

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 2016 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 Jamal Washington were absent.

OPEN: County Council Recommendations, Discussions, and Actions

President Bilski said that this is the 1st Run of the Council Budget.

Dante said that they have routine changes that are known, and have been known for a while, that have a high probability of being acceptable to the majority of the Councilmen, that are on the sheet called, Customary or Initial Entries for the 2016 Budget, which Dante suggested that the Councilmen approve en masse.

He said that if there is a bullet point that is unacceptable to some Councilmen, you can always remove it at a later late and time, but this is usually the first major move out there, and should dispense the misnomer out here that we revert back, Dante said, we do not revert back, we revert back fiscally, but with these changes, this is how Dante recommends that the Councilmen do it.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve the documented Customary or Initial Entries for the 2016 Budget.

Cid said that her only concern with this is some of the supplemental requests. She said she will approve, and take action at a later time.

Dernulc asked, the Supplemental School Fund, that is at approximately 5% on our tax bill?

Dante said it's \$4 million dollars, and it's a State requirement, per formula, he believes budget, and levy.

Dernulc asked, but that is State required, correct?

Dante answered, yes.

Cid said they tried to get the State to take over.

Dante said even if you removed it, the State DLGF will put it right back in.

The majority voted "Yes". Franklin and Washington were "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Customary or Initial Entries for the 2016 Budgets
(Presented September 2, 2015)

- All Tax-Based Operating Funds Reverted to Original 2015 Appropriation (Funds #001, #014, #105, #107, #350 and #680).
- Assessors Certification (as requested)
- Bond Issue Appropriations (all, existing and new)
- Cumulative Capital (includes Data Processing's recommendations)
- Drainage Fund #790 Appropriation and Levy Placed at Statutory Minimum of \$300,000
- E911 Appeal Appropriation of \$505,074 and Appeal Request (to DLGF) for Cedar Lake and Schererville Entered into the E911 Operating Fund #014
- E911 Budgets and Levies in Funds #010, #014, and #399 (E911 Committee has reviewed)
- LADOS Salary and Appropriations in Funds #217 and #218 (as requested)
- Longevity (as requested)
- Mandated Salary Increases (Sheriff and Public Defenders per State Judicial Board)
- Mental Health Centers (per growth quotient)
- Merit Officers' 5% Salary Increase including Benefits (per contract)
- Merit Officers' Minimum Plus 5% Retirement and Benefit contributions @ \$3,500,000+
- New Line Items, Reorganizations, Title Changes or Trades Between Budgets in the Tax-Based Funds Without Any Appropriation Impact (i.e. Board Members, Seasonal Employees, etc.)
- New Positions or Title Changes Adopted Since Last Budget Cycle (all)
- Probation Officers' Salaries (per Indiana Conference Schedule)
- Reassessment Fund #337 Appropriations Entered as Requested (per Assessor's recommendation)
- Riverboat Fund #196 Appropriations Entered Based on Commitments/Obligations (spread sheet provided). Appropriation may be reduced depending on (Sept.) Reconciliation numbers from the State and availability of Line 2 reductions.
- Sales Disclosure Fund #710 Appropriations Based on Sustainable Funding
- Supplemental Schools Fund #556 Entered Per State Formula
- Trustees Entered in Public Safety Fund #010 @ \$313,136 Per Inter-Local Agreement
- User Fee Funds (all), and MVH Funds #102 and #112, as Requested WITH "Supplemental Pay" Requests. No new positions or full time salary increases. This EXCLUDES larger funds, income tax funds, or conditional funds such as Riverboat #196, Income Taxes # 010 and #012, Probation Admn. Funds #245 and #246, etc.
- Trustees Entered in Public Safety Fund #010 @ \$313,136 Per Inter-Local Agreement
- Highway Collective Bargaining personnel salaries as requested
- Lake Ridge Fire District (Operating and Capital) and Solid Waste as Requested

Dante said that Phase II generates the numbers on your 16-line statement, and you will see the end result on the last page. It is a minus -\$4,332,701. Dante said, what produces that is the accumulation of red itemized issues on your 16-line statement, starting in the general fund. He said all of those adjustments produce a bottom-line effect of -\$4,332,701, and the major contributors to that, if you go back to the first page, and there are about a half dozen of them. He said that these are the liabilities that are consuming your growth quotient as well.

