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**MEETING MINUTES
LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the La Porte County Council was called to order on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the La Porte County Government Complex.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order by President Yagelski who began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Chief Deputy Auditor Smith proceeded with the Roll Call. Council members present included: Councilwoman Lois Sosinski, Councilmen Rich Mrozinski, Matt Bernacchi, Mark Yagelski, Earl Cunningham, Terry Garner, and Jeff Santana. A quorum was present for the meeting to proceed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion was made by Councilman Bernacchi and seconded by Councilman Santana to approve the Agenda. The Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 22, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Motion was made by Councilman Santana and seconded by Councilman Bernacchi to approve the April 22, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. The Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

President Yagelski opened the Public Hearing on Harrison Electric and asked if anyone had any comments on the Resolution from Harrison Electric. Hearing or seeing none, President Yagelski closes the Public Hearing.

Mr. Matt Reardon of La Porte County Economic Development came forward to speak about property tax abatements for Harrison Electric. He stated that the current assessed value at the location is \$690,000 and equipment in the amount of \$207,000. Harrison Electric employs 34 people with a payroll of \$1,600,000. The projected taxes that will be paid are \$13,837.22. The proposed project would include an investment in the new structure with an estimated value of \$915,129. Mr. Tom Walma will invest in new equipment, in the amount of \$195,000. He is also looking to create 10 to 15 additional full-time jobs related to the project with an average wage of about \$18.00 He is looking to increase the payroll from \$1,600,000 to somewhere between \$2,225,000 to \$2,500,000. The projected taxes over 10 years would be an additional \$76,602. La Porte County would receive \$72,034 in new tax revenue over the ten year time span. There would also be additional taxes on personal property in the amount of \$4,568. The total estimated new tax revenue to the County would be approximately \$76,602.

Mr. Walma requests ten years for both real and personal property based on the type of company that it is. Mr. Walma agreed to payment in lieu of tax, the ability to charge a percentage of the savings in a year. The amount agreed to is \$4,416.23. It is a discounted cash-flow analysis of the savings over time divided by 2. Harrison Electric should also be in compliance at all times with the state benefits otherwise they would be in jeopardy of having the abatement rescinded. Harrison Electric agrees to use common construction waging and/or utilize local contractors for the project. Harrison Electric also agrees to hire qualified La Porte County residents to expand the facility. 33 of the 34 employees currently reside in La Porte County.

Mr. Walma provided a list of products and services and explained they are an industrial motor repair shop and also do thermal scanning, vibration analysis, dry ice blasting, and other maintenance. He stated the addition will allow them to work on bigger and better equipment. By doing so, they will add jobs in La Porte County. The building is made from American steel by American people in Indiana. The parking lot facilities will be constructed by Reith Reilly.

Councilwoman Sosinski asked Mr. Reardon if an annual review was still being done.

He confirmed this.

Councilman Mrozinski asked for the number on the Resolution.

The number was read as 2013-7.

Councilman Mrozinski made a Motion to approve resolution 2013-7 by title only and the Motion was seconded by Councilman Santana.

Councilman Yagelski clarified that it is two resolutions. There are 2013-7A and 2013-7B.

Attorney Biege said that the two Resolutions can be voted together but that they are separate Resolutions.

Both Resolutions were read aloud by title only (see attached Exhibit "A"). The Motion carried 7-0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mr. Ken Purze appears before the Council on behalf of John Coulter, Drainage Board Chairman. He said there was a Steering Committee formed a year ago for the Mill Creek/Kankakee River Watershed. It encompasses 130,000 acres and includes the City of La Porte and the Union Mills area. The Committee decided last week that they were going to pursue a Federal 319 Grant. They have to send a letter of intent to IDEM and the match is 1 for 1. The match side came from the State Legislature on funding for the KRBC. They will be seeking grant money for the planning portion of the watershed plan and will keep the Council advised as they proceed.

Chief Sosinski from the Sheriff's Office reported that they held their 14th Annual Police Memorial Service and that Indiana State Police Superintendent was the keynote speaker. His words were very moving and Chief Sosinski was happy to hear Superintendent Carter say that people in law enforcement need to tear the walls down between agencies. Chief Sosinski and Sheriff Mollenhauer are proud to say that this is something they've already done in La Porte County. Chief Sosinski thanked everyone who attended the Service and said that it meant a lot to the people of law enforcement in La Porte County.

