

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the County Auditor, the public interests required that the Lake County Council, should be called to meet in regular session at this time, for the purpose of considering additional appropriations, 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, Elsie Franklin, Jamal Washington, Daniel Dernulc, Christine Cid, and Eldon Strong, County Councilpersons, together with Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorney.

In the Matter of Minutes of March 8, 2016.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Washington to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2016. The majority voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1395**

Section 1. Be It Ordained by the County Council of Lake County, IN., that for the expenses of the County Government and its institutions, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein appropriated, and shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided by law.

	Appropriation Requested	Appropriated
General Fund 001		
<u>Veterans Service</u> 2700		
41210 Longevity	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00
<u>Commissioners</u> 2900		
41250 Unemployment Compensation	-\$ 220.00	-\$ 220.00
<u>Commissioners</u> 2900		
44500 Construction/Reconstruction	\$800,000.00	\$800,000.00
Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund 194		
<u>Clerk</u> 0100		
41190 Part-Time	\$ 51,250.00	\$ 51,250.00
41220 FICA	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
41260 Workman's Comp	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
41380 Seasonal Employee	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
43145 Legal Services	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
44410 Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
44420 Office Machines	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
44490 Other Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Website Maintenance Fund 256		
<u>Clerk</u> 0100		
41190 Part-Time	\$ 88,097.00	\$ 88,097.00
41220 FICA	\$ 11,650.00	\$ 11,650.00
41260 Workman's Comp	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00
Coroner's Facility Fee Fund 273		
<u>Coroner</u> 0700		
41190 Part-Time	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
41220 FICA	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
41260 Workman's Compensation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Payroll Court Judgment Fund 441		
<u>Commissioners</u> 2900		
41220 FICA	\$ 4,973.00	Defer to 5-10-16
41398 Court Judgment	\$ 65,000.00	Defer to 5-10-16

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS CERTIFICATE**

I, the proper legal officer of Lake County Council, Lake County, IN., hereby certify to the Auditor of Lake County, that the Lake County Council, approved the following transfers:

	Requested	Approved
<u>Coroner</u> 0700		
From: 001-41190 Part-Time	\$ 5,000.00	
To: 001-43630 Maintenance & Service Contr	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

Calumet Township Assessor 1000

## 2015 Reassessment Fund 337

From: 337-41190 Part-Time	\$ 8,000.00	
To: 337-41380 Seasonal Employee	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

Parks & Recreation 5156

## Parks &amp; Recreation Fund 107

From: 107-41240 Group Insurance Deduction	\$ 36,100.00	
To: 107-41110 Officials & Administrators	\$ 29,200.00	\$ 29,200.00
107-41220 FICA	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
107-41230 PERF	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00

Commissioners 2900

## CEDIT Non-Reverting Fund 012

From: 012-41240 Group Insurance Deduction	\$600,000.00	
To: 012-44500 Construction & Reconstruction	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00

Commissioners 2900

## CEDIT Non-Reverting Fund 012

From: 012-44510 Other Capital Outlay	\$ 16,000.00	
012-44530 Kankakee River Construction	\$ 30,183.00	
To: 012-44520 Little Calumet Construction	\$ 46,183.00	\$ 46,183.00

Commissioners 2900

From: 001-41250 Unemployment Compensation	\$ 8,000.00	
To: 001-43956 Fair Premiums	\$ 8,000.00	\$

Drainage Board 2600

## Drainage Improvement Fund 790

From: 790-43160 Little Cal River Engineering	\$ 4,865.00	
790-43165 Kankakee River Engineering	\$ 4,253.00	
To: 790-44520 Little Calumet Construction	\$ 4,865.00	\$ 4,865.00
790-44530 Kankakee River Construction	\$ 4,253.00	\$ 4,253.00

St. John Township Assessor 1800

From: 001-43919 Laundry & Cleaning	\$ 100.00	
To: 001-43955 Official Bond	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

Prosecutor 0800

From: 001-42110 Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	
001-43620 Equipment Repair	\$ 3,000.00	
001-43630 Maintenance & Serv Contr	\$ 3,000.00	
To: 001-42210 Petroleum Products	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
002-43910 Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 3,000.00	\$

Prosecutor IV-D 0850

From: 001-43630 Maintenance & Serv Contr	\$ 3,200.00	
To: 001-43910 Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00