He said starting with page 1, you have a humongous line 2, that is way over last year, as a result of health insurance bailout, and you have a humongous line 3 of additional appropriations, as opposed to last year, \$1,000,004. Dante said those are two prime contributors to that \$4.3 million dollar deficit.

Cid asked, if we cancelled PO's, that would lower Line 2?

Dante answered, yes, that's future steps, yes. There are remedies to this. We haven't gotten to that point yet. You have to know what's pushing that \$4 million dollars, standard, without the remedies. We haven't gotten to the remedies yet. We have to take one step at a time, to understand this \$300 million dollar juggernaut that's at you.

Dante said, you also have, on Line 8A in Miscellaneous Revenue, remember the cautionary note last year on ineligible deduction money? Peggy, in the Auditor's Office gave us a million bucks, but we said let's only put a half a million bucks in. Dante said, there is no contribution coming in next year. The 16-line statement is looking for that half a million bucks. It wants it each and every year. It's a repeat "animal". It's rigid. It wants good stuff, but it wants it forever.

Dante said, other factors in there, look at Parks, Line 8A, and 8B are dismal, that's a million dollars right there. That levy has gone from \$4.3 million, to \$5.3 million. It's a million dollars there, that indeed wasn't there last year going into this year. Dante said so, when you add it all up, Line 2, Line 3, Line 8A, and Parks right there, you've got \$4 million dollars right there between those 5 line items, that weren't there coming into this budget, that are now there. Dante said those are some of the major factors behind the negative.

Dante said, on page 2, bond issues, no big deal, page 3, as projected last year, Public Safety Income Tax now has a minus of \$900,000 dollars in there. You just have more in the way of the trustee's now, came into there for \$300,000 dollars, and I think you've got another \$5 or \$600,000 dollars in bond issues in there. So those are two items that weren't in this year's budget, that are now coming into the forefront, producing a negative in that fund. The Public Safety Fund is another issue.

Dernulc asked, are we saying that the money that we're bringing in from the Income Tax, the Public Safety Income Tax is where we are \$908,000 dollars down?

Dante answered, no the revenue is up, your demand is up by \$900,000 dollars. The revenue projections is not there, it's on your demand side.

Dernulc asked, revenues are fine?

Dante answered, absolutely, otherwise it would be over a million dollars. Your income tax dollars are looking good. It's just that the demand in that particular case has grown by and much larger than the increase in revenues, that's it.

Bilski said, the next phase is remedies, so Dante is just pointing out demands, then we've got to go in and, the same process as last year, Bilski said this isn't a reflection of where we are right now, this is a projected, if we did nothing, this is where we would be.

Dante said we've got to slow down on supplements. He said on page 5, it's a small fund, and he said he spoke with Judge Stafaniak, who is going to make some recommended changes on Supplemental Juvenile Probation Fund 144. The revenues have dropped off, it's a small fund, and he is going to come back and make some small adjustments there.

Dante said the Gambling Admission Tax Fund 196, if we get a good reconciliation in 2 weeks, no big deal, but if we get a bad one, we have reductions there.

He said you have already taken action on Fund 289 – Sheriff's Sale Program. He doesn't know why revenues aren't coming in. He said it's showing up negative there. He said you've taken appropriate actions there. Maybe deposits are late, we just have to watch that fund. He said you took the Police Officers out of there, it should be getting better, maybe it's a timing issue.

Bilski said maybe we just have to stay "hands off", like we did the 196, and build a fence around it, and let it "heal" itself.

Dante said you've taken a lot of expenses out of there, you've done a lot. They are now in the general fund, due to the prior action, you just moved them over to the general fund.

Cid asked is there a loan in this fund?

Dante said it's in the Sheriff's Towing Fund 290, which is heading in the right direction, and doing well.

Dante said on the E911 Consolidated Fund 399. This is the board recommended appropriation of \$3,956,278, that you just adopted. You reverted back, per their recommendation. If you receive no money next year, we are going to have a cash flow problem mid-year, and it's going to happen probably in June, or July. That \$2 million bucks is going to start showing up in there, but if we get our \$2.7 million dollars from this year, and we get the \$2.7 due next year, that goes away in a hurry too, as well. So we may have a big cash flow issue here, if they delay those payments.

