of the three components in this year's seasonal vaccine. It is \$25 for the inoculation type and \$30 for the nasal spray. If you have Medicare Part B they bill it for you.

Mr. Tripp asked if the H1N1 has to be done every year.

Ms. Schaafsma stated that a seasonal flu shot is needed every year; H1N1 is one type of the seasonal flu. Last year it would have been given as part of the seasonal flu shot if it had reared its head early enough but by the time it became apparent that there was an outbreak and the vaccination was developed the seasonal flu vaccine was already in production. Every year the seasonal flu shot contains three strains of different flu viruses depending on what three are predicted to be prevalent. This year H1N1 is in it.

Mr. James asked what is done with the vaccine that does not get used. Is there a cost to that?

Ms. Schaafsma stated that the H1N1 that was not administered and had expired had to be wasted which is true of all vaccines. The seasonal flu they have to purchase so there is a cost if it is wasted. They typically order between 2500 and 3000 and what they don't use they have to dispose of. She thinks the biggest amount that they have wasted was 500 doses; they usually are pretty close to target. Last year the H1N1 was given to them free from the government.

Mr. Bossert asked how grant funding and staffing levels look.

Ms. Schaafsma stated that their grants are just about level with last year. The issue again is that the State remains six months behind paying them on last year's grants. They are holding their own because they used reserves and did lay-offs last year.

8. Pledge for Life

9. Schools

10. Veterans Assistance Commission

• Monthly Report

The Committee reviewed the monthly VAC report.

A motion to accept the monthly VAC report was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Liehr. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Ms. Bernard asked if the townships listed are the only townships where veterans are receiving assistance.

Mr. Bossert stated that evidently is the case as they track residency. That prompted a question a month or two ago as to why in some townships there is no activity.

Mr. Washington talked to Mr. Campbell and Mayor Payton and he is suppose to follow up with making arrangements for getting out in Pembroke once a month.

11. Personnel/HR Issues

Ms. Mackin was not present. Mr. Bossert reported that the enrollment period was completed successfully.

12. Administrative Issues

a. Reappointments/Appointments/Resignations

- Reappointment of Jeffrey M. O'Connor as Commissioner of Gar Creek Drainage District
- Reappointment of Franklin E. Meier as Commissioner of Gar Creek Drainage District
- Reappointment of Dennis J. O'Connor as Commissioner of Gar Creek Drainage District
- Reappointment of John Tamblyn as Commissioner of Manteno Drainage District #3
- Reappointment of John Gricius as Commissioner of Grinnell Special Drainage District

- Reappointment of Roger D. Keigher as Commissioner of Rockville Drainage District #1

Mr. Bossert showed a map of the all the drainage districts in the County. It is on the Planning office website under "Cartography/Mapping".

Mr. Vickery made a motion to approve the reappointments and Mr. Washington seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- Appointment of Jason O'Connor to the Raymond Drainage District

Mr. Bossert stated that in the packet is an application from Jason O'Connor and a letter of support from Frank Monferdini Sr. along with a letter from Paula Jacobi, the attorney for the Raymond Drainage District, outlining the issue in terms of Mr. O'Connor not being a property owner in the district. However, there is a statutory provision that would allow him to be on the drainage district.

Ms. Jacobi stated that ordinarily they look for adults who have property ownership in the district to serve as commissioners but in the statute for districts; such as, the Raymond District where the commissioners are appointed by the County, there is a potential for the residency requirement to be waived if in the opinion of this committee it would be in the best interest of the district to appoint the individual. As Mr. Bossert has just indicated, Mr. O'Connor has interest in serving in this capacity as he farms acreage in the district so he is very familiar with the area and the other farmers and land owners that reside there. She has represented drainage districts for a number of years and these commissioners serve without compensation. To find someone who has an interest in working on these issues she thinks is positive and he does have the support of the commissioners that have served in this capacity for a number of years. She asks for the committee's consideration and support of his application to be appointed.