Ross Township Assessor 1700

From: 001-41190 Part-Time	\$ 3,500.00	
To: 001-43240 Telephone	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
001-43630 Maintenance & Serv Contr	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00

Ross Township Assessor 1700

## 2015 Reassessment Fund 337

From: 337-41190 Part-Time	\$ 10,000.00	
To: 337-43190 Other Professional Service	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

Economic Development 6100

From: 001-43234 Travel-Trans/Other	\$ 1,000.00	
001-43240 Telephone	\$ 2,000.00	
To: 001-43320 Advertising	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
001-41190 Part-Time	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

Juvenile Court 4100

## L.C. Community Correction Fund 391

From: 391-43190 Other Professional Service	\$ 20,000.00	
To: 391-42410 Other Supplies	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
391-43995 Other Services & Charges	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 14,500.00

Juvenile Court 4100

From: 001-43630 Maintenance & Serv Contr	\$ 1,000.00	
To: 001-42230 Clothing	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Juvenile Court 4100

From: 001-41130 Technicians	\$ 8,268.00	
To: 001-41190 Part-Time	\$ 8,268.00	\$ 8,268.00

Detention Center 4200

From: 001-41120 Professionals	\$ 10,000.00	
To: 001-42220 Garage & Motors	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
001-42240 Household & Inst Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00

CASA 4150

From: 001-43630 Maintenance & Service  
To: 001-43995 Other Services & Charges

\$ 1,000.00  
\$ 1,000.00      \$ 1,000.00

and that such transfer does not necessitate expenditure of more money than was set out in detail in the budget as finally approved by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This transfer was made at a regular public meeting according to proper ordinance, a copy of which is attached to this certificate.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

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Ted Bilski  
David Hamm  
Elsie Franklin  
Jamal Washington  
Christine Cid  
Daniel Dernulc  
Eldon Strong

Members of the Lake County Council

ATTEST:  
John Petalas,  
Lake County Auditor

Additional

	Made motion	seconded	
<u>General fund 001</u>			
Veterans Service(\$220)	Washington	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Commissioners(-\$220)	Franklin	Strong	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Commissioners(\$800,000)	Franklin	Strong	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Cid, "No". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-no.
<u>Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund 194</u>			
Clerk(\$93,250)	Franklin	Cid	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>Website Maintenance Fund 256</u>			
Clerk(\$104,347)	Franklin	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>Coroner's Facility Fee Fund 273</u>			
Coroner(\$37,000)	Cid	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>Payroll Court Judgment Fund 441</u>			
Commissioners(\$69,973)	Franklin	Dernulc	The majority voted "Yes" to Defer to 5-10-16. Motion to defer carried 7-0.

Footnotes

Re: Commissioners(-\$220) – Franklin made a motion, seconded by Strong to approve the reduction. Franklin explained that this is for Longevity pay that was not given to one of the employees, and we need to add that to his salary. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Transfer

	Made motion	seconded	
Coroner(\$5,000)	Cid	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.

Calumet Twp Assr(\$8,000) 2015 Reassessment Fund 337	Hamm	Washington	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Parks & Recreation(\$36,100) Parks & Rec Fund 107	Hamm	Dernulc	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Commissioners(\$600,000) CEDIT Non-Reverting Fund 012	Franklin	Strong	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Cid voted "No". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-no.
Commissioners(\$46,183) CEDIT Non-Reverting Fund 012 (See Footnotes)	Franklin	Dernulc	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Commissioners(\$8,000)	Franklin	Strong	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Drainage Board(\$9,118) Drainage Imp Fund 790	Hamm	Dernulc	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
St. John Twp Assr(\$100)	Hamm	Cid	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Prosecutor(\$8,000)	Franklin	Dernulc	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Prosecutor IV-D(\$3,200)	Franklin	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Ross Twp Assr(\$3,500)	Hamm	Cid	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Ross Twp Assr(\$10,000) (2015 Reassessment Fund 337)	Hamm	Washington	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Economic Development(\$3,000)	Washington	Franklin	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Juvenile Court(\$20,000) (L.C. Community Corrections Fund 391)	Dernulc	Strong	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Washington was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Juvenile Court(\$1,000)	Dernulc	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Juvenile Court(\$8,268)	Dernulc	Washington	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
Detention Center(\$10,000)	Dernulc	Cid	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
CASA(\$1,000)	Cid	Washington	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.