Bilski said but we can transfer into there, so if we don't go with our commitment, and there has been discussion about, let's say the \$2 million dollars commitment to the RDA, that we would just have to take that \$2 million dollars, instead of it going into their savings, it's going to go to plug our hole, until the State does something.

Dante said you've got the idea about the \$2 million bucks, about mid-year, the worst case scenario, it's going to happen.

Hamm said, Schereville, or Cedar Lake can remedy the situation.

Dante said, absolutely, and then this negative turns back, not only would you get \$2.7 for next year, you get \$2.7 for this year, and then that \$2.1 turns into, it flips back with \$5.4 million dollars comes in, and it turns back into a positive in a hurry. So that's a future forward note that's caught up in other agreements, and arrangements. This is beyond our control, but it is noteworthy because when the Auditor doesn't have the money, they are going to shut down, and then come to us saying something about \$2 million bucks.

Dante said now the remedies. You will have something that said Customary or Initial Entries for the 2016 Budget. This is how where we start grinding on the solutions. These will take individual actions right here.

Dante said this is baseline at 95%, this document before you. You must get the per cent collections this year from the Auditor's Office. That would be the first step, is to ascertain what they are, and to adopt the per cent collection for 2015. Dante said, that was last years', but it carries forward.

Ajaz, from the Auditor's Office said the Council should have that information by the next meeting.

Dante said that the good news is, that the first half, they were strong, but he needs that, and that is why he is deferring to the Auditor's Office. Every per cent above 95% is a plus. C of E, is the correction of error PO, that is not built into the budget. You are now going to take action on, it's an appeal, it's not a guarantee, but you should get that from the Auditor's Office.

Ajaz said they are currently at \$1 million dollars.

Dante said so that would be a C of E appeal, which would go to the positive on your bottom line, per the Auditor, of \$1 million dollars.

Hamm asked if they should put the 95% in first? Dante said it's already in. Dante said if they say 94%, they we just lost a million bucks, but if he says 96%, then we gain a million bucks.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve the C of E, per Auditor's request of \$1 million dollars. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin and Washington were "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Dante said Line 2 reductions are not in here, we take those piece mill each and every year, unique. There is the customary \$600,000 dollars worth payroll, which Dante just completed himself, he said he verified that himself, so you have \$600,000 dollars on Line 2 right there. He said that Blanchard has already committed \$154,043 dollars of PO reductions, or eliminations, and that has been confirmed to, as well.

Dante said to Blanchard that he is relying on him to contribute more, and asked Blanchard if he could contribute more?

Blanchard said he is ready to contribute \$200,000 dollars more.

Dante asked Blanchard to give the line items to him, and he can give it to Attorney Szarmach by the Second Reading. Dante said that will be \$600,000 dollars, plus \$154,043, plus \$200,000, and it will all be in Resolution form on Second Reading.

Cid asked, this just includes the Commissioners, do we ask the other departments to do the same?

Dante said, yes we did, and they....

Cid asked could we get a list of who has purchase orders that have been sitting around for quite a while, anything that's 6 months, or older?

Bilski suggested we go one year, and older.

Blanchard said that Brenda, in the Commissioners sent out a memo and warned them that they would all be cancelled.

Bilski said, so we have that option of anything that is over a year old.

Dante said, so you have \$954,000 as of today, to apply to next year's budget.

Cid asked Dante, in reference to that \$600,000 dollars in payroll, do you have that list of who is not included, really, from now until the end of the year.

Dante said his list is here. He does not have the Sheriff and Jail because they always move 100% of their budgets around, and overtime, so they are always excluded because they always use 100% of their budget.

Cid asked about the Clerk? Dante said I have the Clerk in there, but for \$30,000, so he has the Clerk in there. Dante said the Clerk is going to have to contribute \$31,000 dollars, that's it.

Dante said, \$600,000 dollars, that's very conservative, I have seen as much as \$7, or \$800,000 dollars, so even if they, and then Dante said he is going to ask the Council though, when you see these requests, and moving out of the 100 series in September, October, November, and December, please remember that you have a commitment on Line 2. Don't give them everything if you can, kind of hold back as much as you can, when they come back and ask for those little incidental transfers that look like they are nothing, well they mean something, because you are shoving it into next year's budget.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Hamm to reduce Line 2 in General Fund 001, by \$954,043 dollars. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin and Washington were "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Dante said really we should hold back on some of these transfers, as much as you can in the 100 Series.