Maintenance Director Jerry Cooley reported that the repainting and carpeting in the Sheriff's Department is all completed. He stated that Metro was re-drywalled and painted and the carpet was changed and the hallways were painted.

Sheriff Mollenhauer stated that the Department looks very nice. He thanked the Maintenance for their great work. He also informed the Council that one of his Detectives has deposited funds in the evidence that were unclaimed. The amount of \$4,160.17 was deposited into the General Fund.

President Yagelski calling or seeing no other Department Heads now closes Department Head Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rosemary Bunton who resides on 400N asked the Council if they were aware there is a Petition scheduled for Tuesday's Meeting of the Zoning Board regarding the rezoning of property located at 7224 W 400 N, the former Landmark Christian School/Spoken Word Faith Center. She asked the Council for their opinions on putting comprehensive mental health service offices in a suburban residential area, where no city services, such as police, fire, water, sanitation, or buses are available.

President Yagelski stated that he was aware of this.

Councilwoman Sosinski stated that she was not aware of this and as an at-large representative should have been. District 2 is her home-stomping grounds and informed Council Members she's had quite a few phone calls when residents received notification of this.

Seeing or hearing no other Public Comment, President Yagelski closes Public Comment.

LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Santana attended an Emergency Management Agency Meeting on May 8th. Fran Tibbot has been working on getting a County Emergency Management Advisory Council, which is made up of 6 people, including Councilman Santana. A lot of discussion was directed toward the upcoming May 31 to June 2, 2013 Boat Race in La Porte as far as security that will take place there. Fran will be the go-to person in case of an emergency. She is also seeking grants as they become available. She has been or will be relocating sirens and a proposal may be forthcoming to the Council in obtaining a siren each year.

Councilman Santana met with Surveyor Tony Hendricks at 900 W and 400 W. A farmer near that area contacted Councilman Santana stating his land has been unfarmable since 2007 due to standing water at times. Apparently, the work was done by an out-of-town contractor and was not done properly. Surveyor Hendricks will be doing some 'GPS-ing' to see if one of the drains can be lowered and increase the 12-inch pipe to a 15-inch pipe, which should remove 40% more water.

Councilman Cunningham was at the Community Corrections Board Meeting. The new facility is right on schedule for opening around September 1st.

Councilwoman Sosinski stated that IT would be coming up later to explain a hardware request. The HR Director would also be coming up to assist the Circuit Court Judge in his request for reclassification of a position. She also stated that there had been some interaction with Friends of the Barn and that they are getting ready to send out the mailing for donation of Friends of the Barn.

Councilman Bernacchi updated the Council on 2010 appeal process. They are about fifty-two percent (52%) complete in the appeal process. About ninety-five percent (95%) it is being done in house, so very few claims are coming to the (PTABOA). About five percent (5%) comes to them and they usually settle it there. One or two have gone to the state. It is wrapping up pretty quick, and they are on target for the property tax bills, with the bill going out at the end of the year.

Councilman Mrozinski spoke about the KIP project. He says that it is amazing and they are working seven days a week. Also, on Hwy 2, they are working to put in the sewer. On July 6th at 10:00 a.m. the Veteran's Service Office will be having the La Porte County Veteran's Recognition Medal Presentation. Any La Porte County Veteran who has not yet received his or her medal may sign up via the form in the Veteran's Service Office or may come in on July 6th with their DD-214 and make out the form that morning.

Councilman Yagelski stated that the Swanson Center Board did make an offer to purchase property but until it was accepted could not bring it up. They have outgrown Marquette Mall and are looking to move.

Councilman Santana said that as he receives more information he would be able to make an informed decision regarding the Swanson Center and Mrs. Bunton's comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Requesting Consideration of La Porte County Commissioner's Recommendation for Purchase of AED units.

Dr. Kora approached the Council and stated that there are currently 16 AEDs in the County, but not all of them are functional; which posed the question of the options for what to do about this. The County can maintain the 16 sites and lease new ones, or they can upgrade the AEDs. If they lease 16 new ones, it will come with medical prescription and direction, the data is recorded and analyzed if it were to be used, and there is liability that would be taken care of by adhering to the protocols. If they decide to upgrade the AED's, there will be an initial cost and every two to three years there are recurring costs. If they were to do the upgrade, the maintenance and the training of the people on how to operate is not included.

