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**MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 2, 2020 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, 2020 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. Auditor Winski 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 Mollenhauer, Novak, Quinn, Rosenbaum, Santana, and Yagelski. A quorum was noted.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2020 LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS

Auditor Winski opened the floor for the nominations of Council President. A motion to nominate Councilman Mike Mollenhauer for President was made by Councilman Quinn and seconded by Councilman Rosenbaum. A motion to nominate Councilman Jeff Santana for President was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Novak. Hearing no additional nominations, Auditor Winski asked the Council to cast their votes per roll call by Chief Deputy Deckard. The vote tied, with three votes each for Councilman Mollenhauer and Santana.

Attorney Guy DiMartino explained that Councilman Novak will remain President until the return of Councilman Garner. Auditor Winski then turned over the gavel to President Novak to continue the meeting.

President Novak opened the floor for the nominations of Council Vice President. A motion to nominate Councilman Mollenhauer for Vice President was made by Councilman Santana and seconded by Councilman Yagelski. Hearing no additional nominations, President Novak asked the Council to cast their votes per roll call by Auditor Winski. Motion carried 4-2, with Councilmen Quinn and Rosenbaum voting Nay.

President Novak clarified that Councilman Mollenhauer will stay Vice President unless he is voted as President when Councilman Garner returns.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hearing or seeing no one, President Novak closed Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Legal Counsel

A motion to retain Attorney DiMartino as legal counsel was made by Councilman Santana and seconded by Councilman Rosenbaum. Motion carried 6-0.

Planning for Year 2020 (Approval of Regular Meeting Dates)

Auditor Winski said all of the meetings will be held on Monday except for in May due to Memorial Day. She added that there are currently no conflicts with the Auditors' conferences in May and October. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Mollenhauer and seconded by Councilman Quinn. Motion carried 6-0.

County Council Appointment of Board Members

PTABOA (2)

Alcohol Beverage Board (1)

Board of Trustees La Porte County Library (1)

La Porte County Plan Commission (1)

La Porte County Redevelopment Commission (3)

La Porte County Solid Waste Management District Board (1)

A motion to table all appointments until advertisement is completed, except for the Redevelopment Commission, was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Quinn. President Novak explained that the RDC is not appointed by the President but voted on by the Council. Councilman Santana suggested to also table the RDC vote until Councilman Garner returned, but President Novak said there is an upcoming meeting and they are working on a lot of items. Motion carried 5-1, with Councilman Santana voting Nay.

A motion for current appointees to continue in their positions until January 27, 2020 was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Santana. Motion carried 6-0.

President Novak said that nominations for the RDS are open, but noted that the current members regularly attend the meetings. A motion to retain the current members for 2020 was made by Councilman Mollenhauer and seconded by Councilman Rosenbaum. A motion to approve Terry Garner as a member was made by Councilman Santana but there was no second so the nomination failed.

The motion to retain the current RDC members for 2020 carried 6-0.

Discussion of Liaison Assignments for 2020

President Novak said there have been discussions to assign a liaison to Mitch Bishop. Councilman Yagelski said since the changes in the Governor's and State's appointments, he is no longer in two of his liaison positions. Therefore, he is currently liaison to only two departments. President Novak explained that the liaison assignments will be determined by the President at the next meeting.

Consideration of \$5,000.00 Bonus for Building Maintenance Director of Facilities

A motion of support for a 2020 \$5,000.00 salary bonus for Maintenance Supervisor Larry Levendowski was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Santana. Auditor Winski asked if terms of payment need to be specified. Councilman Yagelski replied it would be voted upon at the January 27, 2020 meeting but be retroactive to January 1, 2020. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion for the position of Planner to be sent to the Personnel Committee (Job Evaluation Committee) for consideration was made by Councilman Yagelski and seconded by Councilman Santana. Councilman Yagelski explained there was a discussion at a previous meeting about a recommendation from the Personnel Committee (Job Evaluation Committee) for the Planner. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

President Novak announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held on January 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT


A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Santana and seconded by Councilman Mollenhauer. Motion carried 6-0.

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL this 27th of January, 2020.


Councilman Terry Garner



Councilman Mike Mollenhauer



Councilman Randy Novak



Councilman Sean Quinn



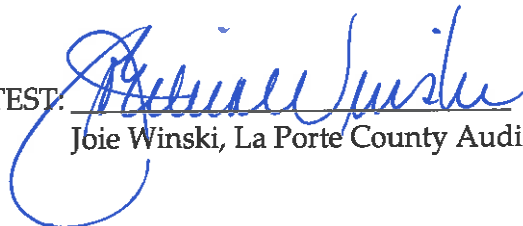
Councilman Mike Rosenbaum



Councilman Jeff Santana



Councilman Mark Yagelski

ATTEST: 
Joie Winski, La Porte County Auditor