Footnotes

Re: Commissioners(\$600,000) – CEDIT Non-Reverting Fund 012 – Franklin made a motion, seconded by Strong to approve.

Cid said that she will not be approving this. She said she believes that this is money that may have been designated for roads, and there are several roads, especially in Calumet Township, unincorporated, that have never received any new surfacing, and are in desperate need of repairs. She said, not having seen the RFP for this project yet, and knowing the expenses for this project, she can not support taking money away from roads, to support this, at this time.

Strong said, it is explained clearly, it's from group insurance deductions, it has nothing to do with roads. Roads are not affected by this action.

Cid said, it's a CEDIT fund, and CEDIT fund was designated, she believes, by the Commissioners for roads.

Blanchard said it's not dedicated for roads. There may be dollars coming in. Senate Bill 67 is going to be dedicated for roads and bridges, but not this portion that they are asking to be transferred today.

Cid said, but it could be used for roads, and this is a \$1. something million dollars, \$1.4, and then we borrowed another \$1 or \$2 million, she doesn't remember, but it's just without seeing the full cost of this Project, and we haven't received those monies yet from the State, and she believes we are going to

receive maybe \$7.5 million, well \$7.5 million dollars doesn't really give us much for road repairs, so citizens are concerned in that area because they haven't received anything, Cid said I won't support this.

Strong commented, in a perfect world, we wouldn't have to be moving money around, we would have money to build buildings. If we can get out from underneath the rent that we are currently paying for this building. Strong said this is something we have to get done, it was planned to get done. He said he doesn't think the roads are going to be affected. He has been an advocate for roads the entire time he has been here on the Council, and he doesn't think this is going to affect roads. He said he is going to continue to be an advocate for road repair, but he also is an advocate for this building, we have to get this done so we stop spending money.

Franklin said, when it comes to Calumet Township, as it relates to the roads, we started that project on 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to do the repairs, and we had monies that were appropriated to do that. Franklin said, it is my understanding from our Congressman, and from the Highway Department, that there will be money forthcoming to go back into Calumet Township to finish up some of the streets, and roads that we are trying to repair out there. Franklin said, if anybody has been "jumping up and down" about that area, it has been me, since I've been here. I was able to get some funds, and we have not completed that project, as it relates to 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but we do have funds available to do that.

Cid said, I know, I've driven down 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but I'm not talking about 45<sup>th</sup>, I'm talking about the roads in front of people's homes, those side roads. Cid said, 45<sup>th</sup> looks great right now, I agree, but I'm talking about homes right into where people live.

Bilski commented that you can't drive through anywhere in the State, without running into a pothole, and that's a shame, he said our local Cities and Towns now have the ability, with new legislation being passed, to adopt a wheel tax, and this year, if it's passed, prior to June, they will have the ability to have matching funds from the State, to address some of these issues. Bilski said we are unincorporated County, with our roadways, and he doesn't know what that would amass, if we did pass one, but it sure sounds to me, that there may be dialogue in the future, about a wheel tax.

The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-no.

In the Matter of Revised 144's for Commissioners E-911, and Juvenile Court

Re: Commissioners – Strong made a motion, seconded by Hamm to defer for 90 days, to July 12, 2016.

Cid asked why is this being deferred for 90 days, instead of another 30 days?

Strong said that he spoke with the Director, Mr. Hitchcock, and he still has a lot of positions that he needs to fill, and he is okay with this.

Cid asked, for 90 days?

Strong said we can always bring it back, if an issue occurs, but he is alright with 90 days.

The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Motion to defer carried 6-yes, 1-no.

Re: Juvenile Court – Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

<u>Rev 144 – Fund 001</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
13608-006 Court Reporter	\$34,134	\$30,000	-\$4,134
13608-001 Court Reporter	\$34,134	\$30,000	-\$4,134

In the Matter of Create New Line item – Commissioners.

Franklin made a motion, seconded by Strong to create new line item for Commissioners, 012-2900-44500 – Construction & Reconstruction.

Strong commented, this will be for the money being moved around for the new Co-Op extension, and Soil & Water Building that's on the property.

