

**STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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, 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 Hazelton made a motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2022. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

STARKE COUNTY AIRPORT 2023 BUDGET

Councilman Pearman asked Charles Weaver “who from county government sits on the airport board.” Mr. Weaver advised that statute does not require a sitting government member on the board. Councilman Pearman advised that they would like to have a sitting member on the Board, preferably a council member but this matter will be discussed with the Board of Commissioners as well. Mr. Weaver will discuss this matter with the airport board tomorrow evening at their meeting. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Starke County Airport’s 2023 budget in the amount of \$1,375,682. Commissioner Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

SCEDF – STRATEGIC PLANNING

Lisa Dan, Starke County Economic Development Foundation Director, came before the Starke County Council to talk about strategic planning. Director Dan spoke about the success of the Starke Tank 2022. She advised the first place winner was Irelynd Alexis Boutique and the second place winner was Bone Bass Game Calls. Director Dan thanked the county because the first initial donation of \$5000 that the county provided really helped immensely. Director Dan advised they are starting to work on a strategic plan. They need to get focused on a few things and she believes by putting together a strategic plan this will help them stay focused.

TRANSFERS

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve a Planning Commission transfer for an additional appropriation in 1000.204000.000.0022 in the amount of \$1000 and a reduction in appropriation in 1000.31401.000.0022 in the amount of \$1000. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve a Purdue transfer for an additional appropriation in 1000.20100.000.0021 in the amount of \$28.63 and a reduction in appropriation in 1000.30100.000.0021 in the amount of \$28.63. Councilman Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve an Auditor transfer for an additional appropriation in 1000.2000.000.0002 in the amount of \$62897, 1000.30300.000.0002, in the amount of \$17.15, and 1000.10129.000.0002 in the amount of \$76.92 with a reduction in appropriation on 1000.1000.000.0002 in the amount of \$719.19 and 1000.10301.000.0002 in the amount of \$3.85. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve a Prosecutor transfer for an additional appropriation in 1000.10221.000.0008 in the amount of \$14,100, 1000.10223.000.0008 in the amount of \$1110, and 1000.20100.000.0008 in the amount of \$3000 with a reduction in appropriation in 1000.10219.000.0008 in the amount of \$18210. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the EMA transfer for an additional appropriation in 1000.20100.000.0018 in the amount of \$29.83 and 1000.31103.000.0018 in the amount of \$248 with a reduction in appropriation in 1000.20600.000.0018 in the amount of \$277.83. Councilman Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes. Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the EMS transfer for an additional appropriation in 1000.10704.000.0020 in the amount of \$15,000, 1000.20700.000.0020 in the amount of \$20,000, 1000.30805.000.0020 in the amount of

\$15,000, 1000.10205.000.0020 in the amount of \$10,000, 1000.30600.000.0020 in the amount of \$3,000, 1000.20601.000.0020 in the amount of \$1,000, and 1000.21100.000.0020 in the amount of \$10,000 with a reduction in appropriation in 1000.10216.000.0020 in the amount of \$30,000, 1000.11301.000.0020, in the amount of \$11,000, 1000.10750.000.0020 in the amount of \$30,000, and 1000.10550.000.0020 in the amount of 3,000. Councilwoman Gudeman seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as follows:

Fund 1159 Health in the amount of \$1,191
Fund 1114 Jail CREDIT in the amount of \$38,000
Fund 8950 ARPA in the amount of \$526,550.74
Fund 1217 Elected Official Training in the amount of \$1,500
Fund 1138 CCD in the amount of \$15,000
Fund 1112 CREDIT in the amount of \$80,000
Fund 1114 Jail CREDIT in the amount of \$271,446.86

Councilman Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

BZA ORDINANCE

Councilman Pearman brought up the discussion regarding the request for a new fund to be created for the BZA. He advised that right now the way the ordinance is written for the new fund the money would be excluded from them to use for their unsafe building fund. He wants to rewrite the the ordinances in place to allow the Planning Commission to use some of that money for the unsafe building fund. Councilman Bailey advised there are some big projects that this money could be used toward in regards to the unsafe building fund. Bob Troike, who is on the BZA Board, advised his board has not really spoken about what they are going to use the money for. Councilman Hazelton advised there are currently three suggested areas purposed in the ordinance under review for the new fund being:

- (A) The design, planning, engineering, implementation, and enforcement of a Zoning and Zoning enforcement system for Starke County.
- (B) The engagement of professionals to assist with the design, planning, engineering, implementation, and enforcement of a Zoning and Zoning enforcement system for Starke County.
- (C) The funding of part-time and full-time staff for the BZA of Starke County, State of Indiana, as needed and permitted via the applicable Starke County Salary Ordinance.

Attorney Schramm advised he can revise the ordinance to reflect the Planning Commissions interest in the purposed money regarding the unsafe building fund. Bob Troike is to go back and talk to his board and review items with Attorney Schramm in getting the ordinance for the new BZA fund revised.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the forensic analysis contract with SpearTip and to pay the \$14,000 from Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Councilman Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

Councilman Hazelton made a motion to approve the Resolution Establishing the Annual Employee Recognition Fund and Expenditures for County Council. Councilman Bailey 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 Binkley seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all ayes.

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Dave Pearman, President

Brad Hazelton, Vice-President

Kay Gudeman

Don White

Howard Bailey

Don Binkley

Absent
Todd Leinbach

Rachel Oesterreich, Starke County Auditor