

## **Regional Leadership Council Meeting Minutes**

**July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. 5:30 pm**

### **County Board Chambers**

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Rader called the July 19<sup>th</sup> Regional Leadership Council to order.

#### **II. Approval of April 26<sup>th</sup> RLC Minutes.**

Chair Rader asked for approval of RLC's previous meeting's minutes. President Luckey made a motion to approve and approval was seconded as a group. The motion is carried.

#### **III. Chair's comments**

Chair Rader mentioned continuous efforts to incorporate more village presidents into attending RLC meetings. Rader made a note of changing the order of the meeting's agenda. New Business will occur before Old Business. Rader then introduced Representatives Tim Butler and Sara Wojcicki Jimenez.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **Representative Tim Butler & Sara Wojcicki Jimenez Presentation**

After a brief introduction, Rep. Butler spoke on the recently-passed state budget. He noted he voted against it, while Rep. Jimenez voted for it. They presented their opinions about the budget.

Chair Rader asked both representatives about any help for small communities/villages from the state level. Jimenez stated that they can help prioritize needs for municipalities. Butler mentioned getting local, state, and federal resources working together for specific communities provides utmost aid.

President Cuffle asked both Representatives about Senate Bill 2814 (Public Utilities Act). Butler reiterated that he was for the bill because of the concern of effect on the state's power grid. Jimenez stated she is against it, but mainly as this bill was passed before the state had a budget which was a bigger concern.

President Lopez inquired how the budget will affect local communities. Jimenez stated some funding resources have been cut, but the money that communities receive will come at a faster rate. Rep. Butler mentioned that the budget left revenue options "on the table" which could have brought more money to communities.

Lopez asked Butler and Jimenez about their hopes from the outcome of the school funding bill. Butler answered his hopes that the bill will achieve more stability in school districts and equal-footing between Chicago Public Schools and downstate districts. Jimenez agreed.

## **V. Old Business**

### **Electric Aggregation with Mark Pruitt**

President Cuffle introduced Mark Pruitt from the Illinois Community Choice Aggregation Network, a vendor for the communities inquiring about Electrical prices and rates. Cuffle raised the question: What is next for villages if it is time to react to price change(s)? Pruitt presented that if a price of \$.049/kWh ("Four point Nine Cents") then he suggests staying with Ameren. If it is lower than the aforementioned price, you should consider entering into an agreement to secure a better price/rate.

### **Update on RLC Website**

President Lopez requested that Molly Berns provide updated information. Berns said there is a way to have an RLC website for virtually \$0. Sangamon County IT could aid in creating a private Facebook page for members as well. An RLC website team consisting of Presidents Kimsey and Lopez along with Norm Sims, Molly Berns and Jordan Leaf was established. Berns indicated a meeting with County Information Systems Department and the website team will occur.

## **VI. Other Business**

### **CEC Update**

No discussion on an update.

### **Regional Planning Commission Update**

Norm Sims inquired about what communities would like their brochure's purpose to be: either to invite potential residents, or to show off each community to current residents. Sims continued on with updating the status of the Small Town Character Area Roadway Projects. The passing of a state budget allowed work to continue for the project. Finally, Sims mentioned that communities are encouraged to sign an intergovernmental agreement between the county, their community and the RPC so that the RPC will be the plat officer for their village.

### **Other Business by RLC Members**

No discussion on other business.

## **VII. Town Reports**

Lopez (Jerome): New establishments built along Wabash Avenue.

Rader (Riverton): Repairing sidewalks and a \$200,000 update to Center Park.

Cuffle (Spaulding): Annual Traffic Safety Fair recently occurred. Business establishment in Spaulding is getting ready to expand.

Rogers (Illiopolis): Built sidewalks, rehabbed a property to incorporate a new business, Dollar General being established and a brewery came to town.

Luckey (Curran): Trying to finish the sewer project.

Klmsey (Chatham): Updates in accordance to ADA throughout town. Looking into a new Comprehensive Plan for Village of Chatham. Chatham Police Safety Bicycle Training for youth is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. A few new businesses opened. Sweet Corn Festival will occur.

Stead Jr. (Cantrall): patching roads and sidewalks.

Mulcahy (Buffalo): Updating streets and able to find a contact for Norfolk-Southern to maintain property.

VanPelt Jr. (Mechanicsburg): Abe's Hideout restaurant will be established. New homes built.

Smith (Dawson): In process of updating the water treatment plant. PJ's Lounge has re-opened.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Rader makes a motion to adourn. A motion was accepted by President Smith and seconded as a group. The meeting was adjourned.