The majority voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Create New Line Item – Commissioners.

Franklin made a motion, seconded by Hamm to create new line item for Commissioners, 001-2900-43956 – Fair Premiums.

Strong said this is for the 4-H program at the Fair.

The majority voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Create New Line Item – Veterans Service.

Washington made a motion, seconded by Hamm to create new line item for Veterans, 001-2700-41210 – Longevity. The majority voted “Yes”. Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Create New Line Item – Ross Township Assessor.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Washington to create new line item 337-1700-43190 – Other Professional Service. The majority voted “Yes”. Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Create New Line Item – Economic Development.

Washington made a motion, seconded by Franklin to create new line item for Economic Development, 001-6100-41190 – Part-Time. The majority voted “Yes”, Hamm was “absent”. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Create New Line Item – Economic Development.

Washington made a motion, seconded by Franklin to create new line item for Economic Development, 001-6100-43320 – Advertising. The majority voted “Yes”. Hamm was “absent”. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent

In the Matter of Create New Line Item – Juvenile Court.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Strong to create new line item for Juvenile Court – 391-4100-42410 Other Supplies. The majority voted “Yes”. Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Create New Line Item – Juvenile Court.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Strong to create new line item for Juvenile Court – 391-4100-43995 – Other Services & Charges. The majority voted “Yes”. Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Create New Line Item – Juvenile Court.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to create new line item for Juvenile Court, 001-4100-42230 – Clothing. The majority voted “Yes”. Washington was “absent”. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent .

In the Matter of Create New Line Item – CASA

Cid made a motion, seconded by Franklin to create new line item for CASA, 001-4150-43995 – Other Services & Charges. The majority voted “Yes”. Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Citizen Appointments – County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team – Probation Officer

Cid made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to defer to 5-10-16. The majority voted “Yes”. Washington was “absent”. Motion to defer to 5-10-16 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Citizen Appointment – Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to defer to 5-10-16. The majority voted “Yes”. Washington was “absent”. Motion to defer to 5-10-16 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Citizen Appointment – Merit System Board – Lake County Correction Division

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to defer to 5-10-16. The majority voted “Yes”. Washington was “absent”. Motion to defer carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the County of Lake, Lake County Indiana, and Lake County Correctional Association, Local Chapter 11, affiliated with the International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, and the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, Inc. – January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Cid to defer to 5-10-16. The majority voted “Yes”. Washington was “absent”. Motion to defer carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Lake Ridge Fire Protection District/Lake Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

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In the Matter of Internal Control Standards.

Dante explained that this was brought to a head in February, Dante gave his opinions, at that time. They followed it up with possibly some guidance and advisement services. They have a Contract that was submitted to the Council last week for Horwath.

Dante said there are 4 Phases, from making a materiality policy, which means, what is the scope for this Project, what is training, who's going to train, how much is needed. Dante said that's going to be Risk Assessment. He said the cost of that, for those first 2 items he just mentioned about is \$20,000 maximum, to be shared between the Auditor, and the County Council.

Dante said, he is asking for review, and hopefully approval for at least, Step 1, and Step 2 of these services by Crowe Horwath.

Bilski made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve.

Dante explained that there are 2 other Steps in here, but he wouldn't authorize them unless he had the money, and he had discussions, and they could be expensive, if we went to training for them. Dante said he does not foresee them doing training, which is our jobs, not their jobs, but they put it in the Agreement here, but there is no money there for it, so it can't be executed.

Bilski said, we will be meeting with Department Heads.

Dante said, once you sign this, we need to have an appointment list of implementers, those are going to be your key areas: Commissioners, Public Safety, a specialty group that represent their folks, in terms of the training that they need. Dante added, "I don't know what kind of training Court Reporters need, I don't know what kind of training Correctional Officers need, so we have to enlist the implementers that tell the Risk Assessor group.

Bilski said we will have that list of implementers, and we will meet with them to go over that..

Dante said, you have to co-mingle the two groups now, to create a Plan, which Mr. Szarmach is going to have for you, very shortly, in the next 2 or 3 months, and it has to be built upon something, and this is the something.

The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.



