

Town of Hammond Planning Meeting Monday, Dec. 2nd, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Paul Hueg.

Planning Commission all members were present except for Nick Weidling.

Large group of guests in attendance. List of names can be seen in Clerks file.

Approval of agenda with name change, Miller/Hawkins

Minutes from Nov. 7th, 2024, reviewed and approved, O'Connell/Benson

Requests from the Public for Agenda

Reviewed CSM for Robert Rivard prepared by Brandon King. Vanbeek transfer Lot 2 to create a future building site for a family member. Has been perked, no driveway or setback issues. Meets 2-acre requirement. Moved to full Board for approval.

Open Business from Floor

Approximately 44 residents attended to voice concerns/complaints/ solutions regarding Solar Farm/Transmission Stations and Connection Lines proposed for our Township and surrounding area. Concern is aesthetics that will affect the area with no benefit. Attendees are concerned about health, safety issues and environmental impact. Most upsetting was the lack of communication with residents by the Developer. There is concern with the loss of up to 5000 prime acres of farmland and what will be done to restore at end-of-life span (25 years), Risks discussed to local Fire and EMS and required training/equipment. Discussed what could be done on a local level to stop, suggestions were made to contact representatives, resolutions of opposition by Towns. A petition of opposing of 2335 names was provided to Chairman Hueg. Paul will speak with other Town Chairmans, Town Association and our Town attorney will investigate further. Will continue to monitor developments and develop a plan to move forward.

Planning Commission Discussion

Completed discussion of uses for ARPA Money and deadlines. \$246,703.78 available.

Provided all the ideas for uses, Paul will compile for presentation and final approval at Dec. Town Board meeting.

Chairmans's Report

Chairman Hueg provide update on Porter property and County progress.

The January meeting to be Monday 1/2/2024.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm, Hawkins/ Benson

Submitted 12/6/2024 Greg Olson, Planning Secretary