

LAPORTE
COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 26, 2012

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The LaPorte County Council Meeting was held on Monday, November 26, 2012 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, Matthew Bernacchi

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Auditor Craig Hinchman called the roll; all members were present along with Council Attorney, Douglas Biege and Chief Deputy Auditor, Mary Ray.

The agenda was approved with one addition

The October 22, 2012 Council Minutes were approved by all members

The minutes from the Public Hearing Meeting for the 2013 Budget on October 9, 2012 were approved by all members

The minutes from the 2013 Budget Adoption Meeting on October 22, 2012 were approved by all members

The 2013 County Council Meeting Schedule was approved by all members

Appointment to the Michigan City Library Board of Trustees
Don Montgomery and Judy Lange were appointed

Public Comments
None

Department Head Reports
Hugh Tonagel, 4-H Cooperative Extension
Requested permission to fill a vacant secretarial position
All members voted to approve his request

Liaison Report
Mr. Garner had no report

Mr. Ford stated he had one item on the agenda that he would like approval on. The request for the additional fuel funding for the EMS.

Mr. Cunningham had no report

Mrs. Sosinski reported meeting with the Friends of the Barn committee, the ordinance will be voted on later in the meeting. She read a letter from State Board of Accounts addressed to Recorder, John Stimley regarding his budget. She also met with the Worthy Womens Recovery Home committee. That also will be addressed later in the meeting.

Mr. Yagelski stated that he wants the Council to be included in decision making regarding money being spent on contracts. He gave an example of the recent Insurance contract. The Council was not consulted nor involved in the meetings.

Mr. Mrozinski reported there was much progress made in the Economic Development of the KID project. He also announced the upcoming Santa with pets' pictures event at the Tractor Supply Company on December 8th and 15th. Pictures will be \$10.00

Mr. Bernacchi reported that he has an item on the agenda regarding the Assessor's office and he requests the approval.

APPROPRIATIONS OR TRANSFERS

LAPORTE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Requested the permission to utilize the full amount of the refund (\$35,285.19)

From the UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

A motion was made to approve the request

All members voted in favor

Request approved

LAPORTE COUNTY DRUG FREE PARTNERSHIP

Requested permission to present the proposed budget and

Grant allocations. \$102,757.48 from their fund #1148

A motion was made to allow the spending from their account

All members voted in favor

Request approved

EMS

Requested the balance of the request from October 22, 2012

Meeting for an additional appropriation into the fuel

Account (1000-20025-000-0140)

\$4,000.00

A motion was made to approve the request

All members voted in favor

Request approved

LAPORTE COUNTY SHERIFF

Requested the funding for the Pension Account

(4251-20200-000-0238) from either Riverboat (1191)

\$778,969.00

Or Win Tax (4220)

After a report from the Sheriff regarding money saving ideas

For next year and the hiring of a financial consultant and has

A seven member pension board to oversee the fund

A motion was made to approve the request from the

Riverboat fund (1191)

Mrs. Sosinski abstained

Mr. Mrozinski voted against

All other members voted in favor

Request approved

LAPORTE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Requested funds that were receipted into the Pre-Trial

Diversion Account (2500-03276-000-0327) \$30,880.25

And into the Infraction Deferral Account (2500-03277-000-0327

\$103,467.50 be appropriated into the following accounts:

FROM:

2500-20200-000-0327 into 2501-20200-000-0343 Claims	\$61,177.75
2500-20200-000-0327 into 2501-10117-000-0343 Salary	36,339.00
2500-20200-000-0327 into 2501-10134-000-0343 Salary	12,610.00
2500-20200-000-0327 into 2501-11007-000-0343 OASI	3,115.00
2500-20200-000-0327 into 2501-11009-000-0343 Medicare	711.00
2500-20200-000-0327 into 2501-11017-000-0343 Perf	4,000.00
2500-20200-000-0327 into 2501-11019-000-0343 Health Ins.	7,225.00
2500-20200-000-0327 into 8131-11007-000-0550 OASI	4,577.00
2500-20200-000-0327 into 8131-11009-000-0550 Medicare	1,080.00
2500-20200-000-0327 into 8131-11017-000-0550 Perf	3,065.00
2500-20200-000-0327 into 8131-11019-000-0550 Health Ins.	<u>448.00</u>
TOTAL	\$134,347.75

A motion was made to allow the transfer

All members voted in favor

Request was approved

LAPORTE COUNTY ASSESSOR

Requested the transfer of funds as follows:

TO 2451-10130-000-0247

FROM

2451-11019-000-0247 Employee Group Health	\$14,500.00
2451-30020-000-0247 Legal Fees	6,000.00
2451-30027-000-0247 Educational Training	8,000.00
2451-30002-000-0247 Postage	13,000.00

A motion was made to allow the transfer

All members voted in favor

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Requested a transfer of funds as follows:

FROM

1000-10115-000-0130 to 1000-30027-000-0130	\$2,850.00
1000-10115-000-0130 to 1000-20001-000-0130	1,949.00
1000-30002-000-0130 to 1000-20001-000-0130	1,500.00

1000-30007-000-0130 to 1000-20001-000-0130

445.00

A motion was made to allow the transfer

All members voted in favor

Request approved

OLD BUSINESS

WORTHY RECOVERY INC. D/B/A

WORTHY WOMEN RECOVERY HOME

Requested funds from either Riverboat Admissions

Tax (1191) or Win Tax (4220)

To help fund the restoration and maintain their home at

1001 Maple St., LaPorte, Indiana and to help with people

With a substance abuse addiction.

\$260,000.00

Tabled from the October 22, 2012 meeting

After lengthily comments by the Council Members

A motion was made to allow the request

Mrs. Sosinski, Mr. Bernacchi and Mr. Garner voted in favor

Mr. Yagelski, Mr. Mrozinski, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Ford voted against.

Motion failed

FRIENDS OF THE BARN

An ordinance was presented to establish an account to establish an account and to receive donations on behalf of Friends of the Barns. This ordinance is known as 2012-08

All members voted in favor

Ordinance was approved

NEW BUSINESS

An ordinance to extend the due date on the 2010 pay 2011reconciliation tax bill

By six months. Bills are scheduled to be mailed in January, 2013.

A Motion was made to approve the Ordinance known as Ordinance Number 2012-07

Read by title only (first reading)

Mr. Garner voted against

All other members voted in favor

Motion approved

A motion was made to waive the requirement for a second reading of the Ordinance 2012-07 at the same meeting.

Mr. Garner voted against

All other members voted in favor

Since there was not a unanimous vote, this did not pass, the Ordinance will be voted on will be voted on at a later meeting.

A motion was made to allow President Matthew Bernacchi to remain President until the Organization meeting to be held on January 14, 2013

All members voted in favor

Motion passed

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.