

**STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council at 5:30 PM in the Annex Building Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Dave Pearman Via Zoom, Brad Hazelton, Kay Gudeman, Howard Bailey, Don Binkley Via Zoom, Don White, Todd Leinbach present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice-President, Brad Hazelton at 5:30 PM for the Starke County Council Regular Session.

AUDITOR BUSINESS

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 4th, 2021 minutes. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

SHERIFF - RETIREMENT

Matron Pam McDonald and Sheriff Bill Dulin came before the Starke County Council to advise them that the Starke County Police Retirement Plan and Benefit Plan will be short in the amount of \$52,175.41. It was discussed to pay this amount in January from the county general fund as it was budgeted in county general for 2022 in the amount of \$100,000.

MAINTENANCE – TRANSFER REQUEST

Councilman Bailey made a motion to make an additional appropriation to 1000.31004.000.0028 in the amount of \$6850.84 and 1000.31701.000.0028 in the amount of \$400.00. Also, a reduction in 1000.10110.000.0026 in the amount of \$6542.37, 1000.10550.000.0026 in the amount of \$308.47, and 1000.20402.000.0028 in the amount of \$400.00. Councilman White seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

PARK BOARD – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Marc Vendl came before the Starke County Council to request additional appropriations in the Park Board Fund and also the Starke County Forest Fund. Auditor Oesterreich explained that this is money that the Park Board has spent throughout the year but currently does not have an appropriation for. Superintendent Vendl explained the \$3,000 from the Starke County Forest Fund is for a roller for cross-country skiing this winter. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for 4927 in the amount of \$91,000. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for 4912 in the amount of \$3,000. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

EMS ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Eric Wood, Starke County EMS Director, came before the Starke County Council to ask for funding to fix the transmission in his vehicle. He explained what was going with the vehicle and advised he received a quote from Lochmandy Ford of Knox to fix the transmission for the amount of \$5,546.75. He also provided a quote to the council as far as what it would cost to replace his vehicle. He stated this is exactly what two new vehicles the Sheriff's Department just got which are \$38,871.00 each. Councilman Hazelton advised he talked to Sheriff Dulin and they have a parts car for the Sheriff's Department, they have one that has a transmission in it that can be used. Matron McDonald advised she will speak with Ed Anderson to see how much he would charge to pull the transmission and install the other one. Councilman Pearman advised that he did speak with Tony Black and he is waiting for a call back from him as well. Councilman Leinbach suggested contacting Goble as a possibility as well.

HIGHWAY - TRANSFERS

Dan Dipert, Superintendent of the Starke County Highway Department came before the Starke County Council to request transfers in his budget. Councilman Pearman advised that he was looking at Community Corrections dollars per county and it looks like Starke County missed out on a past call for projects. He would like to designate a council member to be in contact with the Superintendent. Councilman Leinbach offered to be that individual as he has some experience.

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the following transfers:

Additional Appropriation to 1176.30400.000.0530 in the amount of \$500.
Reduction to 1176.21600.000.0531 in the amount of \$500.
Additional Appropriation to 1176.31901.000.0530 in the amount of \$50.
Reduction to 1176.21600.000.0531 in the amount of \$50.
Additional Appropriation to 1176.32007.000.0530 in the amount of \$50.
Reduction to 1176.21600.000.0531 in the amount of \$50.
Additional Appropriation to 1176.10218.000.0531 in the amount of \$16,500.
Reduction to 1176.21600.000.0531 in the amount of \$16,500.
Additional Appropriation to 1176.11400.000.0531 in the amount of \$12,100.
Reduction to 1176.21600.000.0531 in the amount of \$12,100.
Additional Appropriation to 1176.10903.000.0533 in the amount of \$600.
Reduction to 1176.10903.000.0533 in the amount of \$600.
Additional Appropriation to 1176.30103.000.0533 in the amount of \$100.
Reduction to 1176.21600.000.0531 in the amount of \$100.
Additional Appropriation to 1176.31203.000.0533 in the amount of \$9,000.
Reduction to 1176.21600.000.0533 in the amount of \$9,000.
Additional Appropriation to 1176.31305.000.0533 in the amount of \$11,500.
Reduction to 1176.21600.000.0531 in the amount of \$11,500.
Additional Appropriation to 1176.31406.000.0533 in the amount of \$15,000.
Reduction to 1176.21600.000.0531 in the amount of \$15,000.

Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

RECORDER TRANSFER

Councilman White made a motion to make an Additional Appropriation to 1000.20100.000.0004 in the amount of \$29.05 and a reduction to 1000.30200.000.0004 in the amount of \$29.05. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

VETERANS TRANSFER

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to make an Additional Appropriation to 1000.30303.000.0024 in the amount of \$70.00 and a reduction to 1000.20100.000.0024 in the amount of \$70.00. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

STARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Councilman Bailey made a motion to appoint Marcia Lochner to the Starke County Library Board for the remaining term until the end of 2024. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

2022 SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to approve the 2022 salary ordinance as presented. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no other business or public comment to come before the Starke County Council, Councilman White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

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Brad Hazelton, Vice-President

Kay Gudeman

Don White

Howard Bailey

Don Binkley

Todd Leinbach

Rachel Oesterreich, Starke County Auditor and
Secretary to the Starke County Council