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**MEETING MINUTES  
LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014 BUDGET  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.**

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The Public Hearing on the 2014 Budget was held on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the La Porte County Government Complex.

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL.**

The Budget Hearing was called to Order by President Yagelski who began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL.**

Auditor Winski proceeded with the Roll Call. Council Members present included: Councilwoman Lois Sosinski, Councilmen Rich Mrozinski, Matt Bernacchi, Mark Yagelski, Cunningham, Terry Garner and Jeff Councilman Santana. Absent was Councilman Earl Cunningham. A quorum was present for the Meeting to proceed.

President Yagelski – If we throw it together in one bundle, it would be a 50 cent raise. If we decided to let those part-time employees that have different wages get the same raise as regular employees, so be it.

Auditor Winski – Mr. President. It was my understanding, and the way I relayed the information to the Department Heads and Elected Officials, is that their part-time Budget would remain the same, but they would be allowed to increase their minimum wage or give each part-time person a 50 cent raise.

President Yagelski – I don't mind that, Mrs. Winski. I just remember at the last meeting we had talked about raising the minimum wage. We didn't talk about raising the part-time, so we have to vote on that separately.

Auditor Winski – Correct. We're on the same page. I just wanted to clarify that.

President Yagelski – That's correct. So, I guess the first thing we need to address is – we've already addressed the part-time employees with their raise of 50 cents – what are the feelings of the Council for the other employees that are being paid a higher wage that are still working here part-time, full-time, or do I have a Motion?

Councilman Mrozinski – Part-time, full-time?

President Yagelski – Yeah, there's, like nurses, EMS people have some, they're earning different wages. All we did is we raised our minimum wage up. These are not minimum wage people.

Auditor Winski – Are these people that would get a 1099? OK. Contractual people, right? Is that what you're saying?

President Yagelski – Well, they're County employees. Actually, some of them are under the Health Department, some of them are under some grants and things like that too, so it varies across the board. It's just something to clean up. We hadn't addressed it at the end of our meeting.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Mr. President Yagelski, if I can, 1099 vendors are not employees.

Auditor Winski – That's right. That's why we're saying this.

President Yagelski – There are some that are not employees that are paid, for example, like the Health Department, they're under grants so they get paid differently.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Well then don't those grants take care of their salary until they're gone?

President Yagelski – Their salary, but they're regular employees. They're employees like our other part-time employees. They get the same benefits of the raises. We haven't addressed this on this one.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Are they all part-time you're talking about, Mark?

President Yagelski – Everybody's part-time. There is some full-time people that are paid through grants, and I haven't gotten to that yet. That's a separate Motion after we get this first one done. My recommendation, I guess, as a president, is that we give 50 cents to the other ones, since it's a set wage. It would seem like it would be more than fair because we did ask for a lot of people to be employed part-time and the department heads have been living by those decisions. They're hiring new employees.

Councilman Mrozinski – Yeah I'd make that Motion that they get a 50 cent raise also.

President Yagelski – OK. We have a Motion for all part-time that are not set in this minimum wage salary and grant employees to get 50 cents. Do we have a second?

Councilman Santana – I'll second that.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Question. What hours are we on for maximum for part-time because I understand it's part-time.

President Yagelski – It's changed now. It doesn't go by the hours. It's gone down because of the amount involved.

Councilman Garner – It's 28.

Auditor Winski – I think it's 29.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Well just so you understand, anybody that you're talking possibly part-time, at 50 cents times 40 hours, 20 a week, you're talking a \$1,000 a year, potentially more than that, which would be more than the full-time people are making. If they do 52 weeks, and I don't know what their obligations are here, what their vacation pay reads with their pay coming out of grants. They could potentially be getting more than our standard full-time employees who have been here for 20 or 30 years. That's just a thought.

President Yagelski – Councilwoman Sosinski, if you want to amend it so that the wages cannot exceed normal wages that are going out, that's fine. It's up to the Council. I can live with anything.

Councilman Garner – They don't get the perks. That's one thing you have to look at. No benefits.