Dr. Kora felt the best option would be to go with the AED lease because the company that would take over would be responsible for maintaining it, training it, and making sure that the protocols are adhered to. He stated that if they were to lease 16 AEDs, the cost would be \$17,000 per year. He brought two options to the Council. He said that first of all a decision needed to be made whether to do an upgrade or a lease, and second, how many should be leased if they were to choose that option. He said they could stick with 16 or cut the number down to 5 in the high traffic areas. Pat Pease stated that if the Council decided to lease that there would be no additional appropriation for this year. There would be a one-time credit which would carry them through. The total cost of five would be \$6,000 annually. Councilman Bernacchi stated there was actually a third option, which would be to remove the AED's completely. If there are no units, then they are still not liable. He stated that they could eliminate the units completely and save money and take away the County's liability.

Councilman Mrozinski asked how long the current AEDs have been in service.

Ms. Pat Pease responded they have been here for three years.

Councilman Mrozinski then asked who has been doing the training on those.

Ms. Pease responded that no one has.

Councilman Mrozinski asked who was doing maintenance on them.

Ms. Pease responded that no one has.

Councilman Mrozinski stated that he did not understand why they hadn't been doing maintenance all along on these.

Dr. Kora agreed with Councilman Mrozinski, but said that regardless a decision needs to be made.

Councilwoman Sosinski stated that she doesn't think an upgrade is a solution. She said, however, that even though they may not have been used, they still have the potential to save lives, and even if only one life saved, this makes them worth the cost.

Councilman Mrozinski commented that the County is already liable because they put the things on the wall but no one does any maintenance on them or even knows how to use them. He believes that buying them was a waste of money.

Councilman Yagelski stated that he is AED certified and that it is not that difficult. He then asked what was wrong with the current units.

Ms. Pease said that they did not know what was wrong with them because they have not been maintained by the company.

Councilman Yagelski said that it was not up to the company to maintain them. It is the responsibility of the place where they are located. He stated that he believed if they could not maintain them that they should just get rid of them.

Councilman Garner asked if there is still a First Responder program in the County. After Ms. Pease assured him that there was, he stated that they are not talking about a lot of down time if there are no AED's because the first responders have a fast response time.

Councilman Bernacchi made a Motion to eliminate the AED units from all County Buildings and either sell them back or put them in storage. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Garner.

Councilman Yagelski asked for the Roll Call. Ayes: Councilmen Garner, Cunningham, Yagelski, Mrozinski, and Bernacchi. Nays: Councilman Santana and Councilwoman Sosinski. The Motion passed to remove the units 5 to 2.

CORRESPONDENCE.

There was no correspondence.

APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, REQUESTS

Worthy Women Recovery Home (held from 4/22/13 meeting)

Additional Appropriation

Riverboat Fund (1191-20200-144-0272)

\$25,000.00

Councilwoman Sosinski made a Motion to take the issue off the table. Councilman Santana seconded the Motion. The Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Sosinski made a Motion to retable the issue because Sonshine was not present. Councilman Santana seconded the Motion. The Motion failed 5 to 2. Ayes: Councilwoman Sosinski and Councilman Santana. Nays: Councilmen Bernacchi, Mrozinski, Yagelski, Cunningham, and Garner.

Councilwoman Sosinski requested that Attorney Michelle Bazin-Johnson and President of the organization come up.

The attorney said that she had not had time to review the requirements of the appropriation or to discuss it with the board of directors.

Councilwoman Sosinski stated that there were no negative comments about the donation in the News Dispatch. She read two of the comments aloud. She asked where the organization stood in terms of the ordinance.

The attorney for the group stated that they needed more time to go over it because the terms were pretty restrictive. She wanted the group to meet and discuss whether the terms were acceptable.

Councilman Santana reiterated that no one has come to a Council meeting and spoken against giving money to the group. He said that he did not want to see the Council getting involved in this more than the original \$25,000. He said that he did not believe that this one-time amount of \$25,000 was going to affect the County's ability to give raises to its employees. The money would come out of the Riverboat Fund and they cannot use those funds for raises.

Councilman Bernacchi said that he has received a hundred plus phone calls on this matter. He said that no one is against the program, but that he is going to change his vote for the first time in his five years on the Council. He said he isn't voting for it because there are bigger topics to address, like the raises. He said he will donate in the future but does not want to open up the can of worms that would be opened by using County funds.

