

Ripley County Council Meeting

February 21, 2017

The Ripley County Council met on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the Ripley County Annex in Versailles, Indiana.

Council President Brenda Wetzler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Council Members Ron Decker, Brenda Wetzler, Mark Horstman, Dephane Smith, Chad Pindell, and Bill Warren were in attendance as well as Auditor Bill Wagner. Council Member Ed Armbrecht was absent as well as County Attorney John Ertel.

Approval of January 17, 2017 minutes:

Council Member Horstman moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2017 with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 4 yes. Council Member Armbrecht was absent and Council Members Pindell and Warren abstained as they were absent for the January 17, 2017 meeting.

Additional Appropriations			
EMS	\$1,500.00	9128-33425-000-0000 Decatur County REMC Grant EMS Education	This is money we received from a grant for a farm rescue training.
	\$2,000.00	1151-37205-000-0058 Billing Services	Billing Services Fees
	\$2,500.00	1151-29641-000-0058 Telephone Service	Internet Service Fees
	\$5,500.00	1151-37900-000-0058 Utilities - Electric, Trash, Gas, etc	Utility Fees
	\$3,000.00	1151-36104-000-0058 Building	Building Maintenance & Repair
	\$3,000.00	1151-29591-000-0058 Equip Maintenance	Equip Maintenance
	\$2,500.00	1151-25800-000-0058 Uniforms	Uniforms
	\$25,000.00	1151-25311-000-0058 Medical Equip/Supplies	Medical Supplies
	\$10,000.00	1151-25201-000-0058 Technology	Replacement of electronic equipment, technology upgrades
	\$1,000.00	1151-25202-000-0058 Disposable	Station Supplies, light bulbs, cleaning supplies, etc.
	\$6,800.00	1151-19100-000-0058 Workers Comp	Workers Comp
	\$15,000.00	1151-12600-000-0058 FICA	FICA
\$185,000.00	1151-19920-000-0058 Rescue 30 EMT/First Responder	Payroll	
\$35,000.00	1151-35800-000-0058 Vehicle Fuel & Maintenance	Vehicle Fuel & Maintenance	

NOTES: Council Member Pindell moved to approve the request for the \$1500.00 Decatur County REMC grant with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Smith moved to approve all remaining requests from EMS with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Pindell moved to approve the 2017 Budget for EMS pertaining to these appropriations with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes. Council Member Pindell moved to approve the Salary Ordinance that pertained to these appropriations and the 2017 Budget with a second from Council Member Smith. This motion also passed with 6 yes.

Health	\$457.52	8120-49000-000-0000 Ebola	Indiana State Department Health Ebola Infectious Disease Grant Funding. Needing approval to spend. Cash balance already carried over from 2016
	\$2,178.71	1159-29550-000-0000 Health General	Indiana State Department Health Zika Prep. Grant Funding for Mosquito Surv. & Control. Carry over funds from 2016.
	\$11,876.34	9135-49000-000-0000 MRC Preparedness	Indiana State Dept Health MRC D9 Preparedness fund. Grant funding already received via EFT in Auditor's Office. Needing approval to receipt in carry over funds from 2016.

NOTES: Council Member Horstman moved to approve all requests from the Health Department with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes.

Park	\$20,000.00	9139-33230-000-0000 RSRF-Bleachers	Park bleachers
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NOTES: Council Member Smith moved to approve the request from Parks with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 6 yes.

Sheriff	\$11,449.00	7303-43100-000-0216 Riverboat Belterra	Spillman last invoice
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NOTES: Council Member Decker moved to approve the request from the Sheriff with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes.

Recorders Perpetuation	\$120.75	1189-11600-000-0255 Clerical	To pay the hours Gerri Thayer worked from 2016.
	\$9.24	1189-12600-000-0255 Social Security	

NOTES: Council Member Warren moved to approve both requests with a second from Council Member Smith. Motion passed with 6 yes.

Transfer of funds

		From	To	
Auditor	\$64.00	1216-32800-000-000 Meeting	1216-32200-000-000 Dues	To cover costs of Auditor's dues.

