

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council and meet in a Regular Session at 5:30PM in the Annex Building Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Freddie Baker, Dave Pearman, Bryan Cavender, Brad Hazelton, Pam Stalbaum and Nancy Dembowski present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Freddie Baker. Absent from the meeting was Councilman Robert Sims. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16th, 2017 meeting and the October 26nd, 2017 Special Session. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

PRESENTATION FROM NIPSCO

Kirby Dipert of NIPSCO appeared before the County Council, the Board of Commissioners, and the Building Corporation to present a large check payable to Starke County for payment of a refund from NIPSCO. The refund, which amounted to \$2,427.40, was a result of the two projects, the Starke County Justice Center, and the remodeling of the Old Jail Building and the County Courthouse. John Kirk, of DLZ, who had completed the refund paperwork for the County, advised in addition to this NIPSCO refund, the County will also be seeing a savings of approximately \$2,000.00 monthly on their NIPSCO billings for the energy savings equipment that were installed in the three buildings.

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT TO MORGAN STANLEY FOR POLICE RETIREMENT; APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUEST

Sheriff Bill Dulin appeared before the Council. He advised he recently heard from Stan Brown of Morgan Stanley in regard to their Police Retirement. He stated he was told this would be the second year in a row that the County would be delinquent in the payment of their retirement in full and if not paid by the 3rd year they would be terminated. Auditor Chaffins advised the County was notified that they were delinquent by \$28,491.56 but after she reviewed their claim it was discovered they had not updated our account for the payment made on October 11, 2017 in the amount of \$4,826.00. They added that payment to our account and it brought down the balance due to \$23,665.56. She also stated she did not see why the payment to Morgan Stanley could not be appropriated from the Jail CEDIT Fund. County Attorney Marty Lucas stated the market also pays a factor in the balance of that Morgan Stanley account. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to appropriation the \$23,665.56 from the Jail CEDIT Fund, 1114. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Auditor Chaffins advised the fees received from the County Clerk's Office for the months of November and December will be sent to Morgan Stanley after the first of the year, 2018.

Sheriff Dulin advised he would be requesting some transfer requests as he was overspent in his maintenance and prisoner meal budget lines. The Sheriff advised his maintenance expenses have increased this year because the equipment is out of warranty. He stated he has a service agreement in the amount of \$8,500./year and he has experienced several issues this year. He also noted he has spent over \$130,000.00 for his prisoner meals so far but the total number of prisoners has greatly increased, averaging 124 inmates. He noted the Cook has been watching the cost of a meal and noted a meal cost \$1.16 in June and .98 in September. Auditor Chaffins advised the Sheriff was talking about items from his Fund 4949, Therapeutic Community Fund, and those two funds would be discussed at their next Council meeting. (Fund 4919 and Fund 1114).

Sheriff Dulin asked for the following transfers: To transfer \$900.00 into Fund 1000.31202.000.0005, Cellular Phones from 1000.31206.000.0005, Copy Machine; To transfer \$350.00 into 1000.10300.000.0005, Extra Help; \$7,000.00 into 1000.10601.000.0005, Patrolman; \$10,000.00 into 1000.11400.000.0005, Overtime; out of 1000.10402.000.0005, Detective for a total of \$17,350.00; to transfer \$600.00 into 1000.20100.000.0027, Office Supplies; and \$475.00 into 1000.20202.000.0027, Repair & Maintenance; out of 1000.20208, laundry/cleaning in the total amount of \$1,075.00; to transfer \$2,500.00 into 1000.31102.000.0027, garbage pickup; out of 1000.31103.000.0027, Education & Seminars, \$1,500.00; and 1000.31050.000.0027, FE Moran Contract, \$1,000.00; to transfer \$275.00 into 1000.10550.000.0027, longevity; out of 1000.10300.000.0027, extra help; and to transfer \$15,550.00 into 1114.31203.000.0027, liability insurance; out of 1114.30600.000.0027, utilities. Councilwoman Stalbaum made a motion to approve all of the transfer requests. Councilwoman Demowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUESTS

Kim Temple, Deputy of the Extension Office requested the transfer of \$255.15 from 1000.10204.000.0021, Clerical Assistant, from 1000.30600.000.0021, Utilities. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Auditor Katherine Chaffins requested the transfer of \$500.00 into 1000.20100.000.0002, Office Supplies; and \$425.00 into 1000.30100.000.0002, Postage out of 1000.10200.000.0002, Deputy in the total amount of \$925.00. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

County Clerk Vicki Cooley requested the following transfer request: \$1,386.20 into 1000.40202.000.0019, Copier out of 1000.20100.000.0019, Office Supplies, in the amount of \$410.03; 1000.30100.000.0019, Postage in the amount of \$628.00; and 1000.20401.000.0019, Election Supplies in the amount of \$348.17, for a total amount of \$1,386.20. She then requested a transfer of \$2,037.00 into 1000.40202.000.0001, Copier out of

1000.20100.000.0001, Office Supplies, \$800.00; out of 1000.30100.000.0001, Postage, \$1,000.00; out of 1000.30700.000.0001, Newspaper & Advertising, \$200.00 and 1000.30300.000.0001, Dues & Subscriptions, \$37.00 for a total reduction of \$2,037.00. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Clerk's transfer requests. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Clerk Cooley advised the copier will be costing a total of \$5,100.00 and the remaining balance will be paid out of her Title IVD Fund.

HIGHWAY DEPT. APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION APPROVAL REQUEST

Highway Superintendent Rik Ritzler appeared before the Board with the following transfer request: to input \$11,400.00 into 1176.40201.000.0533, Other Road Equipment; \$18,610.39 into 1176.21400.000.0531, Stone, Gravel, Aggregates; \$5,500.00 into 1176.30405.000.0531, Service Contract; \$1,537.99 into 1176.30204.000.0530, Travel Expense; \$1,700.00 into 1176.31405.000.0531, Uniforms; \$1,200.00 into 1176.30600.000.0530, Utilities; and \$17,551.62 into 1176.31202.000.0533, Liability Insurance for a total transferred in of \$57,500.00. The transfer would be taken out of: \$27,500.00 out of 1176.21100.000.0533; \$11,000.00 out of 1176.21200.000.0533, Tires & Tubes; \$9,000.00 out of 1176.21401.000.0533, Grader Blades; and \$10,000.00 out of 1176.10701.000.0533, PERF for a total paid out of \$57,500.00. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the transfer requests. Councilwoman Demowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Superintendent Ritzler then advised he was requesting the Additional Appropriation of the Highway Department Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 and the Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$17,940.00. He advised these additional appropriations need to be submitted to the State for their approval and the request has been advertised. Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the request for the additional appropriation of both funds. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

2018 SALARY ORDINANCE

Auditor Chaffins advised the 2018 Salary Ordinance was compiled with the figures from the 2018 budget and is pending the State's approval. Once the Budget Order is received from the State we will know if any adjustments will need to be made to the Salary Ordinance for next year. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the 2018 Salary Ordinance. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

STARKE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION'S MONTHLY REPORT

SCEDF Director Charlie Weaver appeared before the Council and presented them with a SCEDF monthly report for the month of October, 2017. He advised the Board could read it on their own. He noted the US30 Coalition Committee had a recent good meeting; there was no news on the Sysco Property; and he stated the Stelerema Building had sold. He then presented a spreadsheet on the use of the County's Railroad property and the names of the local business that used the railroad and the dollar amount that has been earned. He advised there is a \$51.00 fee per car to use the railroad. He noted for the time period of the 1st quarter of 2015 through the 3rd quarter of 2017 there was \$43,028.53 spent in total expenditures; and a total of \$164,730.00 was received. The following is a brief summary of the report; Knox Fertilizer used 2129 railroad cars and cost them \$108,579.00; Reagent Chemical used a total of 1043 cars for a cost of \$52,071.00; and Toll Bros. used a total of 80 cars for a cost of \$4,080.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With there being no public comments and no further business, Councilman Hazelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Pearman. The motion passed with all ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:34PM.

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Freddie Baker, President

Dave Pearman, Vice-President

Bryan Cavender

Pam Stalbaum

Nancy Dembowski

ABSENT
Robert Sims

Brad Hazelton

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