Councilwoman Sosinski this program will directly reduce the recidivism and the cost of re-incarcerating these ladies. She said that there are other organizations that have been given money that will not directly affect the bottom line of La Porte County Government. She said that she will support it because she believes it will be very effective.

Councilman Garner said that, like Councilman Bernacchi, he also had many phone calls about the issue.

Councilman Yagelski said that no one is opposed to the program. They are opposed to money coming out of funds that are taxpayers' money. He said that they are not against the program but they're against the way that they are spending tax dollars.

The attorney for the program stated that Riverboat Money cannot be used for raises anyway. She also said that she has worked with many families who would benefit greatly from this program. She said that she has seen it work in other areas. She said that using the Riverboat Funds would not impact the bottom line of the employees of La Porte County. She said that in the long term it would save money because the women wouldn't be back in jail.

Councilman Yagelski said that everyone is misunderstanding how the finances work. He said that expenditures can come out of Riverboat so the General Fund will have more money in it.

Councilman Cunningham stated that even though this program is great, there are others. There is the Stepping Stone Shelter in Michigan City, which serves approximately 30 women, the Community Corrections Facility currently under construction that will house more women. He said that the program can be taught anywhere.

Councilman Cunningham apologized to taxpayers for a vote he made in 2007 to spend \$25,000 on a project in Michigan City that was similar to this. It was a program that would work the same way for men. The program is now defunct. He said if they hadn't been able to give pay raises in 2007 that he would never have voted that way then. He said that he knows it will cost a tremendous amount of money to keep this place open once the house is completed. He said that if they take \$25,000, they are basically imposing a \$40.00 tax on each employee to fund this project. He said that he would much rather let the employees decide for themselves if they want to give that money up.

Councilwoman Sosinski asked Mr. Biege how it affects the money that is given to other organizations, such as 4-H.

Attorney Biege said that the Commissioners give money to 4-H. He said that there were special circumstances and restrictions, especially how the money is spent. He said that 4-H has some governmental ties and Worthy Women is a charity. Each donation has to be looked at individually.

Councilman Mrozinski made a Motion to deny the \$25,000. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Bernacchi. President Yagelski calls for the vote. Ayes: Councilmen Bernacchi, Mrozinski, Yagelski, Cunningham, and Garner. Nays: Councilwoman Sosinski and Councilman Santana. The Motion passes 5-2 to deny the \$25,000.

La Porte County Health Department
Requesting Permission to fill Two (2)
Vacant Positions in Michigan City (Clerical and Nurse)

A Motion to approve was made by Councilman Mrozinski and seconded by Councilman Santana. The Motion passes 7-0.

La Porte County Highway Department
Requesting an Additional Appropriation
CEDIT Fund (1112-20200-000-0208)
For Asphalt, Paving, Construction Claims \$2,500,000.00

Councilman Cunningham clarified that this is a transfer of funds and not an additional appropriation. A Motion was made to approve by Councilman Bernacchi and seconded by Councilman Mrozinski. The Motion passes 7-0.

La Porte Superior Court No. 1 – Honorable Kathleen Lange

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

General Fund (1000-30088-000-149)

For Psychological Services

\$2,000.00

A Motion was made to approve by Councilman _____ and seconded by Councilman Bernacchi. The Motion passes 7-0.

La Porte County Circuit Court – Honorable Thomas Alevizos (REMOVED BY REQUEST)

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

~~Riverboat Fund (1191-20200-154-216) or CCD (1138-20200-154-216)~~

~~For Roof Replacement – Juvenile Services Center~~

~~\$51,975.00~~

Requesting an Additional Appropriation to Reclassify Position

General Fund (1000-10117-000-148)

COMOT IV to COMOT V for La Porte Circuit Court

\$3,200.00

The Circuit Court has cut back about a position and a half. The person is doing above her pay grade's worth of work.

Councilwoman Sosinski asked Judge Alevizos if he had gone through HR to review and stated that these things are usually done at budget time.

The Joyce Leon, Director of HR stated that the position is the same position as the other two Assistant Bailiffs, which are COMOT V. It is the exact same position but is somehow classified as COMOT IV. There are three Assistant Bailiffs and one is making less than the others.

Councilman Cunningham made a Motion to discuss this at budget hearings. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Mrozinski. The Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Commissioners

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

Riverboat Fund (1191-20200-143-272)

For Membership in the Shared Ethics Advisory Commission

\$2,500.00

A Motion was made by Councilman Bernacchi to approve and was seconded by Councilwoman Sosinski. The Motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham voting Nay.

