

# Ripley County Council Meeting

November 17, 2014

The Ripley County Council met on Monday, November 17, 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, Ed Armbrrecht, Brenda Wetzler, Bill Warren and Mark Horstman were in attendance. Council Member Bill McDonald was absent. Also in attendance were Attorney Ertel and Auditor Wagner.

**Approval of the minutes from the October 20, 2014 meeting.**

Council Member Horstman moved to approve the minutes. Council Member Decker seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.

**TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Transfer of funds				
		From	To	
Veterans' Services	\$400.00	1001-34800-0000-0054 Travel Expenses	1001-25300-0000-0054 Office Supplies	New copier needed toner
		Council Member Wetzler moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Warren.	Motion passed with 6 yes.	
Health Department	\$143.00	1159-11181-0000-0334 General-EHS	1159-11230-0000-0334 General-Data Management Clerk	Funds needed to pay clerical for additional work for clinic assistant, etc to get through end of year.
	\$573.00	1159-11181-000-0034 EH Administrator	1159-11231-0000-0034 EHS Septic	Promoted part time EHS to full Time. Funds needed to finish Year.

Health Department	\$924.00	1159-11181-0000-0034 EH Administrator	1159-11160-0000-0034 Nurse/Administrator	Combined positions. Needed funds to pay the additional to this positionFor the balance of 2014.
		Council Member Wetzler moved to approve the 3 requests by Health Dept. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.		The revised Salary Ordinance for These changes was presented to Be effective 8/29/2014. Council Member Armbrrecht moved to approve the revision with a second from Council Member Wetzler. Motion passed with 6 yes.
Clerk	\$1000.00	1001-30102-0000-0003 Machinery repairs/maintenance	1001-15301-0000-0003 Absent voter board	
	\$1194.00	1001-32600-0000-0003 Training Fund	1001-15301-0000-0003 Absent voter board	
	\$2200.00	1001-11400-0000-0001 Third Deputy	1001-11600-0000-0001 Clerical	Transfers needed to cover for Maternity leave and other Medical absences.
		Council member Armbrrecht moved to approve the requests with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 6 yes.		
Superior Court	\$4272.20	1001-11400-0000-0022 Third Deputy	1001-36600-0000-0022 Pauper Counsel	Additional funds needed for Pauper Counsel.
	\$5455.46	1001-11400-0000-0022 Third Deputy	1001-14600-0000-0022 Bailiff	Cover benefits being paid out to retiring Bailiff and current Bailiff from same fund
		Council Member Decker moved to approve the requests with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes.		

Assessor	\$3500.00	1188-11311-0000-0343 Clerical Reassessment	1188-13300-0000-0343 Reassessment Group Ins.	Cover the cost of insurance for the balance of 2014
		Council member Wetzler moved to approve the request with a second from Council member Decker. Motion passed with 6 yes.		
911 Communications	\$6.28	1001-43810-0000-0056 Chairs	1001-33190-0000-0056 Uniforms	Cover the uniform account
Council Member Armbrecht moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 6 yes.				
<b>ADDITIONALS APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Clerk	\$612.46	1001-11600-0000-0002 Clerical/Reg. of Voters		Clerical was not encumbered into 2014
Council Member Armbrecht moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 6 yes.				
Probation	\$5000.00	2101-32395-000-0000 Substance Abuse Program		To cover additional fee cost of the program due to increased fees.
		Council Member Armbrecht moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passed with 6 yes.		
Sheriff	\$1000.00	4009-37800-000-0000 Sheriff Sale Adm.		Pay fees for Sheriff Sales for balance of 2014
Council Member Warren moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Wetzler. Motion passed with 6 yes.				

Sheriff	\$366.00	1175-34200-00-0210 Radio Repair	To cover invoices for balance of 2014
Council Member Armbrecht moved to table the request to see if funds could be transferred. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.			
Highway	\$30,000.00	1176-23900-000-0027 Gas, Oil, Lube	Need additional funds to pay bills for the balance of 2014.
Council Member Decker moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Wetzler. Motion passed with 6 yes.			
Parks & Recreation	\$1920.00	1219-33370-000-0050 Electricity	Additional funds needed to get Through 2014.
Council Member Armbrecht moved to table the request to see if funds could be transferred. Council Member Decker seconded and the Motion passed with 6 yes.			
Parks & Recreation	\$15,000.00	9119-47150-000-0000 RSRF Park Shelter Grant	To Build park Shelter
Council Member Wetzler moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Warren. Motion passed with 6 yes.			