President Yagelski – We have a Motion and a second. Any other questions? All in favor? *The Motion carried 5-1 with Councilwoman Sosinski voting Nay.*

President Yagelski – Now this second one is for all contractual employees that are full-time that don't cover under our wage benefits. They are full-time, and again at the Health Department there's nurses and some, I can't remember off the top of my head right now, but they get the same benefit that we gave a raise for everybody for the year.

Councilman Mrozinski – Are they under a contract?

President Yagelski – They're under us every year, whether they're going to be here again next year through the grant money. The health and resources.

Councilman Mrozinski – That person's been under grant for?

President Yagelski – As long as we've been here.

Councilwoman Sosinski – And that's a W-2 position Mark?

President Yagelski – That's a W-2 position. My recommendation, again, for the Council tonight is that they would get the same raise that our regular employees got because they are full-time employees.

Councilman Mrozinski – I think they should too.

Councilman Santana – I think that too that the intention of that Motion that night was for all of those individuals.

President Yagelski – I understand, but I have to do this. I'm just trying to clear this up. That's all.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Mark? Would you add clarification not to exceed \$1,000, the same thing that the employees got?

President Yagelski – Same thing. If you look at the Motion that would be fine. Would you like to make the Motion?

Councilwoman Sosinski – No.

President Yagelski – Would anybody else like to make the Motion?

Councilman Mrozinski – I'd like to make that Motion for the \$1,000 a year raise, not to exceed \$1,000.

President Yagelski – OK.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Second.

President Yagelski – OK. Any other questions? All in favor? *The Motion carried 6-0.*

President Yagelski – Last time we talked about it, we just have to get it on record because he's been excited about it but he can't find out until we can find out. We talked about the contractual Purdue extension. They would get the same raise that we did. It would not follow under the Purdue Extension contract. That was brought up. Is there any clarification? Is that understood?

Auditor Winski – Yes. I've talked to him several times.

President Yagelski – I've talked to him several times too, I told him until our meeting there is nothing we can do. The Motion passes, from our last Motion, you'll be receiving the same raise as our regular county employees this year. And any of your other contractual employees.

Councilman Mrozinski – I've got another issue I'd like to discuss. Mr. Buell, if you'd like to come up and help me explain this. Since tomorrow is the big grand-opening/ribbon cutting gala of the new Corrections facility. At the present location, Maintenance Department picks up their bill for their trash and for their pest control. Now that they're moving out to the new building, I don't know what to do, if it's going to be more, and if it is, how much more? Mr. Cooley stated that now they're not going to be able to afford to come out there and pick up the garbage or do the pest control. They're doing it now, at this building, but he said they can't do it because they will have to have an increase. My question is, if we're meeting on the Budget tonight, where's Mr. Cooley, and how much is the increase? It's not up to Mr. Cooley to all of a sudden say 'I'm not doing it anymore, you do it.'

Mr. Richard Buell – Right. With the trash pickup, we used the dumpster at the Hiler building, so he doesn't pay for a separate one for us out of the Maintenance Budget, but the pest control is taken care of. Now that we're moving to a new facility, Mr. Cooley is just saying that he doesn't have funds because of the Budget next year to provide a dumpster and that we would have to take care of it ourselves. I don't know what the other separate facilities do as far as dumpsters, if they pay for their own or Maintenance pays for it.

President Yagelski – So, question. Is the pest control done by our employees or is it done by an outside firm?

Mr. Buell – Outside firm.

President Yagelski – So all we're looking for right now is a change of address right now. If it's more money then it's more money.

Mr. Buell – Correct.

Mr. Tim Morgan - Question about waste collection. Years ago we used to have it in our Budgets, and I believe several of you, even Lois, might have been around back in your first term when this was addressed, and everybody had it in their individual Budgets, and what you decided is that you could do a better job by putting it all in building maintenance and then bid it out annually. So what we do is bid it out annually. Building Maintenance bids out all the dumpsters for all the remote facilities, meaning like every dumpster in Handley parks, so if we have to add one, if we have a park or a facility, then we need to get in, usually by November so that we're in that bid package. Otherwise, we are on our own paying for it out of our Budget for that year until we can get to the next round. We've had that happen, but I think that it's early enough that if you got in on it you could still be in on the bid package on what you need. Make sure that whatever you're needing now, that you go that way because sometimes two yards work, sometimes 4, sometimes you need bigger, so that's important to know in the bid package. I hope that helps.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Question, Mark. Then that would increase Maintenance's Budget for the dumpster and the service. I don't know how tight that line is.

