

May 19, 2014

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and meet in regular session at 5:30PM in the Annex Building Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Dave Pearman, Tony Radkiewicz, Mitch Semans, Robert Sims, Bryan Cavender, and Freddie Baker present, and the following proceedings were held to wit
The meeting was called to order by President Dave Pearman. Councilman Marvin McLaughlin was absent.

REPORT FROM MARSHALL-STARKE

Mike Lintner, Director of Marshall Starke appeared before the Board along with a participant in their program, Michael Paschen. Mr. Paschen gave a brief report of how he enjoys working for them and enjoys the program.

RECREATION OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND AND CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

President Pearman advised the County is in the process of re-establishing the County's Cumulative Bridge Fund, and the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. As part of the process the County is required to pass a resolution to re-establishment the Fund. Councilman Semans made a motion to approve both resolutions, to recreate both Funds. Councilman Sims seconded the motion and it passed with both ayes.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

President Pearman inquired as to the status of the Park Board Committee meeting. Councilman Radkiewicz advised they have not yet held their first meeting, and asked the report be postponed until the next meeting.

President Pearman advised, as a result of the State audit of the 911 Fund, the County can no longer include a clothing allowance in the 911 budget. Auditor Chaffins suggested the expense be appropriation out of the County Corrections Fund. Councilman Semans made a motion to transfer that budget line item from the 911 Fund and appropriate the \$1500.00 out of the County Corrections Fund, Fund # 1175. Councilman Sims seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

There was a brief discussion of the Board in regard to employees being designated as salary employees versus an hourly employee. Auditor Chaffins advised this was an issue that developed with the snow days and the County being closed. County Attorney Marty Lucas advised the employees should instead be designated as exempt employees or non-exempt employees instead of salary or hourly. He noted an employee can be listed as a salary listing on the County's salary ordinance but only elected officials and certain department heads are actually salary employees. He advised the classification should be specified in the County Employee Handbook.

Attorney Lucas advised he has drafted a proposal of the Innkeeper's Tax Ordinance, and noted the ordinance will require a public hearing. He asked the Council if they had any amendments to the proposed draft. He noted the ordinance does not include campgrounds. He stated the proposed ordinance will require a newspaper advertising of the public hearing. Councilman Semans made a motion to establish the public hearing to be held at their June 16th meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and passed with all ayes. Attorney Lucas advised this will be the official first reading of the ordinance. President Pearman read the proposed ordinance into the record. (A copy of it is on file in the Auditor's Office.) Councilman Radkiewicz inquired if the proposed 100% penalty that is stated in the ordinance is a standard amount of penalty. Attorney Lucas advised it was unprecedented.

Auditor Chaffins advised she was ready to send the initial budget form to the Department Heads to begin creating their 2015 budget and inquired if there were any restrictions for them to follow President Pearman advised to freeze the payroll figures as they are in 2014, and they would like to see a reduction in the total budget amount over the 2014 budget.

Councilman Semans made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21st meeting, seconded by Councilman Radkiewicz. The motion passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker reported the flag at the Knox EMS Base has been bent and is leaning. He stated it was a poor reflection of the County, and it needs to be repaired. President Pearman advised he would discuss this with the EMS Director, Paul Mathewson.

President Pearman advised the County Council has the opportunity to participate in the DLGF Pilot Program, which would allow the Council to do a more thorough non-binding review of the other taxing units in the County. He noted this would include townships, and libraries. He also noted in order for the County to be able to participate the Assessor has to be on time getting the assessment files rolled to the Auditor's Office in order to calculate the Net Assessed Value of all County properties. Councilman Semans made a motion to have the County submit the application to participate in the DLGF Pilot Program. Councilman Radkiewicz seconded the motion, and it passed with all ayes.

With there being no further business, Councilman Semans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Baker. The motion passed with all ayes and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

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Dave Pearman, President

Mitch Semans, Vice President

Bryan Cavender

ABSENT

Marvin McLaughlin

Tony Radkiewicz

Robert Sims

Freddie Baker

Katherine Chaffins, Starke County Auditor and
Secretary to the County Council