**OLD BUSINESS: none**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Rick Fledderman and Mr. Ron Weigel—Merkel Road funding.

Neither was present.

Sheriff Elect Jeff Cumberworth appeared before the Council to request that some personnel positions be revised for the 2015 budget cycle. He explained he wished to have a Matron, Deputy Matron, and full time Office manager position. He explained that he did not wish to increase the budget but would transfer funds from other lines of the budget to cover these changes.

Council member Armbrecht moved to change the part time clerical position to a full time office manager position with funding to come from transfers within the 2015 budget. Council Member Wetzler seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.

Also Sheriff Elect Cumberworth requested approval of payment from the Commissary fund for calendar books for the employees of the department.

Council Member Wetzler moved to approve the request with a second from Council Member Horstman. Motion passes with 6 yes.

Council Member Armbrecht advised he had 3 items to discuss.

- 1) He thanked the courts for their help in obtaining reimbursement for Public Defender costs and reported to date \$28,792.00 had been reimbursed.
- 2) In response to the notice of the error by the BMV in calculating excise fees he stated the county will be paying back approximately \$60,000.00 over the next two years due to this mistake by the BMV.
- 3) The Heritage Barn exemption as defined by IC6-1.1-12-26.2. This would permit certain barns to be exempt from property tax if they meet the specifications of the code referenced above. Also is allows each county to establish a fee and he explained the fee would need to be established in early 2015.

Ms. Kelly Vollet-Technology Director-advised the Council that the online auction of county surplus had returned over \$10,000.00 to the County General Fund.

Auditor Wagner advised he had received a call from DLGF-Department of Local Government Finance- on the 2015 budget. The original advertisement for the public had been done correctly but a specific form that had been corrected and re-submitted had printed incorrectly and omitted the line for the County School Dist./Supplemental which showed the tax rate and levy to be considered. Therefore when the budget was adopted this tax rate and levy was not on the form used by the Council. The DLGF requested the Council call a special meeting to adopt the tax rate and levy for this line and the advertisement would advise the public that the meeting was for a technical correction only.

Council Member Wetzler moved to hold the special meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 6:00pm. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.

Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning had forwarded a letter to advise a Council person needed to be appointed to their board for 2015. Council Member Wetzler moved to appoint Council President Dephane Smith to the position. Council Member Horstman seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.

**OTHER INFORMATION: none**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Ruth Riehle spoke about the additional appropriations that are advertised in the paper and expressed her concern that these were raising the taxes on taxpayers. She also expressed her concern on the assessed value of farm ground. Council Member Armbrecht advised her that the State Legislature set the land value by statute and she should contact them about her concern. He also stated that while some of the additional were for funds that were generated by taxes they were from the reserves of the funds and did not change the tax rate as those were set and could not be changed during a year. He advised all information she was concerned about could be obtained in the Auditor's office or on the State of Indiana website under the DLGF.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Jeff Volz**—Absent

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: Mr. Edward Armbrecht**—Meeting for review of software for booking at the jail.

**E911 ADVISORY BOARD: Mr. Ron Decker** —None

**SEI REGIONAL PLANNING COMM: Ms. Dephane Smith**—None

**GRANTS COMMITTEE: Ms. Dephane Smith** – Highway had a grant request for a new pot hole patcher.

**SOUTHEAST INDIANA RECYCLING: Mr. Bill McDonald**—Absent

Council Member Decker then addressed the issue that Council Member McDonald’s term would expire 12/31/2014 and moved to appoint Council Member Warren to that position effective 1/1/2015. Council Member Wetzler seconded and the motion passed with 6 yes.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Warren to adjourn. A second was made by Council Member Horstman and the motion passed with 6 yes.

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Auditor, Ripley County

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