President Yagelski - I guess the question is, how does a change of address increase? It doesn't make any sense to me. Right now they're saying they can't cover it. If he needs more money in his Budget, then he needs more money.

Mr. Buell – I don't know if he submitted that for bid or not at this point. I think that might be part of the issue if he's submitted that and left us out.

Councilman Garner – That's going to be at least \$2,000 if not \$2400 for the dumpsters.

President Yagelski – Who's the liaison to Maintenance?

Councilman Santana – I am.

President Yagelski – Can you get with him and find out what's going on. What sites don't you have right now?

Councilman Santana – Absolutely.

Mr. Buell – Outside the Hiler building, it was probably a 5 yard dumpster, 10 yard dumpster.

President Yagelski – I see. That will stay the same. That's why you're going to need an addition. About the square footage, how much square footage did we increase?

Mr. Buell – The new facility is 20,000 square feet. Present facility is probably under 10,000 I would imagine. That's just an assumption.

President Yagelski – We'll get with Mr. Cooley. This is something that we can vote on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Buell - Because the rest of the year right now we're trying to work things out with Maintenance to have something out there where we can get rid of our trash.

Councilman Mrozinski – You're close to the County Highway there. I wonder if they have a big enough dumpster or Juvenile?

Mr. Buell – Well it would have to be staffed, because we can't have the offenders go down to it.

President Yagelski – They could go to County Highway at least til the end of this year.

Mr. Buell – Possibly yes. We'll work something out but for next year it'd be great if we could find out what's going on.

President Yagelski – Is there anything else that we forgot about? Anything else to do with Budget?

Councilman Mrozinski – Question. What we called special hires, last year we talked about this, I don't know how many we have, we were going to look at all of them and decide, since they don't get the automatic step raises, they're kind of left out of a lot of things that the other employees get. We were going to look at that and decide if we were going to do anything as far as increasing their wages.

President Yagelski – What do you consider special hires?

Councilman Mrozinski – Well, Tim's one, Mitch Bishop is one. He works for the Commissioner.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Basically Department Heads. EMS, IT, Highway, etc.

Councilman Mrozinski – So what will they get?

President Yagelski – The same raise.

Councilwoman Sosinski – They're all full-time, correct?

President Yagelski – Yes.

Auditor Winski – Mr. Chairman, I know you and I talked about it, but I wanted to make the Council aware that you took a position away from the County Home because Missy Felton is the EDC Secretary, or they're sharing that, but if we put Missy into that position full-time, she will not qualify for any of her benefits, like PERF, insurance etc. I did talk with Kay Felton about that, and listening to the tape again,

she did say on the tape that you could delete a position, and that would be keeping Missy out there also, so I just wanted you to know that that happened.

Councilman Mrozinski – I think when we discussed that, we said that she had more seniority than these other people, so she had the right to go back and claim her job. Somebody else would be eliminated. As far as the war room, I guess they'll have to hire somebody or whatever they're going to do.

President Yagelski – I would like to see right now, because we're not really sure how this whole EDC thing is working out. Right now it is what it is, but until we're comfortable with the way that it's going to go, I think it would be beneficial to keep her where she's at and allow her to stay on that payroll.

Auditor Winski – And share her position? Is that what you're saying?

President Yagelski – That's my recommendation. I don't think any of us are ready to let them have a free run of this EDC.

Councilman Mrozinski – If they had something to show for it I might be a little more at ease about it but so far. We were told last year, 'Buckle Up.' There's going to be things happening. Well so far nothing's happened. They're trying to take credit for Harrison Electric. We granted that tax abatement. The only thing they do is show up and sit there. Same thing with Dwyer.