La Porte County Information Technology

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

Riverboat Fund (1191-41006-157-272) or WinTax Fund (4220-20200-157-257)

For Hardware Upgrades for the Conference Room

\$15,000.00

At the end of July, Windows XP will no longer be supported, and the security doors in the courthouse are run on that system. Eventually, the system, the software, the panels, and the PC will need to be upgraded. IT will be coming back for that later.

IT gets franchise money from Comcast every year. It ranges from \$280,000 to \$320,000 a year that is put back into the General Fund. The \$15,000 is needed to upgrade the switcher. One additional stationary camera is needed in the center of the conference room which will be a wide-angle. Also, she would like to get a 65 inch LED screen instead of the current screen.

Councilman Yagelski said that the previous Meeting had been a disaster as far as the broadcast. He would like to see how this Meeting turns out.

There is a server that comes out of Valparaiso for the internet service. It services other TV programs as well where there is a commercial automatically put in every so many minutes. The server was at fault for the problems with the previous broadcast. The proposal would eliminate a lot of the problems because things would go straight through Comcast. They are also looking at the microphones to increase volume and allow it to pick up when there are multiple people.

Councilman Yagelski said that he would like to discuss this when the contract comes up and see a presentation of what is needed and do it all at one time.

Councilman Bernacchi made a recommendation to have a workshop with ALCO and the IT Director to 'get a grip' of what's going on to discuss equipment needs and what ALCO is going to furnish.

A Motion was made by Councilman Mrozinski and seconded by Councilman Bernacchi to table and discuss in July before Budget Hearings. The Motion passes 7-0.

La Porte County Sheriff

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

Pension Fund (4251-20200-000-0238)

For Pension

\$80,846.61

Chief Sosinski clarified that is actually not an additional appropriation. It is actually civil process fees that have already been collected. It is sitting in the general fund and needs to be transferred into the pension fund so that disbursements can be made.

Councilwoman Sosinski clarified that there was no conflict to her voting in this matter.

Councilman Mrozinski asked if there would still be a meeting to talk about different options for funding this in the future.

Chief Sosinski said that there would still be one and also wanted to mention the Pension Fund has made a \$1,000,000 in the first quarter of this year.

A Motion was made by Councilman Bernacchi to approve and was seconded by Councilman Garner. The Motion carried 7-0.

La Porte County Planner

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

Riverboat Fund (1191-20200-000-272)

For Local Matching Funds INDR Coastal Grant

\$7,958.33

Mitch Bishop stated that the total cost of the project is over \$47,000. He received a \$23,875 grant from the IDNR. It is a 1-1 match. He partnered with the cities of La Porte and the Sanitary District of Michigan City and La Porte. He received an MOU for them to pay 2/3 of the amount and received \$15,916 and some change. He is asking for the remaining amount of \$7,958.33. The point of the project is to better control drainage runoff from Stormwater.

Councilman Bernacchi made a Motion to approve. It was seconded by Councilman Santana. The Motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham voting no.

La Porte County Building Maintenance

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

Riverboat (1191-20200-142-272), WinTax (4220-20200-142-257)

For Sign on the La Porte County Courthouse Lawn \$5,000.00

There are several different options for building materials. Councilman Yagelski had this idea after seeing a sign by a different Courthouse. The signs are protected behind plastic. It will be designed to take signs in and out. There would be a County emblem on top, and it would sit where the other sign was.

Councilwoman Sosinski stated that they just took out the lifesaving AED's in order to save money for raises and doesn't think the sign is necessary, even though it is only \$5,000.

Councilman Santana asked about the private advertising on the sign.

Councilman Yagelski stated that it will not be private advertising. The Courthouse itself is the kind of area that you can remonstrate on and advertise on. The not-for-profits were able to put signs up there in the past, but it became an issue of taking over the lawn. This sign is an attempt to make it neater since the courthouse has been beautified.

Councilman Santana asked what the criteria are for somebody to put an ad there and asked if there will be a charge for that.

Mr. Cooley said that this has not been decided at this point. The last sign was for non-profit organizations to advertise for things like a fish fry, pancake breakfast, etc. The other sign was a 4x8 and these signs are a 3x2.

Councilman Yagelski said that the sign was 3x5.

