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**MINUTES
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 7, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.**

(Please Turn Off All Cell Phones)

The Reorganization Meeting of the La Porte County Council was held on January 7, 2019 at 6:30 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 6:30 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 Rosenbaum, Sullivan, Novak, Santana, Yagelski and Mollenhauer. A quorum was noted.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2019 LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS

Councilman John Sullivan asked if he could make a motion for both President and Pro Tem, hearing no objections Auditor Winski asked him to proceed. Councilman Sullivan nominated Randy Novak for President and Jeff Santana for Pro Tem, this nomination was seconded by Councilman Mike Rosenbaum. Hearing or seeing no other nominations, Auditor Winski declared Randy Novak Council President and Jeff Santana Pro Tem by unanimous consent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tony Rodriguez introduced himself as the Director for the La Porte County Office of Community and Economic Development and expressed his interest and excitement in working with the Council and the Commissioners in moving all of our mutual efforts forward and getting our agendas accomplished. Mr. Rodriguez congratulated the newly elected officers, and those returning, and stated he looks forward to working with everyone.

President Novak congratulated Mr. Rodriguez on his new role in the County. Seeing or hearing no other public comment, President Novak closed Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Legal Counsel

President Novak asks for nominations for Legal Counsel.

Councilman John Sullivan makes a motion to nominate Guy Dimartino, this nomination is seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. Hearing or seeing no other nominations, a vote is taken and Guy Dimartino is appointed Legal Counsel by a vote of 4-2, with Mr. Novak and Mr. Rosenbaum voting Nay.

Planning for Year 2019 (Approval of Regular Meeting Dates)

County Council dates are as follows:

January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 28, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28 and November 25. December will be if needed. Motion made by Councilman Sullivan and seconded by Councilman Santana to approve the meeting dates. Motion carried 6-0.

County Council Appointed Board Members

Councilman Yagelski makes a motion to nominate Pam Kieft and Bob Bailey to the PTABOA Board, the Motion was seconded by Councilman Sullivan. President Novak asks for other nominations. Hearing or seeing no other nominations, a vote is taken and the motion carries 6-0 to appoint Ms. Kieft and Mr. Bailey to the PTABOA Board.

Councilman Yagelski makes a motion to nominate John Stimley to the Alcohol Beverage Board, the motion is seconded by Councilman Rosenbaum. Councilman Mollenhauer makes a motion to nominate Steve Klosowski, this motion is seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Ms. Winski calls the roll, with Councilman Rosenbaum, Novak, Yagelski and Santana voting for Mr. Stimley and Councilman Sullivan and Mollenhauer voting for Mr. Klosowski. Mr Stimley is appointed by a vote of 4-2.

Councilman Santana nominates Amy Bernth for the La Porte County Library Board of Trustees, this nomination is seconded by Councilman Rosenbaum. Councilman Sullivan nominates Dave Decker, this nomination is seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. Ms Winski calls the Roll, with Councilman Sullivan, Santana, Mollenhauer, Novak, and Yagelski voting for Mr. Decker, and Councilman Rosenbaum voting for Ms. Bernth. Mr. Decker is appointed by a vote of 5-1.

Councilman Santana makes a motion to nominate Don Montgomery to the Michigan City Public Library Board of Trustees, this nomination is seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. Mr. Montgomery is appointed by a vote of 6-0.

Councilman Rosenbaum makes a motion to nominate Brian Root to the County Park and Recreation Board, this nomination is seconded by Councilman Yagelski. Mr. Root is appointed by a vote of 6-0.

Councilman Mollenhauer makes a motion to nominate Dennis Carroll to the Animal Control Advisory Commission, this nomination is seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Mr. Carol is appointed by a vote of 6-0.

Councilman Santana makes a motion to retain Melissa Mischke to the La Porte County Board of Zoning Appeals, this motion is seconded by Councilman Yagelski. Ms. Mischke is appointed by a vote of 6-0.

Councilman Yagelski makes a motion to reappoint Councilman Sullivan to the La Porte County Plan Commission Board, this motion is seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. Councilman Sullivan is appointed by a vote of 5-0.

Councilman Mollenhauer makes a motion to appoint Councilman Rosenbaum, Councilman Novak and himself to the La Porte County Redevelopment Commission, this motion is seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Rosenbaum, Novak and Mollenhauer are appointed by a vote of 6-0.

Councilman Yagelski makes a motion to appoint Councilman Mollenhauer to the La Porte County Solid Waste Management District Board, this motion is seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Councilman Mollenhauer is appointed by a vote of 6-0.

Councilman Rosenbaum makes a motion to reappoint Councilman Yagelski as the liaison to the NIKTD Board and the Swanson Center Board, this motion is seconded by Councilman Sullivan. Councilman Yagelski is appointed by a vote of 6-0.

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. The liaison positions will be addressed at the January 28, 2019 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Santana and seconded by Councilman Rosenbaum. Motion carried 6-0.


EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 28th day of January, 2019.



Councilman Terry Garner



Councilman Mike Rosenbaum



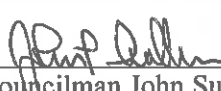
Councilman Randy Novak

ABSENT

Councilman Jeff Santana

ABSENT

Councilman Mike Mollenhauer



Councilman John Sullivan



Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST: 

Joie Winski, La Porte County Auditor