Councilman Garner – Rich, I also read the paperwork. We increased their Budget. That Budget's been the same since they were created. We didn't increase that Budget.

Councilman Mrozinski – No, I read that article in the paper. That article in that paper needs an enema. There is so much stuff in there that is made up. It's crazy stuff, I'm telling you.

President Yagelski – What's the pleasure of the Council for that position?

Councilman Mrozinski – We took the action to eliminate the one position at the County Home right?

President Yagelski – Yes, but we have to get it so that she doesn't lose her benefits, so that's what I'm asking.

Councilman Mrozinski – Well if she maintains her position at the County Home she won't lose them.

President Yagelski – Is everyone OK with that? I thought we agreed to put her under EDC.

Auditor Winski – Well you did.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Mr. President, I don't really know if that's our decision. What I think we decided, as Rich was trying to say, is we asked Kay as she sat here because of her numbers and Missy not being there if she could do without one position and that's what we cut. Moving forward, I guess, with Economic Development, that's a separate issue. As far as the County Home's Budget is concerned.

President Yagelski – I'm sorry. You can say that job is cut, but she could still be working. It doesn't matter where she gets paid, so she doesn't lose her benefits. If we would declare that EDC would be nonexistent, then she'd go back there and bump by seniority.

Councilman Mrozinski – Didn't we say, though, in Budget Hearings that she was going to work that out, that they were going to have to pay her out of their Budget?

President Yagelski – If you do that, it's fine, but then again she'll be missing some benefits.

Councilman Mrozinski – We're mixing people with positions. We're saying that they have to pay the position. If she wants to be the person, she needs to understand that. If she does that, she's going to lose her benefits. We're making a special exception here which, again, borders on ghost employment if you're paying someone to work at the County Home and they're not there. If she wants the job at EDC, she has to understand that she'll lose her stuff. That's why we said that and she can reclaim your position because of your seniority.

President Yagelski – We already checked on it. It's not ghost employment though. We don't want to go there.

Auditor Winski – By the way, the Board of Accounts, I did talk with them, and they said they're ok, that other counties also share employees between departments. Technically, is the EDC a Department? Technically not, but they're still funded through County funds, so it's up to you guys. I brought it for a point of clarification.

President Yagelski – I don't believe we're comfortable enough in that to relinquish the EDC out just so anybody can do what they want to do until we get this thing developed properly.

Councilman Garner – If I recall, she volunteered, or somebody volunteered her to take that position because she wasn't overly used.

President Yagelski - Mrs. Felton did.

Councilman Garner - I guess I don't have an issue with letting her proceed that way.

Councilman Mrozinski – If we have another Hearing on the Budget between now and then, I'm the Liaison out there, let me look at that and we'll talk about it.

Auditor Winski – We have one more request. Judge Alevizos wrote us a letter and asked if you would add the \$22,000 that you took away from his Youth Services Line, if you would add that back. Can I read this letter?

Greetings. As you will recall, we discussed the Youth Service Bureau line item in the Circuit Court Budget, Account #1000-30087-000-0148 at the recent Budget Hearings. At that time, we agreed to have that item removed with the understanding that I may be asking for it to be put back in again. We are now in the process of entering into the Memorandum of Understanding with Youth Service to continue the Teen Court



Program. We are putting some procedures in place to monitor this program, to measure its effectiveness, and at the same time being financially responsible to the citizens of La Porte County. I would ask that you add the \$22,000 budget line item back into the Circuit Court Budget for the 2014 calendar year. I will address this matter with the Council again at Budget time for 2015. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, Tom Alevizos.

President Yagelski – Pleasure of the Council?

Bernacchi – Motion to put the \$22,000 back in.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Second.

President Yagelski – Motion is seconded. Any questions? *The Motion carried 6-0.*

President Yagelski – One more thing here before we get to Councilwoman Sosinski's. It's was in the Budget for two positions for Jerry Cooley's Department there for Maintenance, and we were working on part-time. I did talk to him this week. He asked if there's a way that we could work something out because he said he's having a problem because he's hiring skilled employees to do part-time work. He had two positions open. He was wondering if the Council would go ahead and go with filling one full time and two part-time employees, whatever he sees fit. I told him I'd bring it up tonight.

