

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the May 5, 2015 Meeting
Village Hall Room 101

PRESENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Bob Peterson, Carolyn Cullen, Hanna Kwiecinska, Townsend Bailey, Bill Burns, and Alex Frank

ABSENT: Commissioners: Peter Hugh and Michael O'Rourke

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

GUESTS: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manger, Rob Cole, and Mark Pruitt

The April 7 minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: Chair Bridge reported that Planet Green is in process of releasing 2014 information. He met with Ruth Kersey who said she would work with the commission on information to go out in water bills. He attended a hearing on mosquito abatement from the Board of Health on how West Nile is being handled. Chair Bridge feels although fogging is only done every other year, it should be eliminated in the Village due to the very low rate of effectiveness.

Staff Reports: Commissioner Cullen reported dates for Farmer's Market were unknown and should be available at the next meeting.

Guests: The bidding options of the Energy Aggregation Plan were discussed. Mark Pruitt from the IL Community Choice Aggregation Network explained the six suppliers qualified to bid are certified with the Illinois Commerce Commission and have municipal experience. It was requested the Commission give a recommendation to the Board on which options for the Energy Aggregation Plan they would like to be pursued.

Public Comment: Mac Robinet gave a statement that he is against REC-backed options and that he feels there are better options for the Village such as producing our own solar electric power in the Village. Several residents in attendance asked questions that were answered by Mark Pruitt and Rob Cole.

Motion: Chair Bridge made the final motion that the Commission recommends to the Board two options: that the 1) Aggregation be pursued through bids for the standard energy portfolio with a small fee to be used for local solar and renewable energy, preferably Smart Cities; and that 2) in addition bids are sought for voluntary RECs that would be green certified for 100% of the energy supplied to Oak Park. The EEC motion in favor of the first option was passed with six in favor and one against.

Adjourn: 9:10 p.m.