

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 Dave Pearman, Bryan Cavender, Brad Hazelton, Pam Stalbaum, Robert Sims and Nancy Dembowski present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President, Dave Pearman. Absent from the meeting was Council President Freddie Baker. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 22nd, 2017 meeting. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

### APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUESTS

EMS Director Travis Clary and EMS Clerk MaryLynn Richie appeared before the Board to request the following transfers: to move the amount of \$11,091.00 into Fund 1000.20302.000.0022, Ambulance Repair from 1000.10200.000.0002, Auditor Deputy, in the amount of \$11,091.00. Councilwoman Dembowski made a motion to approve the transfer for ambulance repair. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

They also requested a total of \$25,400.00 of 1000.31203.000.0025, Commissioner Liability Insurance, be moved into 1000.10300.000.0020, EMS Extra Help, \$900.00; 1000.10704.000.0020, EMS Part Time Staff, \$10,000.00; 1000.11301.000.0020, EMS Part Time Paramedic, \$10,000.00; and 1000.10205.000.0020, Full Time Staff, \$4,500.00. They asked for a total of \$15,589.40 be moved from 1000.31202.000.0025, Liability Insurance, into 1000.10704.000.0020, EMS Part Time Staff, \$5,469.49; and 1000.11301.000.0020, EMS Part Time Paramedic, \$10,110.91. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the payroll transfers, seconded by Councilwoman Stalbaum. The motion passed with all ayes.

Surveyor Bill Crase appeared before the Board with the following transfer request: to move into 1000.40102.000.0006, Equipment, in the amount of \$800.00; from 1000.10107.000.0023, Comp. Drainage Board, \$250.00; 1000.10400.000.0023, Meetings, \$300.00; 1000.10405.000.0023, Attorney, \$50.00; 100/30204.000.0023, Travel Expense, \$100.00; and 1000.31700.000.0023, Legal Notices, \$100.00. The Surveyor advised he would like to purchase a laser transit to replace the old one that is in his department. He advised he would list the old transit for sale at the next County Auction. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the transfer request in order to purchase the laser transit. Councilman Sims seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

IT Director, Mark Gourley, appeared before the Board to request approval on a transfer, to move 1000.10101.000.0035, Director, \$3,731.32 into 1000.20209.000.0035, Maintenance Supplies, \$1,846.98; and 1000.30500.000.0035, Telephone, \$1,884.34. Councilwoman Dembowski made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Director Gourley advised the only large purchase he can see in the future would be the replacement of the County's Telephone System as the old one is well outdated and no longer has a serviceable life. They now have to pay for any repairs done to the phone system.

Sheriff Bill Dulin appeared before the Board with his transfer requests. He asked to move \$11,978.38 from 1000.10804.000.0025, Commissioner Health Insurance into 1000.20100.000.0005, Office Supplies, \$46.73; 1000.20600.000.0005, Garage & Motor, \$9,358.77; and 1000.21200.000.0005, Tires & Tubes, \$2,572.88. Councilwoman Dembowski made a motion to approve the transfer request.

Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The Sheriff then requested to move \$246.00 from 1000.20208.000.0027, Laundry into 1000.30605.000.0027, Building Maintenance. Councilwoman Stalbaum made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. The Sheriff then asked for approval of a transfer in the amount of \$7,498.00 from 1114.10450.000.0027, Courthouse Security and move it into 1114.31415.000.0027, Inmate Medical, \$7,423.00; and 1114.40502.000.0027, Patrol Car, \$75.00. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilwoman Stalbaum seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Sheriff Dulin advised he had called seven different counties and asked them if they took their vehicles to their Highway Department for repair. None of those seven counties took their vehicles to the Highway Department for any repair work. There was a brief discussion of the Sheriff's Department building their own building for their own vehicle repair work.

Highway Department Superintendent Rik Ritzler appeared before the Board to request approval on a transfer of 1176.30600.000.0530, Utilities, \$368.35 and 1176.32007.000.0530, Safety Supplies, \$21.36 to be moved into 1176.20100.000.0530, Office Supplies, \$379.96, and 1176.30100.000.0530, Postage, \$9.75. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve this transfer request. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Superintendent Ritzler then requested a total of \$25,983.29 be moved into 1176.31203.000.0533, Liability from 1176.10804.000.0533, Health Insurance, \$12,745.21; 1176.10211.000.0533, Mechanics, \$4,000.00; 1176.12500.000.0533, Social Security, \$4,500.00; 1176.21100.000.0533, Gas, Oil, Lube, \$2,003.29; 1176.10903.000.0533,

Unemployment, \$1,000.00; 1176.21001.000.0531, Other Materials, \$1,000.00 and 1176.10210.000.0531, Truck Drivers, \$734.79. Councilwoman Dembowski made a motion to approve the transfer request. Councilman Cavender seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Councilman Pearman talked about CR25N, how busy the roadway is and wanted to know when it will be paved again. Superintendent Ritzler advised it would be done in 2019. Councilman Pearman also talked about installing CR600E from SR8 up to the Town of Hamlet to make it easier for Hamlet, and the Northern part of the County to be able to reach the Starke County Justice Center.

## **STARKE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION'S TRANSFER REQUEST AND MONTHLY REPORT**

The SCEDF Director, Charlie Weaver, appeared before the Board with a request for an appropriation approval. Director Weaver requested the appropriation of 1112.31315.000.0000, Highway Department Radar Recorder WTRAXPRO, in the amount of \$3,235.00. He advised the radar recorder would be used to monitor traffic in regard to the US30 proposed project. He stated this manner of recording the number of vehicles is more accurate to others. He also noted that following that project the radar recorder could be used by the Highway Department for other projects. Director Weaver stated the recorder has already received approval from the Board of Commissioners. Councilman Sims made a motion to approve the appropriation request. Councilman Hazelton seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes.

Director Weaver noted that he has a couple of businesses looking at the Sysco Property, a REMC customer, and another company. He also noted that four Miller welders are being donated from the Ivy Tech Board in Valparaiso. Ivy Tech is now moving toward purchasing Miller welders. Director Weaver stated in the past the SCILL Center used Miller welders but he feels the students would get a broader education if they learn how to weld using welders from the two different manufacturers.

### **IN OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilman Pearman stated he would like to have the Council meeting in a Special Session prior to the end of the year to conduct any transfer requests and to see about the transfer of money from the County General Fund into the Rainy Day fund. A Special Session was scheduled for Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

With there being no public comments and no further business, Councilman Hazelton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Stalbaum. The motion passed with all ayes and the meeting adjourned at 6:21PM.

**DECEMBER 18, 2017**

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Freddie Baker, 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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Brad Hazelton

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