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Chairman Spira called the regular meeting of the Town of Porter Planning Board to order at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 5, 2014. Donald McCollum was absent. Chairman Spira welcomed everyone and read aloud the agenda for tonight's meeting.

APPROVE JANUARY 2, 2014 MINUTES

Chairman Spira read aloud the minutes of the January 2, 2014 Planning Board meeting. With no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as submitted by a motion from Jipp Ortiz. The motion was seconded by Thomas Oddy. With all in favor the motion was unanimously carried.

ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITIES IN THE TOWN OF PORTER

Thomas Oddy reported on research he has done regarding anaerobic digestion facilities in the town of Porter. Mr. Oddy has done research on the process that is being used. There is currently a business "Equate/Quasar" located on Liberty Drive in Wheatfield. The company has petitioned the town of Wheatfield to put in five million gallon tanks and there may still be a need for open pits. The finished product of the process will be put into the ground. There are ten farms owned by one individual in the towns of Wilson, Cambria and Wheatfield. It takes thirty-nine months from the time the waste is put into the ground until human consumption is allowed.

Mr. Oddy reported that the company had trouble in Ohio. The methane gas that is generated from the process is sold to the grid. Sludge can be sold to farmers for their use. The process uses an anaerobic digestive system.

Chairman Spira read the definition of manure lagoon from the Zoning Law, page 166 and farm pond's definition on page 162. This process is not a manure lagoon, but an anaerobic digestion facility.

The Niagara County Planning Board has to approve this concept.

ATTORNEY MICHAEL DOWD REPORT

Michael Dowd reported that he has drafted a local law regarding anaerobic digestion facilities in the town of Porter. The Town Board will act on this motion at their regular meeting in February.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF PORTER

The Planning Board discussed future development for the next ten to fifteen years in the town. Development of Porter on the Lake was discussed. The possibility of a Marina, hotel, restaurant, campground, etc. was brought up. Perhaps greenway money could be used to develop a plan. Chairman Spira and Attorney Michael Dowd will get together with some members of the town board to discuss this matter.

Stevenson Elementary School, Ransomville Road, Ransomville will be closing this summer. This area is zoned Medium Density Residential. The Planning Board expressed concern about the long term use of the school building and property associated with it. It is the understanding of the Planning Board that the school and grounds must be maintained for five years after the closing. The town should look into some possibilities for the building in the future.

With no further business to come before the Planning Board tonight Anthony Collard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jipp Ortiz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela F. Parker, Secretary