

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the County Auditor, the public interests required that the Lake County Council, should be called to meet in special session at this time, for the purpose of considering First Reading of 2014 budgets, a written notice was sent to each member of the Council, and proper advertisement made, and all other acts performed in accordance with the laws governing such matters.

And now in obedience to such call, come Ted Bilski, President, David Hamm, Daniel Dernulc, Christine Cid, and Eldon Strong, County Councilpersons, together with Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorney. Councilwoman Elsie Franklin and Councilman Jerome A. Prince were absent.

OPEN: Public Comments, Council Discussions, and Actions

Bilski said today he wanted to do a binding recommendation, have Mr. Petalas make his presentation.

Dante said that this is the first day of the 7 day objection period. If any taxpayers have any objections, they have 7 days to object, then the Council has to respond.

He said all of the forms that have been prepared by Attorney Szarmach do not include Solid Waste, or Lake Ridge, at this point. They have to be introduced, and acted upon separately. The 16-line does not have these 2 agencies in there, so you are going to have to approve them separately.

John Petalas presented the budget for Solid Waste. He said that the bottom-line is \$5,294,215, which reverts back to 2012 level. In 2013, the budget was reduced by \$300,000 because they were advised that there were issues with the circuit breaker, and that was pretty much going to be their reduction, so the Board did it voluntarily. Mr. Petalas also said that this also reflects the maximum levy increase which averaged out to be 2.6%.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to adopt the Resolution to approve the budget for Solid Waste, "as presented".

Dernulc asked are salary increases included in here?

Mr. Petalas answered, yes.

Dernulc made a motion to amend that the salaries go back to 2013 level, including Social Security, Unemployment, and Performance Compensation for Solid Waste. Strong seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Hamm, and Bilski, "No". Franklin and Prince were "absent". Motion Failed 3-yes, 2-no, 2-absent.

Dernulc made a motion to reconsider the matter for Solid Waste. Strong seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Hamm, "No". Franklin, and Prince, "absent". Motion to reconsider carried 4-yes, 1-no, 2-absent.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Strong to amend the original motion, which is to freeze salaries and wages to 2013, social security, Unemployment, and Performance Compensation for Solid Waste. All voted "Yes", except Hamm, "No". Franklin and Prince were "absent". Motion to approve carried 4-yes, 1-no, 2-absent.

Hamm made a motion to approve the budget for Solid Waste, "as amended". Cid seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Franklin and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lake Ridge Fire Protection

Hamm made a motion to adopt the Resolution to approve the budget for Lake Ridge, "as presented". Cid seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Franklin, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Dante said now, Solid Waste, and Lake Ridge are a part of the packet that Attorney Szarmach has prepared, basically, your 16-lines, your budgets, your revised 144's, that's what all that means.

In the Matter of Ordinance Authorizing Tax Levies – First Reading.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve the Ordinance Authorizing Tax Levies, on First Reading. All voted "Yes", except Franklin, and Prince, "absent". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Ordinance for Appropriations, Forms 4A and B – First Reading.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve the Ordinance for Appropriations, Forms 4A, and 4B, on First Reading. All voted “Yes”, except Franklin, and Prince, “absent”. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Salary Ordinance for 2014 – First Reading

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve the Salary Ordinance for 2014, on First Reading. All voted “Yes”, except Franklin, and Prince, “absent”. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Longevity Ordinance for 2014 – First Reading.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve Longevity Ordinance for 2014, on First Reading. All voted “Yes”, except Franklin, and Prince, “absent”. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Sheriff Clothing Allowance Ordinance – First Reading.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve the Sheriff Clothing Allowance Ordinance, on First Reading. All voted “Yes”, except Franklin, and Prince, “absent”. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Per Diem Expense Ordinance for 2014 – First Reading

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve the Per Diem Expense Ordinance for 2014, on First Reading. All voted “Yes”, except Franklin, and Prince, “absent”. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Dante said they are balanced not.

The next Budget Workshop will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 10:00 A.M.

Bilski said that there were Township Trustee' present, who had concerns about the ambulance services, Police services, and Fire and Protection Services. Bilski said that it is something that we are looking into. We will work on that over the next couple of days. Bilski said they are hoping to have appropriations available after the first of the year, that we can look at that. The Winfield Township Trustee was present.

Bilski also said that Co-Op, and Soil and Water fell a little short, he believes the total between the two is around \$25,000.00. Bilski said they are also going to try to work on that over the next few days.

Mr. Van Til, Surveyor said that in regards to Soil and Water, that if you are short, he could possibly fund some of their shortage through his MS-4 funds. He said he is working more and more with them, so if you are in a bind with them, maybe you can take something out of their budget and he can fund it through his MS-4 because a lot of what they do is the same. He said that is something for the Council to consider, as they approach that budget.

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved and seconded, that the Council does now adjourn to meet again, as required by law.

President, Lake County Council

ATTEST:

Peggy Holinga Katona,
Lake County Auditor