Dante said the TIF credit is coming back, and you have to build it in, and it has to be an official action. \$806,931 is coming in from the TIF Dissolution, which is just our share. Dante said it's \$2.8, but our share is \$806,000. The rest is coming from the other units. There is \$2.8 going back, but our share of that "whole pie" is just \$806,000. We can't act on the other shares. Someone in the Auditor's Office has to notify the other agencies to do so, but \$2.8 million is going back to the taxpayers, as a credit. It's going to float into the 16-line statement here.

Bilski said that in that TIF fund, they paid their base property taxes. That money went in there, and now the State said that no, you don't keep that money, it's got to go back, so actually it's a reduction in their property taxes, for those years that that TIF has been in place.

Hamm asked are the other Units aware of this? Dante said he did ask to notify them of their share. Hamm also asked, is it taken from their tax distribution? Dante answered, yes it is, absolutely. You will have to declare it, and you will see it show up on your 16-line statement, very shortly.

Bilski asked so our action will be on the \$806,000 correct? Dante answered, the \$806,000 plus, there is another credit coming in. Remember when we got 100% collections plus? \$2,531,074 more than 100%. We've got to get that back. That has to go back to the taxpayers. We can only keep 100%. He said \$2,531,074 had to go back.

Bilski asked Dante, so can we do this all in one motion, the \$806,931, and the \$2.5?

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve the transfer of \$806,931 from the TIF Dissolution Fund 113, and \$2,531,074 from the tax-based funds receiving more than 100% to Fund 113. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin and Washington were "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Dante said it's almost routine, but you have to approve the appeal, just in case Cedar Lake and Schererville want to come aboard. You have to approve the appeal, in the operating fund, and the appropriation there, which you just approved too, \$505,074, so you have to approve an appeal of \$505,074 for Cedar Lake, and Schererville.

Bilski asked Dante, in reference to the last part for Fund 113, in which Dante had (petition the DLGF to apply \$3.3). Bilski asked is that an action that needs to be taken by the Council?

Dante said no, the Auditor does that. It's just a reminder for me to remind Ajaz to do it.

Bilski said now we need a motion to approve the maximum levy appeal for E911? Dante said, yes.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve the maximum levy appeal for E911 Operating Fund 014 at \$505,074, (\$373,416 for Schererville, and \$131,658 for the Town of Cedar Lake.

Dernulc asked, you are not taking it from Cedar Lake, or Schererville at this time, correct?

Dante said, if they sign the Agreement, and the DLGF complies, your levy is coming down by \$373,000, and \$131,000, and it's coming over here. If they sign the Agreement.

Dernulc asked, if they don't, then they keep the \$373,416, and they keep the \$131,658?

Dante said, yes, the DLGF is the one who is going to determine whether or not...

Ajaz said, in order for it to go through, they have to have the signed document, (the Inter-local Agreement)

Dernulc asked, but it doesn't affect them, if they don't sign the Agreement?

Dante said, correct. But if you don't appeal it, what if they sign it? We can't get it back. We are stuck.

Strong said, just to protect us.

Dante said, it gives you the option to pursue it, you don't do this, you can't even pursue it.

The majority voted "Yes". Franklin and Washington were "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Dante said, just in the event that we didn't already approve, but he wants to make sure that we isolate it. He is asking for the approval of the E-911 Operating Fund 014 at \$9,025,915, just so it's very clear, which includes the appeal. The approve of \$505,000 that you just approved, he is now asking the Council to approve a Budget, Line 1, for the 014, main operating fund in E-911 in the amount of \$9,025,915, which he believes if Board approved, Board reviewed, Larry approved, Eldon approved, Hamm approved, he hopes.

Bilski said we need a motion to approve Line 1 appropriation of \$9,025,915 in the E-911 Operating Fund 014.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Strong to approve Line 1 appropriation of \$9,025,915 in the E-911 Operating Fund 014.

Dernulc said so the language in here says the appropriation is \$9,025,915, and it's the Original, plus \$373,416, and \$131,658, so again, this does not affect their levy if they don't sign the Agreement?