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April 7, 2016

Mr. Ajaz Mohammed  
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Dear Mr. Mohammed:

This letter confirms the arrangements for Crowe Horwath LLP ("Crowe" or "us" or "we" or "our") to provide consulting services, as listed below, to facilitate the establishment of a materiality level, assist with identifying and documenting risks and internal controls, and provide training and related support for Lake County, Indiana (Client" or "you" or "your") from information you provide. The attached Crowe Engagement Terms is an integral part of this letter, and its terms are incorporated herein.

These services will be performed in accordance with the Standards for Consulting Services established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The extent and sufficiency of the services and procedures to be performed will be determined with you and are solely the responsibility of the management of Client.

**Services to be Provided**

**Materiality Determination – Step 1**

During Step 1, Crowe will assist the Client in determining an appropriate materiality level. In addition, Crowe will draft a materiality policy for the Client. Following are the types of activities we expect to be conducted:

- ◆ Conduct materiality planning meeting/conference call.
- ◆ Identify County personnel who will lead the materiality determination process.
- ◆ Provide materiality determination tools to County personnel.
- ◆ Conduct a webinar with County personnel to explain the materiality determination process.
- ◆ Conduct follow-up meeting/conference call to discuss any questions County personnel encounter as they go through the process of determining an appropriate materiality level.
- ◆ Prepare draft materiality policy.

Step 1 Deliverables:

- ◆ Draft materiality policy.

**Risk Assessment – Step 2**

Step 2 involves performing risk assessment activities which provide a foundation for the internal controls analysis and documentation at Step 3. At the center of the risk assessment process is a risk assessment session which will bring together various individuals throughout the Client to brainstorm risks affecting the organization. The risk assessment session will assist in identifying critical areas of risk for the organization which will be a focus of the internal controls documentation. Crowe will work with the Client to determine

an appropriate number of risk assessment sessions based on the Client's organizational structure, schedule, etc. Following are the types of activities we expect to be conducted:

- ◆ Conduct risk assessment planning meeting/conference call.
- ◆ Analyze information pertinent to the Client such as organization structure, sources of revenue, and major expenditures categories to determine how the risk assessment session(s) should be organized.
- ◆ Identify Client personnel who will participate in the risk assessment process.
- ◆ Conduct a webinar with Client personnel to describe the risk assessment and internal controls process and explain, at a high level, what the risk assessment session(s) will entail.
- ◆ Conduct risk assessment session(s).
- ◆ Analyze results of the risk assessment session(s).
- ◆ Document and classify significant risks identified during the risk assessment session(s).
- ◆ Assess risk for the organization at both the organization-wide and transaction cycle level.
- ◆ Prepare risk assessment summary document

Step 2 Deliverables:

- ◆ Risk assessment summary document.

### Internal Controls – Step 3

During Step 3, internal control processes will be documented. The documentation of internal controls in place will be aligned with *U.S. Government Accountability Office Green Book* guidance as well as the *Uniform Internal Control Standards for Political Subdivisions* manual issued by the Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA). The focus of the internal controls documentation will be to satisfy the minimum requirements of the SBOA while also determining whether appropriate controls have been designed and implemented to mitigate the significant risks identified during Step 2. Following are the types of activities we expect to be conducted.

- ◆ Conduct internal controls planning meeting/conference call.
- ◆ Work with management to identify Client personnel who will provide internal controls information.
- ◆ Interview Client personnel to gain an understanding of the internal control structure currently in place, including related support available for each internal control.
- ◆ Document the current internal control structure of the Client, linking current internal controls to the minimum internal control requirements of the SBOA as well as significant risks identified for the organization.
- ◆ Identify internal control gaps/weaknesses and, if necessary, recommend modification to, or creation of, internal controls to mitigate the gaps/weaknesses identified.

Step 3 Deliverables:

- ◆ Internal controls summary document.

### Training and Board Presentation – Step 4

Step 4 will involve communication of the internal control process and documentation to appropriate individuals. The Client will determine the appropriate employees to receive training regarding the minimum internal control standards as well as internal control procedures applicable to the organization. In addition, the Client may wish to present a summary of the internal controls process to the governing body. Crowe's process for training and communicating the process and results as part of Step 4, may include the following, dependent upon the Client's needs:

- ◆ Formal group training

- ◆ One-on-one training
- ◆ Internal control and/or risk assessment high-level summary documents
- ◆ Presentation to governing body

Step 4 Deliverables:

- ◆ Training materials which may include:
  - PowerPoint presentations
  - Training manuals
  - Other
- ◆ Internal controls and/or risk assessment high-level summary documents

Our services and work product are intended for the benefit and use of the Client. This engagement will not be planned or conducted in contemplation of reliance by any other party or with respect to any specific transaction and is not intended to benefit or influence any other party. Therefore, items of possible interest to a third party may not be specifically addressed or matters may exist that could be assessed differently by a third party. The working papers for this engagement are the property of Crowe and constitute confidential information.

