

APRIL 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, Brad Hazelton at 5:30PM. Councilman Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19th meeting. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

STARKE COUNTY YOUTH CLUB ANNUAL APPEAL

Irene Szakonyi, Director of the Starke County Youth Club, appeared before the Board to present her annual report. She advised she has a total of 370 children participating in the Club throughout the County. 61% of those children receive a free or reduced pay lunch and 82% of them have parents or supervising adults who are in the workforce. She stated the annual radiothon will take place at WKVI on Friday, May 4th from 10:00AM-4:00PM. She will be asking for pledges of support and donations.

SHERIFF DULIN’S REQUEST TO UPDATE CAD PROGRAM

Sheriff Dulin appeared before the Board with a request to purchase a new CAD System for 911 Dispatch. He advised the CAD the County is currently using is from Cushing Technologies and is extremely outdated; it will no longer take any updates and is not working properly. He stated when the County obtained that CAD System it was a used system. He noted CAD stands for Computer Aided Dispatch and it assists not only the 911 dispatchers but also the EMS rigs, the area Police Departments, the Fire Departments in the County, and Starke County Community Corrections, Probation and Circuit Court. There is a possibility those areas could be charged a small fee for the usage of the system. He stated he would like to purchase the CAD System from Calibre Press and the approximate cost would be \$253,000.00. The Sheriff advised that CAD System is used by the surrounding seven counties. He noted this presentation was to update the Council so they could prepare for the expense of that purchase.

CLERK COOLEY AND MICROVOTE’S REQUEST TO UPDATE MICROVOTE’S VOTING MACHINES

Clerk Vicki Cooley and Microvote Representative Steve Shamo appeared before the Board. Clerk Cooley advised she had sent out by email a copy of the Microvote Update and the proposed cost. Mr. Shamo advised the update needs to be completed by the 2020 Presidential Election and they will finance the cost over three years with no interest. He advised the update is making the voting machines more secure with Homeland Security and the FBI. He noted at this time since the machines are never directly hooked into the internet the only way they could be accessed is with a thumb drive. Mr. Shamo noted they had to rewrite the software over the last 5 years for the security. He stated they have 50 counties and have 32 completed. Mr. Shamo advised the last update Starke County’s voting machines have received was when they were purchased in 2004. The process would take approximately 1 to 2 weeks each since they can do around 15 per day. The total time to do the 40 machines would be 4 weeks; they would be replacing the mother board, screen, and processor. He advised the cost would be approximately \$1,427.00 per machine for an estimated total of \$60,000.00. He noted the cost of a new machine is \$3,950.00. Peg Britton of the Starke County Election Board advised this subject was presented to the Election Board also and they thought it could be completed in 2019 since there is only a town/city election that year. President Hazelton advised the Clerk should include 1/3 of that cost in the 2019 budget, and then also in 2020 and 2021. Councilman Pearman stated it should not be a cost in the regular County General budget but it should be a Cumulative Capital Development item for the next three years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Starke County Economic Development Foundation Director Larry Wickert appeared before the Board to pass out a copy of the paperwork from the retreat clinic they held last week. He stated he was very happy with the turnout.

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

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Brad Hazelton, President

Dave Pearman, Vice-President

Bryan Cavender

Pam Stalbaum

Nancy Dembowski

Robert Sims

Freddie Baker

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