

## **JANUARY 16, 2018**

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 Bryan Cavender, Freddie Baker, Brad Hazelton, Robert Sims, Dave Pearman, Nancy Dembowski and Pam Stalbaum present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Freddie Baker at 5:30PM. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup> & December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Councilman Pearman seconded the claim and it passed with all ayes.

### **2018 COUNCIL RESTRUCTURING AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

President Freddie Baker advised he wanted to step down as President and he asked for nominations for the position of Council President. Councilman Sims nominated Brad Hazelton. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Councilman Hazelton took over the role of President. Councilman Sims made a motion to nominate Councilman Pearman as the Vice-President. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Pearman made a motion to nominate Martin Lucas as the County Attorney for the County Council. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to reappoint Councilman Hazelton to the Economic Development Board. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Pearman made a motion to reappoint Councilwoman Pam Stalbaum to the KIRPC Board. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to reappoint Councilman Cavender to the Planning Commission. Councilman Sims seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to reappoint Carol Tripenfeldas to the North Judson-Wayne Township Library Board. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Baker made a motion to reappoint Kenny Wallace to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Councilman Sims seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Councilman Cavender made a motion to reappoint Councilman Baker to the Solid Waste Board. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

President Hazelton advised the appointment to the PTABOA Board would be tabled for now until he speaks with the current Board member.

### **EMS DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO HIRE TWO MORE FULL TIME PARAMEDICS**

EMS Director Travis Clary and EMS Clerk MaryLynn Richie appeared before the Board to request two more full time Paramedics. Director Clary advised they thought hiring more part time Paramedics to work the extra hours would be less expensive but they have lost some of their part time Paramedics and have been paying the full time Paramedics more overtime to work all the existing hours. He advised he has a total of 1008 Paramedic hours in a two week period and currently he has 5 full time Paramedics who work 480 hours which leaves a total of 528 hours left to cover. He advised it is less expensive to hire Full Time Paramedics than paying overtime to part time Paramedics. Councilmen Hazelton and Pearman stated they believed it was a good idea as to not lose the ALS Certification. Director Clary advised they are not asking for any money; they only want to create two more Full Time Paramedic positions. The Board agreed and advised they should move on now and present this to the Board of Commissioners for their approval.

### **SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO DETERMINE THE 3% PAY INCREASE FOR PATROLMAN ALONG WITH THEIR PAY RAISE; REQUEST TO HIRE PART TIME EMPLOYEE AT A HIGHER RATE THAN NORMAL; APPROVAL OF FUND 1114 AND FUND 4919 2018 BUDGETS**

Sheriff Dulin appeared before the Board and asked the Board to consider the 3% pay raise for Patrolman to be given to them along with the \$5,000.00 pay raise per Patrolman. After a brief discussion Councilman Pearman made a motion to approve the pay of both, the 3% pay raise, and the \$5,000.00 pay raise for 2018. Councilwoman Dembowski seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Sheriff Dulin advised he would like to hire a former Detective/Patrolman, who had retired, to do investigative research. He advised he would hire him as a Part Time Jailer but would want to pay him \$14.00/hour instead of the hourly part time rate of \$12.51. Sheriff Dulin advised the individual was Ron Lawson. Councilman Pearman advised the Sheriff should not classify this employee as a part time jailer but a new job description should be created with a specific job description explaining what that position's responsibilities would be. Following a brief discussion Councilman Pearman created a motion for the Sheriff to create a job description for this position before the pay rate is raised to \$14.00.

Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The Council advised the creation of the position would require Board of Commissioner approval also.

Sheriff Dulin presented his proposed 2018 budgets for the Jail CEDIT Fund, 1114 in the amount of \$778,670.00; and the Therapeutic Community Program Fund 4919 in the amount of \$367,920.00. Auditor Chaffins noted that the budget of the Jail CEDIT Fund had to be increased from the original amount due to the items that were dropped from County General Jail Budget at the budget workshop last summer. County Commissioner Kathy Norem expressed her opinion on the use of the Jail CEDIT Fund as the main purpose of that fund is to pay for the Jail Bond Lease payments. Auditor Chaffins advised the County is receiving over \$200,000.00 per month and there is sufficient money for both the bond payments each year and the budget the Sheriff requested. Councilwoman Dembowski made a motion to approve the budget of the Jail CEDIT Fund in the amount of \$778,670.00. Councilman Baker seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the budget of the Therapeutic Community Fund 4919 in the amount of \$367,920.00. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

### **SCEDF MONTHLY REPORT**

SCEDF Temporary Director Larry Wickert appeared before the Board with the presentation of his monthly report. He advised he had submitted the written report via email prior to the meeting and asked if anyone had any questions. He was asked about the Sysco Property that has been listed for sale and he advised they are receiving interest in the property. He also advised the new business, Gary Popkins, should be opening sometime in February.

### **IN OTHER BUSINESS**

President Hazelton advised he had spoken with Rebecca Ferch of the PTABOA Board who advised she was still interested in remaining on the PTABOA Board. He stated she had advised she has only a Level 2 Certification. Councilman Baker made a motion to reappoint Rebecca Ferch to the PTABOA Board. Councilman Pearman seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Sheriff Dulin stated he is still receiving complaints in regard to the radios and stated he will be bringing this issue up at the Fire Department Meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Hazelton advised Umbaugh will be giving a report on the study they compiled for SCEDF and asked who could attend the meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Norem advised she would also attend that meeting.

With there being no public comments and no further business, Councilman Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Stalbaum. The motion passed with all ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

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Brad Hazelton, President

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Dave Pearman, Vice-President

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Bryan Cavender

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Pam Stalbaum

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Nancy Dembowski

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Robert Sims

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Freddie Baker

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