Our engagement cannot be relied upon to disclose errors, fraud, or illegal acts that may exist, and we will not address legal or regulatory matters or abuses of management discretion, which are matters that should be discussed by you with your legal counsel. In connection with this service, you agree to: assume all management responsibilities including making all management decisions; oversee the service by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, and/or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. You are also responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information provided to Crowe for purposes of this engagement and for timely updating such information. Because of the importance of such information to our engagement, you agree to release Crowe and its personnel from any liability and costs relating to our services under this engagement attributable to the inaccuracy or incompleteness of information provided to us for purposes of this engagement.

**Fees and Expenses**

Fees for consulting services will be billed according to task.

Task	Standard Fee Range	Discounted Fee Range
Step 1 - Materiality	\$3,000-5,000	\$3,000
Step 2 - Risk Assessment	\$20,000-25,000	\$15,000-19,000
Step 3 - Internal Controls	\$TBD	\$TBD
Step 4 - Training	\$TBD	\$TBD
Step 4 - Board Presentation	\$TBD	\$TBD

If changes to the scope of work outlined in Step 1 or Step 2 become necessary, Crowe will prepare a revised fee estimate. Estimated fees and expenses for Step 3 and Step 4 will be provided upon completion of Step 2. The Client will be invoiced monthly for fees incurred. Out-of-pocket travel expenses incurred by Crowe have been factored into the fee ranges included above and will not be billed separately to the Client. Services requested which fall outside the scope of services listed herein will be described and quoted separately.

MISCELLANEOUS

Crowe will provide the services to Client under this Agreement as an independent contractor and not as Client's partner, agent, employee, or joint venturer under this Agreement. Neither Crowe nor Client will have any right, power or authority to bind the other party.

This engagement letter agreement (the "Agreement") reflects the entire agreement between us relating to the services (or any deliverables or other work product) covered by this Agreement. The engagement letter and any attachments are to be construed as a single document, with the provisions of each section applicable throughout. This Agreement may not be amended or varied except by a written document signed by both parties. It replaces and supersedes any other proposals, correspondence, agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, relating to the services covered by this letter, and each party agrees that in entering this Agreement, it has not relied on any oral or written statements or other information not contained or incorporated in this Agreement. Any non-disclosure or other confidentiality agreement is replaced and superseded by this Agreement. The agreements of you and Crowe contained in this Agreement will survive the completion or termination of this Agreement. If any phrase, sentence, provision or other term of this Agreement is found unenforceable or invalid, this will not affect the other phrases, sentences, provisions or other terms, all of which will continue in effect as if the stricken term had not been included. This Agreement may be executed in two or more actual, scanned, emailed, or electronically copied counterparts, each and all of which together are one and the same instrument. Accurate transmitted copies (transmitted copies are reproduced documents that are sent via mail, delivery, scanning, email, photocopy, facsimile or other process) will be considered and accepted by each party as documents equivalent to original documents and will be deemed valid, binding and enforceable by and against all parties. This agreement must be construed, governed, and interpreted under the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard for choice of law principles.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to serve you, and we look forward to a continuing relationship. If the terms of this letter and the attached Crowe Engagement Terms are acceptable to you, please sign below and return a copy of this letter at your earliest convenience. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

**ACCEPTANCE:**

I have reviewed the arrangements outlined above and in the attached "Crowe Engagement Terms," and I accept on behalf of the Client the terms and conditions as stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Client and Crowe have duly executed this engagement letter as of the date below.