Dante said, that \$500,000 comes out. It comes off Line 1, automatically.

The majority voted "Yes". Franklin and Washington were "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Dante said the E-911 secondary fund, the user fee Fund 399. He said you are adopting a lot of increases in capital services, Health Insurance, Part-Time, Overtime, salary, and he already noted, if you spend that \$3 mil. He said he just wanted the Council to know what is happening in that 399 Fund, which is the sister-fund to that 014.

Cid said, you mentioned salary increases, those newly requested salary increases?

Dante said, there was a salary increase. There was 1 merit salary increase.

Cid asked, do you know what that was?

Blanchard answered it was an Administrative Assistant who is currently at \$25,000 now. I took money from the budget, and moved it over and raised it to \$31,000. Blanchard said, that's for next year.

Bilski said that it is on this month's agenda, for the Regular Council meeting.

Hamm said I am not going to take any action on that Tuesday, because I spoke with Commissioner Allen, and Larry Blanchard, and nobody came to the Commissioner or myself. Nobody came to the Commissioner, or myself, from the 911 Commission, to put that on there. I am not going to take action on that particular item on next week's agenda. We should take action in the budgets for that.

Cid said it should be a budgetary action.

Strong asked, are you talking about this particular employee?

Hamm said, correct. You will see it on the Agenda next week, and I am not going to do that, so I would like to see it in the budget.

Cid asked, by approving this salary increase then, there are other requests for salary increases.

Cid said this is a salary increase, so I would say, approve everything, without the salary increase.

Strong said he doesn't know why it was done quite this way, it should have gone through Hamm first.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve a Line 1 appropriation increase in the E-911 User Fee Fund 399 @ \$3,956,278, the majority of the \$638,520 increase is in capital, services, health insurance, part-time, overtime, and a salary increase for position #399-2901-16402.

Cid asked, this is the Fee fund that the State is holding money from?

Dante answered, yes, it has a condition, a financial condition. That's why we are "beating this thing up".

Strong said I am trying to understand why we are building a salary increase this way. It looks like we are "picking and choosing".

Hamm asked Blanchard to explain. We have a \$25,000 position, and we are moving it to \$31,000. I have agreed to sponsor that, but not until budget time. Blanchard said the Commission approved it at \$31,000.

Strong said, I guess I am looking at the overall picture, are we going to start picking and choosing salary increases?

Bilski said I think we are going to see it in different departments because what we've said is, go back to a reorg, redefine it, and do it at budget time, so if you do this within your budget, here's what we want you to do. We would prefer for it to be done at this time of the year, not mid-year, so instead of Revised 144's in the middle of 2016. Bilski said the trend has always been, reorg at budget time, find the money, if you want to move positions around, increase positions, do it at budget time.

The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Motion carried 4-yes, 1-no, 2-absent.

Dante explained that your Growth Quotient is \$2,700,000, and that's guaranteed.

If you look at your cash position, the general fund is better than it was last year. He said you are better by \$3.5 million dollars over last year. He said Miscellaneous Revenues are about the same.

He said, remember last year, on Line 2 when that incidental \$1.5 million dollar that Blanchard gave up, health insurance? It's looking for it again. It wants a Line 2 reduction, the 16-line statement is looking for it again.

Line 1, which we just adopted, in here you have some elements that added just to Line 1, \$1.2 million. Sheriff's raises were \$600,000, plus. The jobs that came over from the 289 and 290 fund, that's \$300,000 to \$400,000 dollars. Dante said the \$1.2 million dollars goes fast. It's in Line 1.

Funds 107 & 105. He said Fund 107 is down by \$1 million dollars by itself, the revenues are down by \$1 million dollars. When Parks is down, it adds on to your deficit. That levy consumption is up by \$1 million as well.

Health is just down by a couple of hundred thousand because we just "ate" into a lot of cash this year. It didn't work to our advantage.

Line 3, which are additional for the last 6 months, we are up \$900,000 dollars, if you need to go forward with it.

Line 8A, is looking for \$500,000, we have no Ineligible money coming forward, it looks for this repeat pattern each and every year.

Our C of E's, you just adopted at \$1 million bucks, they were at \$1.4 million last year. We are down on our C of E's.