Councilman Mrozinski – They're in the Budget?

President Yagelski – They're Budgeted for two positions. He wants one filled and one part-time. Well, no, when I'm all done, my recommendation is not to.

Garner – Motion to approve one full-time employee for his Budget.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Second.

President Yagelski – I have a Motion. I have a second. All in favor? *The Motion carried 5-1 with Councilman Bernacchi voting Nay.*

President Yagelski – Alright. Councilwoman Sosinski do you want to go with yours please?

Councilwoman Sosinski – Yes. We have some positions that came in front of the evaluation committee. There were 6 this year. First one I'll start with, and paperwork was supplied to you guys I believe at the Budget Hearings and then passed back out by the Auditor again, after reviewing these, the Prosecutor's Office, their proslink coordinator, trial support, evaluated from a COMOT V to a COMOT VI. This position experienced a significant increase in responsibilities, and that was the unanimous recommendation of that committee. Somebody again, happens to evaluate it one different level than other, we sit back, talk about it, and discuss it, and sometimes somebody's looked at something in a different manner or overlooked it. So, after everything's been hashed out, and I would say 9 times out of 10, once they are all evaluated, and they're all evaluated separately. They are all brought to a table after you review them yourselves with the paperwork that's been submitted by that department head.

Then we convene, and those are all gone over and 9 times out of 10 everybody has the same evaluation. Do you want to handle these one at a time Mark?

President Yagelski – Just go through them all and we'll see if we have any questions at the end.

Councilwoman Sosinski – If we all recall, last year the Highway Department, Bob had three employees that were submitted to be reviewed or reclassified. I'll read this real quick. The Department originally had three clerical staff in the office. One of the three ended up transferring to another position within the County. If you'll remember that, when that transfer occurred, that one had actually evaluated down to a COMOT I. The COMOT I position has now been moved the responsibilities into the COMOT III position and that COMOT I position was eliminated. So that left the two, they had two instead of the three. Those two remaining positions now have absorbed the responsibilities from the COMOT I, consequently an increase in responsibilities was the final result. In both of those, one evaluated from COMOT IV to COMOT V, and the Secretary Bookkeeper from a COMOT III to a COMOT IV. The third Department was the auditor's office. Three were submitted, the Assessor's Role Book Deputy, Excise Claims and Funds Deputy, Real Estate Deputy Clerk. They all evaluated at one level. When the new Auditor came on board, she assessed all of the positions in her department. She found that responsibilities were not evenly distributed among several of her staff members to the point where one of the staff members was overwhelmed with too many responsibilities resulting in slow and poor production levels, work not getting completed within appropriate time frames, and significant reports getting completed sporadically. Consequently, some of the responsibilities were moved around, which resulted in the first two positions, the Assessor Role Book Deputy and the Excise Claims and Funds Deputy, receiving an increase in responsibilities and calling for this new reevaluation. It was determined once the Real Estate area was assessed, that the Real Estate Deputy Clerk was responsible for a great deal of duties that were not included in the original job description. Close to mirroring the responsibilities of the real estate deputy, which is a COMOT V. Hence the validation for another reevaluation. I would like to thank our HR director Joyce Leon for pulling all of this together. It's a nice concise packet, and that's what we've got for the last review.

President Yagelski – I just have to make one comment. It doesn't really reflect that also in the Auditor's Office because of our steps of making it more efficient from the last Department Head that was there, we also eliminated a position there also because they closed Michigan City. I think we can handle those all as one unless someone's got a problem with that. What's the pleasure of the Council?

Councilwoman Sosinski – I'd like to make a Motion if I can for all of the recommended reclassifications, and if we all remember, when these do get submitted to the HR department and go through the job evaluation committee, they all do suffer the consequence of having a down rate. These have all stepped up and were thoroughly gone over. I'd like to make the Motion.

Councilman Santana – I'll second that.