Mr. Tripp made a motion to approve the appointment of Jason O'Connor pursuant to statute allowing a non-owner appointment to the district and Mr. Vickery seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mr. Bossert stated that he had said that he would bring in to the committee new appointments on positions like this but with this being in the middle of harvest season he didn't feel it necessary to bring him in right now. If needed, he can bring him in at a later date.

Mr. James stated that his concern about drainage districts is that a drainage district is suppose to encompass the drainage area of a specific area and it seems as though we handpick certain portions of that and a lot of it isn't even with a creek going through it. Why is it that there is not a continuation of an effort to encompass the whole drainage district?

Ms. Jacobi stated that he is absolutely correct. Drainage districts were formed many, many years ago and they are not continuous so there are sections of property that have no drainage district in place. There is nothing that would prevent individuals from petitioning to form a district or expand a district. Sometimes when there are issues that run into adjacent land that is not part of a district there has been some efforts made to try and expand an established district or potentially create a new one. There is nothing in the law that would prevent those coming under the jurisdiction of the drainage district. It is just the will of the people and their interest in putting this together.

Mr. James stated that he is not happy with the program. It is kind of like a partial solution and nobody is interested in a total solution.

b. Openings

- Two Openings on the K3 River Conservancy District

13. Information Items

Mr. Bossert stated that there was some discussion yesterday concerning the Hopkins Park Power Center grant and in order to help clarify the issue a Special PZA Committee meeting is going to held on Tuesday, October 5, at 1:00 (it has since been changed to 10:00) at the Power Center in Hopkins Park. The Township, the contractor, and the manager of the project will be available. We will tour it and the Township will answer any questions. We will line up a SHOWBUS if there is enough interest.

Mr. Vickery stated that we are only involved in the roof. The whole building is under a grant from the feds and the State.

The Finance Meeting of September 23 had been recessed to reconvene tomorrow but that has been canceled. The department heads are not prepared to come back to a committee yet. Quite possibly, the following Friday, October 8, may be the continued Finance Meeting.

14. Old Business

Ms. Bernard stated in August's PZA meeting Ms. Schmidt had brought a sample ordinance from Memphis, Tennessee in regards to how they deal with foreclosed properties.

Mr. Bossert stated that it did not come up at the PZA meeting yesterday; although, he wished it had. He talked to the City of Kankakee and asked for their vacant property code just to look at and decide if it is something that we want to model.

Ms. Bernard asked if residential homes could be included in it, not just commercial property. What committee will that ordinance come back to for approval?

Mr. Bossert stated that to him it would be a PZA issue. He got a copy of the code ordinance from the City and what they are trying to do on vacant properties is mandate registration by an owner with the City so that there is a contact person that can be held accountable. The difficulty is in tracking down the owners. A sheriff sale might be the prime spot to capture an owner but there are many properties that go through foreclosure that are not sheriff sales. It is a topic we are thinking about.

15. New Business

- **Probation Contract Ratification**

Mr. Bossert stated that this is a two-county agreement. All we are doing is ratifying the terms of agreement so it is on record that we support and will fund the contract. Mr. Bossert, Mr. Hess, and Mr. Scholl were on this committee along with three board members from Iroquois County, so it is a bit of a convoluted process to get an agreement amongst themselves much less with the Union. The bottom line in terms of money is that they ended up with a zero change for the first six months of the contract; effective June 1, 2010, a 1% increase; on December 1, 2010, a 2% increase; six months later another 2%. In effect, a 3% for the year and the same thing the third year. There is ample discussion over the appropriateness of any increases but the reality is that you are sitting at the bargaining table with a mediator who is basically telling us that arbitrators will treat us worse. At some point you need to settle and alleviate some other language issues that were being presented.

Mr. Vickery stated that in Iroquois County under vacation time it says that six months of service gets them ten working days.

Mr. Bossert stated that Iroquois County has different rules than our County and that is one of the complications. They had to put some language in there to allow for a differential from what we were doing.

Mr. Vickery made a motion to ratify this agreement and pass it on to the full board and Mr. Washington seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 10 ayes and 0 nays.

Mr. Bossert thanked the members who served on that committee.

16. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:39 was made by Mr. LaGesse and seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mike Bossert, Chairman

Joanne Langlois, Executive Coordinator