He said Fund 014 is up \$200,000. It wasn't a weakness in the finance, that budget was approved after we knew the collections. There was no operating balance last year that we built in there. It's a financial maneuver, it's Line 11. Dante said the financial integrity of the fund didn't go down, there is an operating balance built for 2016 that wasn't there in 2015.

Cid asked when you see C of E's, do we have less appeals, or we didn't win as many appeals?

Dante said we lost \$400,000 dollars worth of appeals.

Cid said, so we had appeals... Dante said we had appeals, they didn't materialize, and we took a "hit".

Ajaz said that's why \$1 million dollars is not guaranteed.

Dante said, and last year we had \$400,000 dollars that wasn't won, and we had it built into the budget, and the budgets were built upon it, assuming that we were going to get it, and guess what, the 16-line statement assumes that you are going to get \$400,000 dollars more. This thing is unique. That's how you could be in a \$2.3 million dollar position now.

He said let's take a look at considerations, the next step, what else could you do.

He said in the E-911 Budget/Finance Committee, you can think about moving the \$1.6 million for the Bond appropriation, moving it from Public Safety, to the Bond Fund. Dante said, if you do that, you've got to leave some money in the Fund to pay Schererville and Cedar Lake to offset their share of the cost.

He said you can start moving some money out of the Public Safety Fund, for the Bond, to 320, which you are putting it on the tax base, and you will leave some deficits, and you will cause a surplus to happen there if you take the Bond out of that fund, and move it to the 320. That's one option.

He said Blanchard is considering it, and Dante has asked the Board to consider a Line 2 reduction of at least \$200,000 dollars in Fund 014. He doesn't have a confirmation on that, but he is asking for a Line 2 reduction in Fund 014, and he is waiting for a response from Blanchard on that.

Dante said another option, look at Line 3 on the 16-line statement, in the general fund. There is another savings option. You have \$1.4 million. That's your total operating balance, the maximum that the DLGF will allow in the last 6 months. You've already authorized almost \$1 million dollars. If we stop additional appropriations, you have \$400,000 dollars. If you stop additional, that's another option.

Dante said these are future ideas. He said Parks should be held accountable for the loss of miscellaneous revenue. They should be held responsible for it. Dante said this is not a new issue, there has been a decline, and we've gotten hit. I believe our revenues last year in the Water Park were down to \$600,000 dollars, from \$2 million at one time. Dante said I am not recommending a \$5.3 million dollar levy for the Parks, I am not recommending that.

Bilski said we need to bring Bob in when he gets back. We will have a Committee meeting with him.

Dante said it's a tough call, the Parks run a good shop. Revenues are down, levies are up. We can't tolerate that.

Strong said we all like Parks, and that is not the issue, but is they are in a business, and I have an issue with Government being involved in private business. If they are not generating any revenue, we've got to make some tough decisions.

Bilski said it's always disappointing, because, and I will say it again. It's the Criminal Justice System that we continue to "bail out", but yet, when we need something that everyone can enjoy, and take part of. It's the first thing that can't be supplemented..

Dernulc said, it goes back to our quality of life, when we do. I love Parks.

Dante said I can't complain about them.

Dante said, because of the demands in Health Insurance, remember in January, we appropriated \$4.7 million dollars worth of bailouts for that. You may want to ask the Oversight Committee if they can contribute \$1.5 back in to us to help out next year' budget.

Bilski asked, if we ask for that \$1.5, your prediction is that it would put us back in the arrears in claims again?

Cid said I don't know... That's something to be determined.

Bilski said I would say if we could get that \$1.5 back on Line 2. That would be my suggestion.

Dante said it's an option to reconsider.

Bilski said we have a lot of different items to look at yet.

Hamm asked Dante if that Bond Appropriation that \$1.6...

Dante said that \$1.6 is currently in the negative, it's currently in the budgets, it's currently approved, and it's in that fund right now. You can move it out, but you can't move it all out. You have to leave part of it to pay Schererville, and Cedar Lake. That's going to go on the tax rate, and they are going to want their money back. So part of it is going to come back in terms of an additional appropriation to cut them a check.

Dante said, in any regard, there is going to be a liability attached to this, you have to take care of Schererville and Cedar Lake, and hold them harmless.

The next Budget Workshop will be held September 3, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

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:

John Petalas,
Lake County Auditor