President Yagelski – OK I have a second. Any questions? All in favor? *The Motion carried 6-0.*

Councilwoman Sosinski – Again, point of order clarification, that is for the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2014. 1/1/2014.

President Yagelski – Thank you very much Mrs. Councilwoman Sosinski. Thanks for your recommendations. Anything else come up here?

Councilman Bernacchi – Solid Waste. Mr. President, I was just at the Solid Waste Meeting. I'm on the board. The Budget went down significantly due to we are going to take ownership of the barrels this year. We did renegotiate a new contract. There's a few things I wanted to change to the Budget. Otherwise, pretty much the same. They did have raises in there at 3 percent. I would like to make the recommendation that we leave it at the \$1,000 which all of the other full-time employees will be getting. They have a loan. They're going to take out a \$1,000,000 loan to keep the cash flow going this year until the tax situation is figured out. They put \$50,000 in the Budget. I believe it's going to be about \$16,000. I would like to lower that from \$50,000 down to \$20,000 in the Budget. They also had to put a new utility vehicle in there. I asked Mr. Turner if that was absolutely necessary. He said no. The board agreed, so we can eliminate the vehicle. I believe they had \$50,000 in there for that. So basically approve as presented, except for the \$1,000 in raises, reduce the loan to \$20,000, and no vehicle in there in 2014 Budget.

President Yagelski – Which increases to what percent there?

Councilman Bernacchi – It's a decrease. I don't know the exact number, but it's still a decrease.

President Yagelski – Was that a Motion?

Councilman Bernacchi – Yeah. A very long Motion.

Councilman Garner – Second.

President Yagelski – OK second. Questions? Comments?

Councilwoman Sosinski – Mr. President if I can. We had spoken with Matt a little earlier, and I appreciate that their liaison, I appreciate the information on what you have done with the Budget. However, I'm very disappointed. I do not have a copy of Mr. Turner's Budget, and over the last several years, I've asked that we have that. I mean I don't know how you can be asked to do a first reading on something that I don't have in front of me. It's not that I don't take Mr. Bernacchi's word for what he's read, but I don't know if there's something in there that I might not agree with that he did not cite. I don't know how many of the rest of you don't have a copy of Mr. Turner's Budget, but he knew he should have. How can we vote on something that we don't have in front of us?

Councilman Garner – Well we don't have the City's, we don't have the Trustee's, what other do you want to throw in there? The Towns?

Councilwoman Sosinski – Well first of all, he was looking for a new vehicle, a million dollar loan. I'd like to see the rest of it. It would have been nice to have it so we could at least have a first reading on it.

Councilman Garner – His Board is supposed to oversee all of that.

Councilman Bernacchi – The Board is supposed to approve the Budget, and it is very bare bones. It's basically just to keep the recycling going throughout the County. It's basically the recycling and the payroll. Other than that, there's really nothing else in there that added.

Councilwoman Sosinski – I appreciate, Matt, that you caught that, because normally every year they put in for the 3 percent raises not knowing what we're going to pass, the new utility vehicle and the million dollar loan, but again, I don't understand why we all didn't get a copy, or I didn't.

Councilman Garner – We have no control over it. When the state redid that, they stuck it in for us to review. All we can do is say yes. Period.

Councilwoman Sosinski – At least we can look at it Terry. That would be nice.

President Yagelski – Actually, point of order, we have, since last year it did change, we do have control over their Budget. We have the final say whether they get it or do not get it. That was changed last year. We're not talking about the other trustees and those types of things. We're talking about just this particular one.

Auditor Winski – Mr. Chairman? I would also like to inform the Council that all of the Budgets are available on Gateway and you can go on there. It's a public site. It's been in there for quite a while.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Well I would have thought, Joie that he could have either sent it or e-mailed it. I checked my e-mail, it's not in there. It's not different than any other department head and the Budgets that were presented to us. Had I known that, we could have, I guess I could have gone out and retrieved it myself.

Councilman Bernacchi – I'll make sure the following years we mail it out to everybody.

President Yagelski – Just a question. That's really kind of shocking because that truck's supposed to be sitting there doing nothing over at the recycle, what's the purpose of the truck?

