

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 Review of the School Corporations Tax Rate and Levy, and Review of 2016 Non-Binding Cities & Towns, 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.

President Bilski said this is the meeting of the County Council Non-Binding Cities and Towns Review, and Review of the School Corporations.

Bilski said that we are going to separate the Schools from the Towns and Cities.

Bilski said we want a motion to enter into the minutes, the review of the Lake County School Corporations. He said that the Community School Corporations have submitted, for our review, and they are made available for everyone to continue to review.

Attorney Szarmach also said that the School Systems that are being reviewed should be entered into the minutes.

In the Matter of School Corporations

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Strong that we have received and reviewed the tax rate and levy for the following School Corporations:

Crown Point Community School Corporation, Lake County
Gary Community School Corporation, Lake County
Griffith Public School Corporation, Lake County
Hammond City School Corporation, Lake County
Hanover Community School Corporation, Lake County
Highland Town School Corporation, Lake County
Lake Central School Corporation, Lake County
Lake Ridge School Corporation, Lake County
Lake Station School Corporation, Lake County
Merrillville School Corporation, Lake County
Munster Community School Corporation, Lake County
River Forest Community School Corporation, Lake County
School City of East Chicago, Lake County
School City of Hobart School Corporation, Lake County
Tri Creek School Corporation, Lake County
Whiting City School Corporation, Lake County

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

Lemuel mentioned that out of the 40 units, the Towns, Cities, and other taxing units, they has a 12.91% increase on the budget side. On the levy side, they had 24.52% average, so there were 40 units that turned theirs in.

He mentioned that Gary School Corporation turned theirs in on time, but an error was noticed. They contacted DLGF to get approval to re-submit after the deadline. Lemuel said they can't go in the Gateway to make the changes so we had to manually do a separate worksheet for Gary School Corporation. He said going through the 40 units, they also had 2 other entities that didn't go to the second page to do their rate and levy, so the DLGF was contacted again, and those 2 entities were able to submit a separate worksheet.

Bilski asked, they did get approval to submit a separate?

Lemuel said, they did get approval from the State, the DLGF.

In the Matter of Calumet Township, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted”, for Non-Binding Calumet Township. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Cedar Creek Township, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted, for Non-Binding Cedar Creek Township. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Cedar Lake Civil Town, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted, for Non-Binding Cedar Lake Civil Town. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Center Township, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Center Township. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Crown Point Civil City, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Crown Point Civil City. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Crown Point Community Public Library, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Crown Point Community Public Library. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Dyer Civil Town, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Dyer Civil Town. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Eagle Creek Township, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Eagle Creek Township. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of East Chicago Civil City, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding East Chicago Civil City. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of East Chicago Public Library, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding East Chicago Public Library. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Gary Civil City, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Gary Civil City. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Gary Public Library, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Gary Public Library. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Griffith Civil Town, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Griffith Civil Town. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Hammond Civil City, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Hammond Civil City. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”.

In the Matter of Hammond Public Library, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Hammond Public Library. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”.

In the Matter of Hanover Township, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Hanover Township. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Highland Civil Town, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Highland Civil Town. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Hobart Civil City, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Hobart Civil City. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Hobart Township, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Hobart Township. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Independence Hill Conservancy District, Lake County

Dernulc moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as amended” for Non-Binding Independence Hill Conservancy District. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lake County Public Library, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Lake County Public Library. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lake Station Civil City, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Lake Station Civil City. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lowell Civil Town, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Lowell Civil Town. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lowell Public Library, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Lowell Public Library. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Merrillville Civil Town, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Merrillville Civil Town. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Merrillville Conservancy, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Merrillville Conservancy. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Munster Civil Town, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted for Non-Binding Munster Civil Town. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent” Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of New Chicago Civil Town, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding New Chicago Civil Town. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of North Township, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding North Township. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Ross Township, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Ross Township. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Schererville Civil Town, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Schererville Civil Town. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Schneider Civil Town, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Schneider Civil Town. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of St. John Civil Town, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding St. John Civil Town. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of St. John Township, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding St. John Township. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of West Creek Township, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding West Creek Township. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Whiting Civil City, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Whiting Civil City. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Whiting Public Library, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Whiting Public Library. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Winfield Civil Town, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as amended” for Non-Binding Winfield Civil Town. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Winfield Township, Lake County

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2016, “as submitted” for Non-Binding Winfield Township. Cid seconded the motion. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin and Washington were “absent”. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Bilski said that the next Budget Workshop is scheduled for 4:00p.m. September 23, 2015, which will be First Reading

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