Lake County, Indiana

Crowe Horwath LLP

  
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Signature

  
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Signature

Ted F Bilski  
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Printed Name

Chris Mower  
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Printed Name

Lake Co Council  
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Partner  
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April 7, 2016  
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Date

**Crowe Engagement Terms**

Crowe wants Client to understand the terms under which Crowe provides its services to Client and the basis under which Crowe determines its fees. These terms are part of the Agreement and apply to all services described in the Agreement as well as all other services provided to Client (collectively, the "Services"), unless and until a separate written agreement is executed by the parties for separate services. Crowe specifically notes that no advice Crowe provides should be construed to be investment advice.

**CLIENT'S ASSISTANCE** – For Crowe to provide its Services effectively and efficiently, Client agrees to provide Crowe timely with the information it requests and to make Client's employees available for Crowe's questions. The availability of Client's personnel and the timetable for their assistance are key elements in the successful completion of Crowe's Services and in the determination of Crowe's fees. Completion of Crowe's work depends on appropriate and timely cooperation from Client's personnel; complete, accurate, and timely responses to Crowe's inquiries; and timely communication by Client of all significant tax, accounting and financial reporting matters of which Client is aware. If for any reason this does not occur, a revised fee to reflect the additional time or resources required by Crowe will be mutually agreed upon, and Client agrees to hold Crowe harmless against all matters that arise in whole or in part from any resulting delay.

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS** – As a regulated professional services firm, Crowe must follow certain professional standards where applicable, including the Code of Professional Conduct promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"). Therefore, if circumstances arise that, in Crowe's professional judgment, prevent it from completing this engagement, Crowe retains the right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express an opinion or issue other work product, or terminating the engagement.

**REPORTS** – Any information, advice, recommendations or other content of any memoranda, reports, presentations, or other communications Crowe provides under this Agreement ("Reports"), other than Client's original information, are for Client's internal use only, consistent with the purpose of the Services. Client will not rely on any draft Report. Unless required by an audit or attestation professional standard, Crowe will not be required to update any final Report for circumstances of which we become aware or events occurring after delivery.

**THIRD PARTY PROVIDER** – Crowe may use a third-party service provider in providing Services to Client which may require Crowe's sharing Client's confidential information with the provider. If Crowe uses a third-party service provider, Crowe will enter into a confidentiality agreement with the provider to require them to maintain the confidentiality of Client's confidential information, and Crowe will be responsible to Client for maintaining its confidentiality. The terms of Crowe's engagement letter and these engagement terms will apply to any third party provider.

**CONFIDENTIALITY** – Except as otherwise permitted by this Agreement or as agreed in writing, neither Crowe nor Client may disclose to third parties the contents of this Agreement or any information provided by or on behalf of the other that ought reasonably to be treated as confidential and/or proprietary. Client use of any Crowe work product will be limited to its stated purpose and to Client business use only. However, Client and Crowe each agree that either party may disclose such information to the extent that it: (i) is or becomes public other than through a breach of this Agreement, (ii) is subsequently received by the recipient from a third party who, to the recipient's knowledge, owes no obligation of confidentiality to the disclosing party with respect to that information, (iii) was known to the recipient at the time of disclosure or is thereafter created independently, (iv) is disclosed as necessary to enforce the recipient's rights under this Agreement, or (v) must be disclosed under applicable law, regulations, legal process or professional standards.

**CLIENT-REQUIRED CLOUD USAGE** – If Client requests that Crowe access files, documents or other information in a cloud-based or web-accessed hosting service or other third-party system accessed via the internet, including, without limitation iCloud, Dropbox, Google Docs, Google Drive, a data room

hosted by a third-party, or a similar service or website (collectively, "Cloud Storage"), Client will confirm with any third-parties assisting with or hosting the Cloud Storage that either such third-party or Client (and not Crowe) is responsible for ensuring the confidentiality of all information while utilizing the Cloud Storage, complying with all applicable laws relating to the Cloud Storage and any information contained in the Cloud Storage, providing Crowe access to the information in the Cloud Storage, and protecting the information in the Cloud Storage from any unauthorized access to the information, including without limitation unauthorized access to the information when in transit to or from the Cloud Storage. Client warrants that it has authority to provide Crowe access to information in the Cloud Storage and that providing Crowe with access to information in the Cloud Storage complies with all applicable laws, regulations, or duties owed to third-parties, and Client agrees to hold Crowe harmless from and against any matters relating to or arising from Crowe's use of the Cloud Storage.

