

Ripley County Council Meeting

January 20, 2014

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, January 20, 2014 at the Ripley County Annex in Versailles, Indiana.

Council President Ms. Dephane Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Members Dephane Smith, Ron Decker, Brenda Wetzler, and Mark Horstman were in attendance. Council Members McDonald, Armbrecht, and Warren were absent. Also in attendance were Attorney Ertel and Auditor Wagner.

First order of business was to elect officers for 2014.

Council Member Wetzler nominated Council Member Smith as President. Council Member Horstman seconded the nomination and the motion passed with 4 yes.

Council Member Smith then nominated Council Member Wetzler for President Pro Tem with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 4 yes.

Approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2013 meeting:

Council Member Wetzler moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 4 yes.

TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Transfer of funds				
		From	To	
Assessor	\$500.00	1001-11600-000-0011 County General Clerical	1001-11299-000-0011 County General Level II	Sarah Kessens obtained Level II Classification
Council Member Horstman moved to approve with a second from Council Member Wetzler. Motion passed with 4 yes.				
Highway	\$30,000.00	1176-32490-000-0026 Stone	1176-28800-000-0026 Cinders	Transfer funds to needed location
Highway	\$70,000.00	1176-32490-000-0026 Stone	1176-28600-000-0026 Salt	Transfer funds to needed location
Council Member Wetzler moved to approve both with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 4 yes.				

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Additional Appropriations

Reduction Appropriation

OLD BUSINESS: Appointment for Batesville Memorial Public Library Board. Mr. Thomas Barnett was present to speak on his desire to be appointed to the Board. Council Member Decker moved to appoint Mr. Barnett with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 4 yes.

NEW BUSINESS: Appointment for Vernon Fork Water District. This is a joint appointment with Commissioners and Council. The commissioners had voted to appoint Mr. Jeff Volz. Council Member Wetzler moved to appoint Mr. Volz as the Council choice. Council Member Decker seconded and the motion passed with 4 yes.

EMA –Mr. Patrick Rose:

Mr. Rose advised Ripley County qualified for a \$5179.00 2012/13 Emergency Management Performance Grant based on performance score. Council Member Decker moved to establish a grant fund and transfer funds from County General into the fund to be used and then reimbursed. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 4 yes.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Council President Smith informed the Council that the Park Board requested Ms. Rachel Curl be re-appointed to their Board. She will contact the Board for paperwork requesting this and it will be acted on at the next Council meeting.

Deputy Rob Bradley from the Ripley County Sheriff’s Department appeared to inform the Council he had requested 4 new vehicles from the commissioners. Also, he informed the Council that the issue of keeping jailers is still a problem and with the last jailer resignation would be the 44th jailer since Sheriff Grills took office in 2007. He stated he had met with a Mr. Bill Wilson to provide a jail staff analysis on the number of jailers needed for the population of the jail. This will occur sometime in February. The Council questioned that the only issue with the turnover is to do with pay. Council Member Wetzler asked if exit interviews with those leaving were being conducted to determine the reasons. Deputy Bradley was not sure since that was not his responsibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Jeff Volz—Absent

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Mr. Edward Armbrrecht—Absent

E911 ADVISORY BOARD: Mr. Ron Decker —None

SEI REGIONAL PLANNING COMM: Ms. Dephane Smith--None

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Ms. Dephane Smith – Commissioner Reiners advised the Highway was submitting a request for stainless steel truck beds to Rising Sun regional Foundation.

SOUTHEAST INDIANA RECYCLING—Mr. Bill McDonald—Absent

EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE—The Council decided this committee was no longer needed as it had not met for over 5 years and did not have any association with the current EMS meetings being held. It was advised that the EMS meeting being held to determine solutions to the funding problems would be at the Batesville Fire Station February 12, 2014 at 7:00pm and Council members were encouraged to attend. Attorney Ertel reminded them that no more than 3 should be in attendance.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Council Member Wetzler to adjourn. A second was made by Council Member Horstman and the motion passed with 4 yes.

“ AYE “

“NAY”

Dephane Smith, Council President

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Brenda Wetzler

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Bill McDonald

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Bill Warren

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Mark Horstman

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Ron Decker

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Edward Armbrrecht

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ATTEST:

William Lee Wagner

Auditor, Ripley County

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