

Chairman Spira called the regular meeting of the Town of Porter Planning Board to order on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. All members were present. Chairman Spira handed the meeting over to Jipp Ortiz to act as chairman tonight.

### **APPROVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 MINUTES**

Jipp Ortiz read aloud the minutes of the September 4, 2014 Planning Board meeting. With no additions or corrections the minutes were approved as submitted by a motion from Anthony Collard. Peter Jeffrey seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion was unanimously carried.

### **WASTE MANAGEMENT WM RMU-2 SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PRELIMINARY MEETING**

Jonathan Rizzo, Permitting Manager for Waste Management, 1550 Balmer Road, Model City, NY, came before the Planning Board tonight to discuss the RMU-2 Site Plan and Special Use Permit Application that is being made. Mr. Rizzo handed out copies of the site plan map of the proposed facility location. A site aerial photograph of the proposed RMU-2 was also given out.

Chairman Spira stated that the town of Porter will hire an engineering firm to represent town of Porter's interest. A search is being conducted to locate an engineering firm that does not do business with Waste Management.

Jason Brydges is an engineer that may be able to work on this project on behalf of the Town of Porter. Mr. Brydges is an environmental engineer. Perhaps he can work on this project for the Town of Porter.

The Site Plan must meet town zoning law regulations. New York State is taking lead agency on this matter. The dead line for getting public comments is October 20, 2014. A long environmental impact statement will be done.

The RMU-2 is designed to occupy 43.5 acres with six cells producing additional hazardous and industrial non-hazardous waste landfill capacity to allow continued waste disposal at the Model City Facility.

WM has submitted a permit application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for its proposed RMU-2. An Administrative Law Judge held two sessions of a legislative hearing at the Lewiston-Porter High School in July 2014. Copies of the RMU-2 Permit Modification application and NYSDEC draft permit modification as well as additional documentation are available at the Town of Porter offices for review.

The NYSDEC has been designated as the lead agency with the Town of Porter as an involved agency. The RMU-2 Project has been designated as a Type I project which involves the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

A Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) has not been appointed by the County yet.

The Town of Porter Planning Board will complete the Site Plan approval for this request. This is a pre-application tonight. Chairman Spira read a letter dated September 9, 2014 from WM regarding the RMU-2 Site Plan and Special Use Permit Application from Jill Banaszak, Technical Manager of the Model City Facility.

Mr. Rizzo went over the proposed drawings he submitted to the Planning Board tonight. He explained the proposed request. Six cells will be built in six phases. It is anticipated that in approximately twenty (20) years the landfill will be full. All Niagara County WM landfills are located in the Town of Porter. The Town of Lewiston and the Niagara County Planning Board will be involved in this matter. Fifty five million dollars to sixty million dollars have been put into the development of the RMU-2 application. This process has been going on since 2003. Clay will have to be brought in for this operation. 2016 is the anticipated start date for the RMU-2 (Residual Management Unit No. 2).

The Planning Board's part will not be done for a while. The Planning Board issues the Site Plan Approval and then the request goes to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Special Use Permit.

Attorney Michael Dowd will send an email link for the Waste Management request and the secretary will forward it to the Planning Board members.

#### **ATTORNEY DOWD REPORT**

Nothing to report

## **CODE ENFORCER REPORT – ROY ROGERS**

Roy Rogers, Code Enforcer, submitted his monthly reports and the Planning Board members looked them over.

Mr. Rogers reported that Creative Structures Services, Inc has submitted a preliminary proposal to develop a new single story Dollar General store to be located at 3661 Ransomville, Road, Ransomville. The proposed aerial and site plan for the site have been submitted to the town. This project will be on the east side of Ransomville Road and occupy approximately one acre of land.

Roy Rogers distributed hand outs from the Planning Division of the NYS Department of Planning & Development regarding Local Waterfront Revitalization program. This has the ability to provide the town with a source of grants and money for improvements.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Jipp Ortiz announced that Thomas Oddy will not be staying on for another term as a member of the Town of Porter Planning Board. He will serve out his current term that ends December 31, 2014.

Anthony Collard read an article from the American Planning Association that announced the Delaware Park as one of the 2014 Great Places in America. The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy is being recognized with this distinguished honor.

With no further business to come before the Planning Board tonight Anthony Collard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Jeffrey seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion was unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela F. Parker, Secretary  
Town of Porter Planning Board