

**LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING**

**OCTOBER 24, 2011**

The LaPorte County Council Meeting was held on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the LaPorte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, LaPorte, Indiana 46350.

Meeting was called to order by Council President.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Mrozinski called for a moment of silence for two local attorney's passing.

Auditor Craig Hinchman called the roll: All Council members were present along with Chief Deputy Auditor, Mary Ray and Co-Council attorney Doug Biege.

All members approved the agenda.

All members approved the September 19, 2011 Council minutes

Department Head Reports

Sheriff Mike Mollenhauer requested the approval of the IRS revised Regulations on the retirement plan.

Motion was made to approve

All members voted in favor

Motion approved.

## Liaison Reports

Mr. Garner had none

Mr. Ford reported that all work had been done on the Kankakee River project

Mrs. Sosinski reported attending the Ethic Committee meeting. She also met with E911 Director and attended the meeting with the Human Resource committee.

Mr. Yagelski reported that there will not be a meeting in December for N.I.C.T.D. but there will be a public hearing in January.

Mr. Bernacchi stated that GIS has an item on the agenda to transfer funds and the Park Department also has a request on the agenda that will be mostly funded by a federal grant.

Mr. Cunningham spoke on the ongoing problem moving the Voters Registration office to the Clerk's office. Commissioner Huston and Layton gave their approval, Mr. Millsap would not. He made a motion to have the Council attorney send a letter to Mr. Millsap to reconsider.

Mr. Yagelski and Mrs. Sosinski voted against

Balance of Council voted in favor

Motion passed

Mr. Biege to send the request to Mr. Millsap.

Mr. Mrozinski was pleased about the Economic Alliance obtaining a 1.4 million dollar grant for the 421/194 project. He also attended a meeting regarding the Intermodal project. He stated that the project is moving forward. He attended an all day hearing in Federal Court regarding the Dog handlers law suit and stated that it was settled.

## Public Comments

Mr. Clay Turner spoke as a member of the Redevelopment Committee. He stated that Mr.

Riggetts and Mr. Reardon have done a good job.

Chief Deputy Sheriff, Jim Sosinski stated that there was going to be a Halloween party sponsored by the Sheriff's Association on October 31, 2011 4:00 to 5:00 pm to hand out safety items for Trick or Treat.

Donna Cavanaugh reminded everyone to get out and vote and that there is a forum scheduled for all candidates on Sunday, Oct.30, 2011, 2:00 pm at the Long Beach Town Center.

Mr. Mrozinski announced that there was a Veterans Day program scheduled on Friday, November 11, 2011 at 9:30 am at the Civic Auditorium.

## APPROPRIATIONS OR TRANSFERS

**911-CENTER**

Requested approval to purchase equipment from the 598 (surcharge) Account.

Motion was made to approve the request \$58,204.00  
All members voted in favor  
Motion approved

**LAPORTE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Requested the November 2011 CEDIT draw \$1,750,000.00  
Motion was made to approve the request  
All members voted in favor  
Motion approved

**LAPORTE COUNTY SHERIFF**

Requested additional appropriation from either Riverboat (272) or Win Tax (257) for Jail Medical costs (0100-30085-000-01045) \$200,000.00  
Motion was made to approve the request from the Win Tax (257) account  
All members voted in favor  
Motion approved

**LAPORTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Requested an appropriation into the Communicable Disease Non-Reverting Fund (526-20200-000-526) for timely payment of claims \$40,000.00  
Motion was made to approve the request  
All members voted in favor  
Motion approved

**LAPORTE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Requested additional appropriation from either the CCD Fund (216), the Riverboat fund (272) or Win Tax Fund (257) For a total federal REIMBURSABLE purchase:  
2011 Ford Escape Hybrid SUV \$27,725.00  
2011 Small Utility Tractor with Backhoe and front loader \$14,500.00  
TOTAL \$42,225.00

Motion was made to approve the request from the Riverboat Fund (272)  
All members voted in favor  
Motion approved

Plus a non-refundable amount from the non-reverting Capital Fund (560-20200-000-560) \$ 760.00  
Motion was made to approve the request  
All members voted in favor

Motion approved

Requested additional appropriation from either the  
CCD Fund (216) the Riverboat Fund (272) or Win Tax Fund (257)  
For the purchase of 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD 4WD  
Crew Cab Work Truck with 8' Western Plow.

\$16,686.66

Motion was made to approve the request from the Riverboat  
Fund (272)

All members voted in favor Motion approved

Requested additional appropriation from either the  
CCD Fund (216) Riverboat Fund (272) or Win Tax (257) for the  
Purchase of Skag Turf Tiger 61 inch front deck mower model  
STT61V-29DFI-SS

\$13,100.00

A motion was made to approve the request from the Riverboat  
Fund (272)

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

#### **LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Requested additional appropriation from  
Either Riverboat Fund (272) or Win Tax (257)  
To be placed in account #100-30079-000-143 for  
Examination of Records

\$10,000.00

Motion was made to approve the request from the  
Riverboat Fund (272)

Mr. Garner voted against

All other members voted in favor

Motion approved

#### **LAPORTE COUNTY GEOGRAPIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Requested a transfer of funds from  
Continuing Education (0100-30137-000-0175)  
To

Extra Hire/Part Time/ Seasonal (0100-10130-000-0175)

\$5,000.00

Motion was made to approve the request

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

#### **LAPORTE SUPERIOR COURT NO.1**

Requested an additional appropriation from either  
Riverboat Fund (272) or Win Tax (257)  
Into Psych Services (149-30088-000-149)

\$3,500.00

Motion was made to approve the request from the  
Win Tax fund (257)

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT**

Requested funds from either Riverboat Fund (272) or  
Win Tax (257) into the Economic development/redevelopment  
Fund #222

\$30,000.00

Motion was made to approve the request from the Riverboat  
Fund (272)

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUND TO THE TREASURER OF THE STATE OF  
INDIANA. Resolution #2011-08

Motion was made to approve the resolution

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION....A RESOLUTION OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING A  
PORTION OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO  
IND.CODE 6-1.1-12.1-1, ET SEQ., FOR SULLIVAN PALATEK INC. AND /OR GOGUAC, LLC (ITS AFFILIATED  
REAL EXTATE HOLDING COMPANY) (REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY)

Resolution #2011-09

Motion was made to approve the resolution

All members voted in favor

Motion approved

A CONFIRMING RESOLUTION...A RESOLUTION OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL DETERMINING THAT  
THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN ECONOMIC REVILIZATION AREA HAVE BEEN MET AND CONFIRMING A  
DECLARATORY RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR SULLIVAN-PALATEK, INC. (PERSONAL  
PROPERTY) Resolution #2011-10

Tabled to the November 28, 2011 meeting

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was an update on the LaPorte County Redevelopment Project and grant for  
The 421/94 \$1.34 Million

## **COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL**

Mrs. Sosinski stated she was glad that the budgets are near completion

Mr. Yagelski stated that he wished the Commissioners would eliminate the day off for County workers  
on election days.

Mr. Bernacchi stated that since the general fund is so far in the red it is not time to give raises

Mr. Garner wants to resolve jail problems such as the flooding and the no working ice maker.

Mr. Ford had no comment

Mr. Cunningham agrees regarding holidays and days off for county workers. He stated that the county does not have the best paying jobs but does have good benefits.

Mr. Mrozinski stated that next year meeting dates will be announced and voted on at the November meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT at approximately 8:05 pm**