

August 25th, 2008

Pursuant to call, comes now the Starke County Council and meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditor's Office of the Starke County Government Building (Annex), Knox, Indiana. Comes now the Auditor, with Dan Awald, Chuck Estok & William Dulin absent, and reads the call to the Council and shows that due and legal notice of the meeting has been given.

IN RE: MINUTES

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the August 11, 2008, minutes seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 4 ayes.

IN RE: TRANSFER ORDINANCE #2008-11

A transfer tabled from the 8-11-08 meeting that was requested by the highway department, which would transfer \$40,000 from Gas, Oil & Lube to Health insurance was approved by a motion from Jennifer Davis and seconded by Douglas J. Vessely with 4 ayes.

IN RE: 2009 BUDGETS

Mark Smith, Council President, requested that the Auditor notify all department heads and office holders to revise their budgets keeping the total the same as the 2008 state approved total. In order to leave in a 3% pay raise, cuts would have to be made elsewhere.

The council will meet and act on all budgets except for those within County General on September 8, 2008, at 8:00 am.

Mark reported that other tax units have to send us their budgets at least 15 days before their board or council meets to adopt.

Mark Smith opened the 2009 budget hearing to the public. Only one member of the public was present and he had no questions or comments. Jennifer Davis moved to close the hearing seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 4 ayes.

IN RE: SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT CONTRACT

The Sheriff's pension Trust Agreement just changes the bank name and the Supplementary Trust Agreement is mostly redundant to the Trust Agreement. Council Attorney, Martin Lucas, after examining both documents, recommends approval of both.

Douglas J. Vessely moved to approve the Trust Agreement concerning the Sheriff's pension seconded by Bruce Fingerhut with 4 ayes.

Bruce Fingerhut moved to approve the Supplemental Trust Agreement concerning the Sheriff's pension seconded by Jennifer Davis with 4 ayes.

IN RE: PROBATION DEPT. REQUEST FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Mark Smith stated that he did not like what had happened at the last meeting with the probation department. A part time person was paid out of monies appropriated for someone else and the council's willingness to pass the additional appropriation request was not to be misconstrued that they approved of how this was done or that they condoned this action of hiring someone and requesting the money to pay them months later. He wanted it made known that the proper channels have to be followed BEFORE hiring employees—part time or full time.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

Bruce Fingerhut moved to put William Dulin on the Environmental Management Board to fulfill James Van Vactor's unexpired term seconded by Douglas J. Vessely with 4 ayes.

There being no further business to come before the board, Douglas J Vessely moved to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Davis, with 4 ayes.

Mark C. Smith, President

Douglas J. Vessely, Vice President

Bruce Fingerhut

ABSENT

Chuck Estok

Jennifer Davis

ABSENT

Daniel Awald

ABSENT

William A. Dulin

Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor of
Starke County and Secretary to the County Council