

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Planning and Environmental Services Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Morse on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Roll was called. Present: Ms. Meyette, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Christians, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Morse.

Also present: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent; Mr. Steve Bruch, Oceana County Economic & Community Projects Coordinator, and Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2021, Planning & Environmental Services Committee as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, recited the words to "Silent Night".

Dr. Sobie requested consideration of a proposed resolution to approve the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority's bylaws. Dr. Sobie clarified that the Brownfield board doesn't have the authority to transfer a property for redevelopment, which was a main concern. Discussion ensued regarding the bylaws.

Dr. Sobie sought consideration of a proposed resolution to post-approve a Brownfield Assessment Grant application. This grant would allow for environmental investigations and promote economic development at Brownfield sites.

Dr. Sobie requested consideration of a proposed resolution approving submission of a grant application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The purpose of this is so that the federal government knows that the money is committed in one place.

Public Comment

Ms. Peggy Wittman expressed concern regarding the Brownfield Authority. She also requested an independent lawyer review the bylaws, not the county's attorney.

Ms. Marilyn Morse explained how her group, Patriots for Truth and Action got started and shared Ms. Wittman's concerns.

Mr. Garry McKeen, Mears resident, thanked the commissioners for doing their jobs and expressed appreciation for the people in the community who support the Board.

Parks and Recreation Chairman Garry McKeen gave a brief update on Parks and Recreation. The Stony Lake boat ramp project has been completed, as well as the picnic shelter at Doolittle Park. There is more to come in the spring!

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Morse adjourned the Planning and Environmental Services meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk