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**MINUTES  
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 2, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.**

(Please Turn Off All Cell Phones)

The Reorganization Meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on January 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. (local time) in the Assembly Room of the La Porte County Government Complex located at 809 State Street, La Porte, Indiana, 46350.

**CALL TO ORDER**

La Porte County Auditor Joie Winski called the Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Auditor Winski asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and asked that everyone, except emergency personnel, to please turn off their cell phones at this time.

**ROLL CALL**

Chief Deputy Auditor Kristie Deckard took the Roll Call. Council Members present were Councilmen Kirkham, Sullivan, Novak, Santana, Yagelski, Mollenhauer and Garner. A quorum was noted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Nomination and Election of 2018 La Porte County Council Officers*

Councilman John Sullivan nominated Randy Novak for President, this nomination was seconded by Councilman Terry Garner. Hearing or seeing no other nominations, Auditor Winski declared Randy Novak Council President by unanimous consent.

Auditor Winski congratulated President Novak and turned the chair over to him.

President Novak thanks fellow Councilmembers and asks for nominations for President Pro Tem.

Councilman Mark Yagelski nominates Jeff Santana, the motion is seconded by Councilman Garner. Hearing or seeing no other nominations, a vote is taken and Councilman Santana is voted President Pro Tem by a vote of 7-0. Councilman Santana thanks the Council.

*Appointment of Legal Counsel*

President Novak asks for nominations for Legal Counsel.

Councilman John Sullivan nominates Friedman and Associates, this nomination is seconded by Councilman Santana and Councilman Garner. Hearing or seeing no other nominations, a vote is taken and Friedman and Associates is appointed Legal Counsel by a vote of 7-0. President Novak congratulates Mr. Friedman.

*Planning for Year 2018 (Approval of Regular Meeting Dates)*

Auditor Winski stated a few dates had to be changed due to Conferences. Auditor Winski also requested the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting date be changed to June 18<sup>th</sup>. 2018 County Council dates are as follows:

January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 29, June 18, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 29 and November 26. December will be if needed. Motion made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Santana to approve the meeting dates. Motion carried 7-0.

*County Council Liaisons*

President Novak asked the Council members to get ahold of him, or the current liaison, if there is anything they wish to be on, or have moved around.

Mr. Mollenhauer asked if he has been removed as the liaison for Human Resources. Auditor Winski states that is incorrect on the list, Mr. Mollenhauer is the liaison for Human Resources and Terry Garner is the liaison for the Job Evaluation Committee.

President Novak asked that he be contacted for any other changes before the January 22, 2018 meeting.

*County Council Committees*

President Novak asked Auditor Winski which Committees need appointing. Auditor Winski says the Redevelopment Committee, and she believes there are a couple more and will have them for the next meeting.

*County Council Appointed Board Members*

Auditor Winski states the Council has two appointments to the PTABOA Board, one to the Alcohol Beverage Board, and one to the New Durham Westville Library Board. Councilman Garner requests the Council keep the previous year appointments for the PTABOA Board, and makes a motion to nominate Pam Kieft and Bob Bailey. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Yagelski. President Novak asks for other nominations. Hearing or seeing no other nominations, a vote is taken and the motion carries 7-0 to appoint Ms. Kieft and Mr. Bailey to the PTABOA Board. Councilman Sullivan thanked Mr. Bailey for his service.

President Novak states Roger Wolff was the only letter of request received for the Alcohol Beverage Board. Councilman Mollenhauer asks if others can request an appointment for the Board. President Novak states that he can nominate someone.

President Novak asks for nominations for the Alcohol Beverage Board. Councilman Garner nominates Roger Wolff, Councilman Kirkham seconds the nomination. Councilman Mollenhauer nominates Steven Klosowski, who contacted him with interest of being on this Board. Councilman Mollenhauer states Mr.

Klosowski is retired from the DOC and has the time to serve on this Board. Councilman Yagelski seconds the nomination. Hearing or seeing no other nominations. President Novak asks Auditor Winski to do a roll call to which member each is voting for:

Councilman Kirkham – Roger  
Councilman Sullivan – Steven  
Councilman Santana – Roger  
President Novak – Roger

Councilman Yagelski - Steven  
Councilman Mollenhauer - Steven  
Councilman Garner - Roger

Motion carries 4-3 with Roger Wolff as the Appointment for the Alcohol Beverage Board.

President Novak moves to the appointment of the New Durham – Westville Library Board. Councilman Garner nominates Lauren Mullet, this motion is seconded by Councilman Yagelski. Motion carried 7-0.

President Novak asks if there is any other business before the Council. Councilman Kirkham spoke about a NIRPC meeting he attended and a bond Porter County is taking out for Community Improvements.

Councilman Garner spoke about the Blue Ribbon Committee. Stating the recommendation of this Committee is to come before the Council in January to ask for an appropriation of \$250,000.00 to start infrastructure at the fairgrounds and hopes to get things started before the next fair. Mr. Garner, Mr. Novak, Mr. Santana and Mr. Friedman can be contacted if there are any questions. Mr. Novak also stated they are close to turning it over to the non-for-profit.

Councilman Santana states the next meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee is January 18, 2018 and encourages the public to attend.

Mr. Friedman states the meetings are open to the public and the request for funding will come before the Council at the next meeting.

Councilman Yagelski asked Auditor Winski about the reimbursement of the Supplemental Public Defender Fund. Auditor Winski states we did not advertise for this reimbursement so it will have to be voted on at the next meeting.

Councilman Yagelski also asked about random drug testing. Mr. Novak stated he spoke with Mr. Friedman and suggested having a workshop before the next meeting. Auditor Winski stated she will make sure both items are advertised.

Councilman Santana asked if there was any interest in moving the start time of the meetings to 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. Mr. Yagelski stated that would not work for him with his work schedule and also stated he wanted the public to have enough time to get off work and make it to the meetings. Councilman Garner also stated the change in time would be difficult for him. Mr. Santana stated the purpose of his request was there were a couple meetings that ran into the 9:00 p.m. hour, the students coming from the schools and also a couple of Boards had moved their meeting times up.

Councilman Garner asked Mr. Friedman to explain Judge Bergersons email to the Council regarding transport costs. Mr. Friedman stated he has been in contact with County Attorney Doug Biege and they are gathering information on this issue, and hope to have more information to give at the workshop.

President Novak asked Auditor Winski to reach out to the Judges, Prosecutor, Sheriff and EMS about having a workshop, and Auditor Winski stated she would do so.

Councilman Garner stated that the Sheriff will be coming before the Council to ask for an officer for Weights & Measures and Ordinances. He will also be asking for 2 other officers for a total of 3. Mr. Garner stated he would really like to see at least the officer for Weights & Measures and Ordinances get out on the road quickly to start trying to keep our roads in good condition. Mr. Garner encouraged the Council to reach out to the Sheriff with any questions or concerns regarding his request.

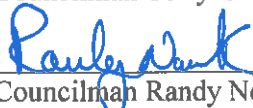
President Novak asked that the Commissioners also be added to the request for the workshop.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Santana and seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. Motion carried 7-0.

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL, this 22nd day of January, 2018.

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Councilman Terry Garner



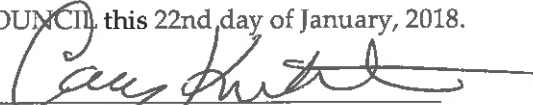
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Councilman Randy Novak



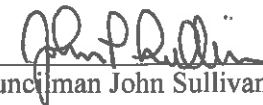
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Councilman Mike Mollenhauer



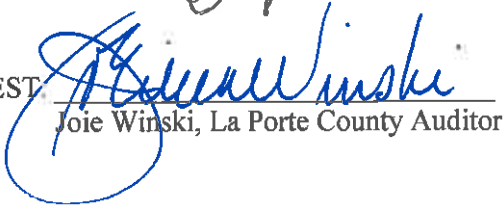
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Councilman John Sullivan

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Joie Winski, La Porte County Auditor