Councilman Bernacchi – He just said it was a utility vehicle. I'm not sure. I kind of felt the same way. That's the reason why I asked if it was absolutely necessary. The board felt it was not, so that's the reason why I said we're just gonna skip it.

President Yagelski – At some point I'd like to try to even take that vehicle away. There's no purpose for it. Any other questions? We have a Motion and second.

Attorney Biege – Mr. President? If I may. On this we have to follow procedure. I want to make sure that we have a record, that we have an affidavit of publication both in the *News Dispatch* and the *Herald Argus*. These were both properly published and I'd like these entered in the Minutes. We're supposed to allow public comment before the vote.

President Yagelski – OK. Before this one or the second one?

Attorney Biege – The last will be in October on this one. I think we should allow, if there's any interest, allow for public comment.

President Yagelski – OK. At this time then, is there any public comment about the Budget that we just went through for the Solid Waste? At this time is there any public comment? Public Comment is closed. OK now. Let's go ahead and do a roll call because this might be closer.

Auditor Winski – Mr. Bernacchi – Aye. Mr. Cunningham's not here. Mr. Garner – Aye. Mr. Councilman Mrozinski – Aye. Mr. Councilman Santana – Aye. Mrs. Councilwoman Sosinski – Nay and please let the record reflect I can't vote on something that we've not been furnished to peruse. Mr. President Yagelski – Aye. *The Motion carried 5-1.*

President Yagelski – One recommendation here is can we have a second reading. Do we have time to look at this thing, otherwise we would not be able to get it done in time. So, if I can get something sent out before the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting that we're going to have. It will be our final Budget Meeting.

Councilman Bernacchi – Would you prefer it e-mailed or delivered?

President Yagelski – E-mail's fine with me.

Councilwoman Sosinski – I'll take it either way.

Councilman Santana – If I can just make a comment on that because, and I know where Councilwoman Sosinski is coming from, but due to the overwhelming decrease that the board saw, and Mr. Bernacchi oversaw that too, is a prime reason why I supported that. It wasn't an increase, it was a decrease, so I think we're saving some money there.

President Yagelski – Anything else for the second reading tonight?

Councilman Mrozinski – Motion to close second reading of the Budget.

President Yagelski – Do we have a second?

Councilwoman Sosinski – Second.

President Yagelski – All in favor? *The Motion carried 6-0.*

President Yagelski – Final reading will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>, what time?

Chief Deputy Smith – I believe it is 6 pm, but I will verify and send back out.

Councilman Mrozinski – Would it be ok to move that up to five? Anybody?

Councilman Santana – Is there enough time for public notice?

Chief Deputy Smith – It's already been advertised at 6 o'clock.

Councilman Mrozinski – Never mind.

President Yagelski – Just so you also know, and I want to make sure you get this, I had a call for a special meeting just prior to that. 2012 for 2013, we took the three big Budgetary items out of the Commissioners' Budget. In 2013, we put two of them back. We forgot the third one. That one is on

Auditor Winski's – Exactly, it's for paying out claims. We put two of them back but did not put the third back.

Auditor Winski – You did it for 30067, not 30068. That's the one that we need.

President Yagelski – That'll be coming up in October. It's advertised. It will be coming up on our October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. I just wanted to let everyone know tonight if there was any question on that, you can ask now. Basically they've been spending money and we don't have enough money in that account. It was down to \$1.00.

Councilman Mrozinski – And that's for what?

President Yagelski – Claims.

Auditor Winski – Liability claims.

Councilwoman Sosinski – Point of clarification again. 6 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup>?

President Yagelski – Still 6. It will be the same Meeting basically. I'll close one and start it to make it legal but OK. Any question on that?

We will begin our next Meeting.

**EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL, dated this 28 day of October, 2013.**

  
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Councilman Matt Bernacchi

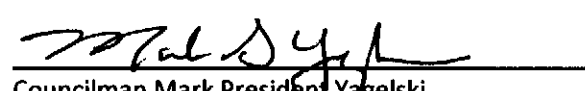
  
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