

**LAPORTE COUNTY
COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 27, 2008**

The La Porte County Council held the first public hearing on the 2009 budgets the 27th day of October, 2008, in the assembly room of the La Porte County Government Complex. The hearing was called to order by President Mark Yagelski at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Cunningham led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Mark Ludlow, John Jones, Earl Cunningham, Jerry Cooley, Terry Garner, Rich Mrozinski and Mark Yagelski were present.

Mr. Yagelski commented that normally the first hearing has been held by now but the Council is waiting on the other entities in order to review their budgets; the final public hearing and adoption of the 2009 budgets will be held on November 24, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Shuter stated that the last date any taxing unit can adopt is December 1st; the entities are to have their budgets to the Council fifteen (15) days prior to that and most of the units have already submitted their budgets to the Auditor's Office. Mr. Yagelski reported, after conferring with the other Council Members, that the Council will meet with the taxing units on November 24, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Shuter read, "Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates." Mrs. Shuter then read, "Salary Ordinance, La Porte County, Indiana, La Porte County Council Ordinance No. 2008-05, La Porte County Employee Salary Ordinance for Calendar Year 2009."

Mr. Ludlow made a motion to adopt the ordinances and to allow the President to sign. Mr. Cooley asked if changes could still be made regarding the budgets. Mrs. Shuter responded that changes could still be made at the November 24th meeting. Mr. Cooley then seconded. The motion carried by voice vote 7 – 0.

Mr. Yagelski asked three (3) times if anyone from the public wanted to speak. There were no comments.

Mr. Yagelski then stated that the first public hearing was closed. Mr. Ludlow made a motion to officially close the public hearing at 5:10 p.m. and Mr. Cooley seconded. The motion carried by voice vote 7 – 0.