NOTES: Council Member Warren moved to approve the transfer request with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes.

911	\$630.73	1222-13300-000-0045 Group Insurance	1222-17306-000-0045 911 Communications	With the new year transition the fund went in the red because it no longer exists. This is to replace the funds that were taken out of the wrong account for the pay period of 1-1 to 1-14-17.
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NOTES: Council Member Horstman moved to approve the transfer request with a second from Council Member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes.

Sheriff	\$500.00	1110-25700-000-0007 Garage and Motors	1001-31300-000-0007 Auto Insurance	To cover invoice for new transport van
	\$54.00	1001-25700-000-0007 Garage and Motors	1001-11290-000-0007 Holiday Pay	Rayburns invoice needs paid from Garage & Motors instead of Holiday Pay.

NOTES: Council Member Smith moved to approve both transfer requests with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 6 yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Kelly Vollet of the Technology Department spoke of the need to pay the invoice for the computers that had been purchased. The appropriation had not been presented yet but the bill needed to be paid as the computers had been received. Council Member Decker moved to approve the payment subject to the advertising of the appropriation for the March meeting. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Southeastern Indiana Recycle Center—Mr. Aaron Bell

Mr. Bell provided the Council with an update of operations for 2016 through his annual report.

Ripley County Coroner's Office—Mr. Jason Smith Deputy Coroner

Mr. Smith provided the Council with a report for the Coroner's Office detailing the deaths investigated and breakdown of deaths for the 2016 year.

Highway Department—Superintendent Ray Toops, Mechanic Foreman Pat Kissell, and Commissioner Stutler

Superintendent Toops presented the Council with a request to use funds from the Highway General Fund to purchase 3 tandem axle dump trucks and trade in 3 tandem axle dump trucks and 1 single axle dump truck. Also requested was to use funds in machinery and equipment that had been earmarked for another project and was not now needed be approved to use on purchase of a pickup truck. This would be replacing a pickup that had been totaled last year but not replaced.

After a lengthy discussion of using the Highway General reserves, Council Member Horstman moved to allow funding of two tandem dump trucks and a pickup. This would be subject to trading two dump trucks in on the purchase and the total of the purchase would not exceed \$300,000.00 from the Highway General reserves. Council Member Warren seconded and the motion passed. Superintendent Toops was instructed to forward an additional appropriation to Auditor Wagner for publication for the March 20, 2017 Council Meeting.

Superintendent Toops also advised the Council that all paperwork for the INDOT Grand for Roads was complete and they were waiting for the notice that the grant requests could be submitted.

Commissioner Stratton spoke to the Council about possibly changing the highway districts to two—North and South-- using Highway 50 as the dividing line. He stated he believed it would cut down expenses for the operation.

EMS—Director Scott Huffman

Mr. Huffman spoke of the need to replace an ambulance for the transfer operation and one at the rescue service at Milan that the county began running February 1, 2017. He had found a couple and was requesting the Council consider funding for those. He was instructed to come up with a plan and advise what price he could get for the replacement ambulances and possible trade for the current units being replaced.

He stated that the Milan building location would need some sleeping quarters in the near future. Possible future plans would be additional housing of vehicles and moving the Delaware operation to the Milan building.

OTHER INFORMATION:

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Jeff Volz—Absent

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Mr. Edward Armbrecht—Absent

Ms. Vollet advised the Technology Committee had met and approved copiers for the Prosecutor and Extension Office. They had updated their list of approved computer manufacturers as well. Commissioner Rodney Stratton replaced Mark Busching as his term had ended.

E911 ADVISORY BOARD: Mr. Mark Horstman —None

SEI REGIONAL PLANNING COMM: Ms. Dephane Smith—None

GRANTS COMMITTEE: Ms. Dephane Smith – None

SOUTHEAST INDIANA RECYCLING: Mr. Bill Warren—None

With no further business to attend, Council Member Decker moved to adjourn with a second from Council Member Pindell. Motion passed with 6 yes.

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ATTEST:

William Lee Wagner Auditor, Ripley County William Lee Wagner