Attorney Friedman stated the sign would be a 4x8 and would be utilized by non-profits as that has been the case previously.

A Motion was made by Councilman Bernacchi and seconded by Councilman Mrozinski to deny the request. Ayes: Councilmen Mrozinski, Cunningham, and Bernacchi and Councilwoman Sosinski. Nays: Councilmen Yagelski, Santana, and Garner. The Motion to deny the request carried 4-3.

La Porte County Building Maintenance

Requesting an Additional Appropriation

Riverboat (1191-20200-142-272), WinTax (4220-20200-142-157), or

CCD (1138-20200-142-216)

For Roof Repairs County Complex and Courthouse \$13,950.00

The section of the roof on the County complex is 8 feet by 28 feet. There is a hole in the side of the building that is on the outside of the chimney but they have no idea what that is going to cost.

A Motion to approve was made by Councilman Bernacchi and seconded by Councilman Santana. The Motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham voting Nay.

COUNTY COUNCIL/ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Councilman Yagelski proposed that the September Council Meeting would be held at PNC. ALCO would record it and show it later and the school would help with set-up.

Councilman Mrozinski made a Motion to approve and it was seconded by Councilman Santana. Councilwoman Sosinski asked if since the meeting needs to be approved by a County executive if it needs to be in a County Building.

Councilman Yagelski said the Motion would stand unless Attorney Biege found that it could not. Ayes: Councilmen Yagelski, Cunningham, Santana, and Mrozinski. Nays: Councilwoman Sosinski and Councilmen Garner and Bernacchi. The Motion carried 4-3 to go to Purdue.

Councilman Mrozinski asked if Budget Hearings could be set up at this time. It was decided that the Budget Hearings would take place August 21st and 22nd with an option on the August 23rd.

Attorney Beige said that he sent out a letter on April 24th concerning House Bill 1261. If the Council chooses to take action, the due date will be by July 1st. It will be put on the Agenda for next month.

Councilman Cunningham made a Motion to allow the President or his designee to enter into negotiations with Mr. Layton, who has served as auditor, treasurer, commissioner on an hourly rate basis not to exceed \$2,000 to \$3,000 between now and the August Budget Hearings to get an idea of where the Council is at financially. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Mrozinski.

Councilman Bernacchi asked Attorney Biege about the legality of Mr. Layton going from office to office. Attorney Beige said that he believed the County had permission to designate to an individual. He said that they should be more specific as to a dollar amount and a designee as to who may appoint.

Councilman Cunningham asked if the Mr. Biege could be authorized to do it. He confirmed this.

Councilwoman Sosinski said that she did not know what they thought that Mr. Layton could give as far as insight, having been gone for ten months.

Councilman Cunningham said that he would be authorized on their behalf and would be able to tell them which elected officials would not cooperate.

Attorney Biege asked if he could assist in defining Mr. Layton's task and said that he could bring something to next month's meeting with a better definition as to what it is and what his task would be.

He said that he would verify that the Council was not going beyond its authority.

The Motion carried 6-1 with Councilwoman Sosinski voting Nay.

Councilman Garner said that he was under the impression that they would need Mr. Layton to come up with a number to see how much they are going to be short.

Councilman Yagelski said that this will need to be a part of the negotiation.

Councilman Santana asked if the Auditor should be involved in the process of going around with Mr. Layton and then the following year they could just have her do it.

Councilman Yagelski said that the Auditor's Office was so bogged down at this point that they don't have time to do that at this point.

Councilman Bernacchi said that it would be hard for him to come up with a number dealing with the reconciliation bills and the solid waste. Some people pay and some people don't. It would be almost impossible for him to come up with a set number.

Councilman Cunningham said that the idea was to get a clue of how much deeper they are getting into debt.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Mrozinski and seconded by Councilman Bernacchi. The Motion passed 7-0.

EXAMINED & APPROVED BY THE LA PORTE COUNTY COUNCIL, dated this 24 day of June, 2013.



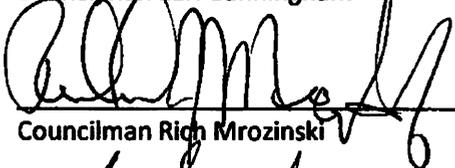
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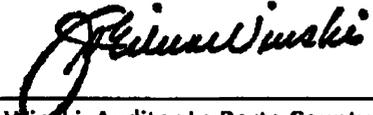
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ATTEST: 

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