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**LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE 2017 BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2016 6:00 PM**

The Adoption Meeting for the La Porte County Council's 2017 Budget was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Terry Garner who asked that all cell phones be turned off with the exception of emergency personnel.

President Garner asked that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Auditor Joie Winski and all members were noted as present.

A Motion was made to reopen/continued the La Porte County Council 2017 Budget Hearing/Adoption meeting by Councilman Mark Yagelski and supported by Councilman Jeff Santana. Motion carried 7 – 0.

There was no Public Comment on the 2017 Budget.

A discussion took place with Councilwoman Lois Sosinski and Auditor Winski on the salaries. Because the Wagoner, Irwin and Scheele salary study will not be completed until November at the earliest, the discussion on salaries will take place at a later date. Salaries must be voted on by December 31, 2016.

An insurance meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> and Councilwoman Sosinski should have an answer on the insurance increase at the next regular meeting.

A question on insurance providers was raised by Councilman Santana. It was explained that General Insurance and Michiana Insurance are the County's insurance administrators. They provide us with a number of insurance providers for us. This includes health and liability insurance and workers comp.

The issue of Exempt/Non Exempt employees. A handout was presented to Council members by HR Director, Barb Mossman. A discussion took place. It was stated that the changes will be effective as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Overtime will be kept to a minimum. Mrs. Mossman recommended that all employees on the list should be categorized as non-exempt until salary recommendations are made.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Sosinski to accept the list and changes presented by Mrs. Mossman. After Councilman Yagelski stated that this Motion needed to be made at the regular meeting. Councilwoman Sosinski withdrew her Motion.

**ADOPTION OF THE 2017 BUDGET**







A Motion was made by Councilman Cary Kirkham to adopt Ordinance 2016-10/2017 Budget for La Porte County (attached). The Motion was supported by Councilman Santana and the Motion passed 7 – 0. (Did not include the 100 accounts for salaries.)

A Motion was made by Councilman Randy Novak to adopt Ordinance 2016-10A/2017 Budget for La Porte County Solid Waste (attached). The Motion was supported by Councilman Matt Bernacchi and passed 7 – 0. (Did not include the 100 accounts for salaries.)

Non-binding units were mentioned at the August 22, 2016 Meeting. No further action is needed at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on a Motion made by Councilman Novak and supported by Councilman Santana. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 28th day of November, 2016.**

 _____ Councilman Matt Bernacchi	Absent _____ Councilman Cary Kirkham
 _____ Councilman Terry Garner	 _____ Councilman Randy Novak
 _____ Councilwoman Lois Sosinski	 _____ Councilman Jeff Santana
 _____ Councilman Mark Yagelski	

ATTEST:   
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Jole Wisniewski, La Porte County Auditor