

November 7, 2011

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and meet in special session at 6:00PM in the Annex meeting room, Knox Indiana and the following proceedings were held to wit:

Present: Mark Smith, Marvin McLaughlin, Tony Radkiewicz, Robert Sims, and Judy Benninghoff, Starke County Council and Dan Bridegroom and Jennifer Davis, Starke County Commissioners.

Also in attendance: Starke County Economic Development Director, Charlie Weaver; Robert Stomp, Director of Operations of Kemin Food Technologies, a division of Kemin Industries; Kemin Industries Attorney, Edward Volk; County Attorney, Marty Lucas; and Spectator, Kenny Wallace.

Council President, Mark Smith called the meeting to order and turned the floor over to SCEDF Director, Charlie Weaver. Mr. Weaver advised the Starke County Council, at their October 17th, 2011 meeting, passed a resolution, # 2011-3C, designating a parcel of land located in Starke County, the NE corner of the intersection of SR39 & CR800S, in Wayne Township, as an Economic Revitalization Area. He stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to conduct a public hearing to allow the Council to hear all remonstrances and objections to the resolution declaring the ERA. He advised he had received an email of support from Lynn Johnson, Superintendent of the North Judson-San Pierre Schools. Director Weaver advised the state's approval for research and development incentives for Kemin Industries hinges on the county's approval of this proposal. Also, he was advised by Bruce Williams, Planning Commissioner, that they only need a permit from the county to proceed.

Attorney, Ed Volk advised the council of the three resolutions to be addressed during the meeting:

The Conforming Resolution, the Determination and Findings of Fact Regarding Economic Revitalization Area and Two Statements of Benefits, and Resolution Approving Two Statements of Benefits for Tax Abatement Filed by Kemin Industries.

At 6:20PM, Councilwoman Benninghoff made a motion to open the public hearing portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin.

Robert Stomp of Kemin Industries, addressed the Council and gave a brief synopsis of the manufacturing technique. A different variety of a mint plant, one that produces less oil, will be planted, and then harvested and dried at the proposed location; using a microwave technology drying system. The only waste produced at that location will be water vapor. The dehydrated plants are then transported to their Des Moines, IA plant to process the finished product. He advised their operating season will be approximately April through September, and then the equipment is winterized for the season. He stated they have contracted Chester, of Valparaiso, to construct the building.

At 6:35PM Councilman Radkiewicz made a motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sims. There was only one spectator to the meeting; and at no time was there ever any opposition to the proposal from Kemin Industries present at the meeting.

County Attorney, Marty Lucas, reviewed the paperwork presented by Attorney, Ed Volk, and stated everything was in order. Attorney Volk had presented to the Auditor, the Notice of Petition for Establishment of Economic Revitalization Area, which had been sent via certified mail, to the taxing units who will be affected by this proposal, the proof of publication of the Notice of Resolution Designating an ERA, the Statement of Benefits, for both real property, and personal property (SB-1/RP, SB-1/PP), and a Waiver of Confidentiality of Statement of Benefits by Kemin Industries, Inc.

Council President Smith read Resolution 2011-04C, Conforming Resolution. Councilman McLaughlin made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Benninghoff. The motion passed with all ayes. Smith then read Resolution 2011-05C, Determination and Finding of Fact Regarding Economic Revitalization Area and Two Statements of Benefits. Councilman Radkiewicz made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. The motion passed with all ayes. Smith then read resolution 2011-06C, Resolution Approving Two Statement of Benefits for Tax Abatement Filed by Kemin Industries. Councilwoman Benninghoff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. The motion passed with all ayes, and all three resolutions were signed by the Council.

All resolutions and the supporting documentation are on file in the Auditor's Office.

Councilman McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Radkiewicz. The motion passed with all ayes, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

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Mark Smith, President

ABSENT

Mitch Semans, Vice President

Judy Benninghoff

Marvin McLaughlin

ABSENT

Dave Pearman

Tony Radkiewicz

Robert Sims

Katherine Chaffins, Starke Co. Auditor &
Council Secretary