

**STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council at 4:30 PM in the Annex Building Meeting Room, Knox, Indiana, with Dave Pearman, Brad Hazelton, Kay Gudeman, Howard Bailey, Todd Leinbach, Don Binkley, and Don White present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Dave Pearman at 4:30 PM for the Starke County Council Regular Session.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Leinbach made a motion to approve the minutes from August 15, 2022. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**J & K COMMUNICATION**

Councilman Pearman advised he had spoken to Eric Stevenson prior to the meeting and they did figure out that we do have a digital signal that has been affecting our system. Eric Stevenson advised they are still actively looking for the source. Last year when they made adjustments to the system they thought they had it fixed. The other day they drove over there while it was going on and Jim Bowers remoted in and did find the digital signal that has been affecting the system. They found that part but they have to narrow down the source of it. Jim Bowers advised they did see the signal and they are currently going through legally licensed code users on that channel. They have eliminated two of them but are still investigating others. Councilman Pearman asked for them to touch base with the council at their next meeting but they will keep in communication by email as well prior to their next meeting.

**SHERIFF –JAIL CEDIT**

Matron McDonald and Sheriff Dulin came before the Starke County Council to discuss the negative amounts in their accounts in Jail CEDIT. Auditor Oesterreich advised they are negative in health insurance, repair & maintenance, garage & motor, gas, oil & lube, and service contract. After discussion was held regarding how much money would be needed in each line it was determined the following amount will be published: \$110,000 in health insurance, \$5,000 in repair & maintenance, \$55,000 in garage & motor, \$45,000 gas oil lube, \$6,446.86 service contract, and \$50,000 in prisoner meals.

**2023 PUBLIC HEARING FOR STARKE COUNTY AIRPORT**

Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to open the public hearing for the Starke County Airport at 4:54 PM. Councilman Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. With their being no public comment Councilman Hazelton made a motion to close the Starke County Airport public hearing at 4:55 PM. Councilman Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**2023 ADOPTION HEARINGS**

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Starke County 2023 budget as follows: Council General Fund \$7,757,238; Fund 9500 \$25,000; Fund 9501 \$33,139; Fund 9502 \$30,000; Fund 9503 \$10,000; Fund 9504 \$521,580; Fund 9505 \$107,802; Fund 9506 \$14,581; Fund 9507 \$5,000; Fund 9508 \$15,000; Fund 9509 \$14,250; Fund 9510 \$63,500; Fund 9511 \$435,926; Fund 9512 \$0; Fund 9513 \$40,314; Fund 9514 \$17,494; Fund 9515 \$0; Fund 9516 \$134,193; Fund 9517 \$40,000; Fund 9518 \$317,513; Fund 9519 \$391,125; Fund 9520 \$0; Fund 9521 \$0; Fund 9522 \$9,805; Fund 9523 \$16,000; Fund 9524 \$5,000; Fund 9525 \$135,000; Fund 9526 \$222,858, and Fund 9527 \$40,000. Councilman White seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Starke County Solid Waste 2023 budget in the amount of \$303,700. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the North Judson San Pierre 2023 budget as follows: Fund Code 0061 \$468,814; Fund Code 0180 \$1,353,464; Fund Code 0186 \$72,053; Fund Code 3101 \$7,443,284; Fund Code 3300 \$4,150,000 for a total of \$13,487,615. Councilman Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Appropriations Reduction Resolution for 0610 Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$468,814. Councilman Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**RECORDER – ORDINANCE PERPETUATION FUND**

Councilman Pearman presented the Ordinance Establishing the Use of Recorder’s Records Perpetuation Fund. He explained this is an ordinance that they put in place every year for the Recorder for postage expenses. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Ordinance Establishing the Use of Recorder’s Records Perpetuation Fund. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION DISCUSSION**

Auditor Oesterreich explained that she will be publishing an additional appropriation for CEDIT 1112. The amount will be \$80,000 which is the estimated amount needed to get through the rest of the year. This is to cover the EMS Department’s raises they had approved in March of 2022. She then discussed CCD 1138, the amount of \$15,000 will be published as that fund is negative \$6,622.99 as well as an additional estimated \$6,500 for the air conditioners at the Sheriff’s Department. Lastly, Auditor Oesterreich advised she will be publishing \$1500 for the Elected Officials Training Fund 1217 as more elected officials have been going to conference and classes.

**BZA HOME RULE FUND**

Councilman Pearman advised that he advised the BZA that before the Council approved this Home Rule Fund they would like to know what they will be spending the fund on and how much of attorney fees went into this particular litigation. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to table the BZA’s request for a home rule fund. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the appointment of Michelle Downs to the PTABOA Board. Councilman Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. With no other business or public comment to come before the Starke County Council, Councilwoman Gudeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 PM. Councilman Leinbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

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Brad Hazelton, Vice-President

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Rachel Oesterreich, Starke County Auditor