**DATA PROTECTION** – If Crowe holds or uses Client information that can be linked to specific individuals who are Client's customers ("Personal Data"), Crowe will treat it as confidential as described above and comply with applicable US state and federal law and professional regulations in disclosing or using such information to carry out the Services. Crowe has implemented and will maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards reasonably designed to (i) protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of the Personal Data, (ii) prevent unauthorized access to or use of the Personal Data, and (iii) provide proper disposal of the Personal Data (collectively, the "Safeguards"). Client warrants that it has the authority to provide the Personal Data to Crowe in connection with the Services and that Client has processed the Personal Data provided to Crowe in accordance with applicable law. To provide the Services, Client may also need to provide Crowe with access to Personal Data consisting of protected health information, financial account numbers, Social Security or other government-issued identification numbers, or other data that, if disclosed without authorization, would trigger notification requirements under applicable law ("Restricted Personal Data"). In the event Client provides Crowe access to Restricted Personal Data, Client will consult with Crowe on appropriate measures (consistent with professional standards applicable to Crowe) to protect the Restricted Personal Data, such as: deleting or masking unnecessary information before making it available to Crowe, encrypting it when transferring it to Crowe, or providing it to Crowe only during on-site review on Client's site. Client will provide Crowe with Restricted Personal Data only in accordance with mutually agreed protective measures. Otherwise, Client and Crowe agree each may use unencrypted electronic media to correspond or transmit information and such use will not in itself constitute a breach of any confidentiality obligations under this Agreement.

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** – Crowe may use ideas, concepts, methodologies, data, software, designs, utilities, tools, models, techniques, data, systems, or other know-how that it develops, owns or licenses ("Materials") in performing the Services. Notwithstanding the delivery of any Reports, Crowe retains all intellectual property rights in the Materials (including any improvements or knowledge developed while performing the Services), and in any working papers compiled in connection with the Services (but not Client information reflected in them). Upon payment for particular Services and subject to the other terms of this Agreement, Client will use Reports, as well as any Materials owned by Crowe included therein, solely to the extent necessary and permitted under this Agreement.

**AGGREGATED DATA** – Client agrees that Crowe may from time to time use and process Client's confidential information for data aggregation and/or industry benchmarking purposes. In using Client's confidential information for data aggregation and/or industry benchmarking purposes, Crowe will maintain Client's information as confidential unless Crowe removes data that specifically identifies Client and Client's customers.

**LEGAL AND REGULATORY CHANGE** – Crowe may periodically communicate changes in laws, rules or regulations to Client. However, Client has not engaged Crowe, and Crowe does not undertake an obligation, to advise Client of changes in laws, rules, regulations, industry or market conditions, Client's own business practices or other circumstances, except to the extent required by professional standards. In addition, the scope of Services and the fees for Services are based on current laws and regulations. If changes in laws or regulations change Client's requirements or the scope of Crowe's work, the parties agree that Crowe's fees will be modified to a mutually agreed upon amount to reflect the changed level of Crowe's effort.

**PUBLICATION** – Client agrees to obtain Crowe's specific permission before using any Report or Crowe work product or Crowe's firm's name in a published document, and Client agrees to submit to Crowe copies of such documents to obtain Crowe's permission before they are filed or published.

**CLIENT REFERENCE** – From time to time Crowe is requested by prospective clients to provide references for Crowe's client offerings. Client agrees that Crowe may use Client's name and generally describe the nature of the engagement(s) provided to Client in marketing to prospective clients, and Crowe may also provide prospective clients with contact information for Client personnel familiar with Crowe's Services for Client.

**NO PUNITIVE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES** – Any liability of Crowe will not include any special, consequential, incidental, punitive, or exemplary damages or loss nor any lost profits, goodwill, savings, or business opportunity, even if Crowe had reason to know of the possibility of such damages.

**LIMIT OF LIABILITY** – Except where it is judicially determined that Crowe performed its Services with gross negligence or willful misconduct, Crowe's liability will not exceed fees paid by Client to Crowe for the portion of the work giving rise to liability. A claim for a return of fees paid is the exclusive remedy for any damages. This limitation of liability is intended to apply to the full extent allowed by law, regardless of the grounds or nature of any claim asserted, and including, without limitation, claims based on principles of contract, negligence or other tort, fiduciary duty, warranty, indemnity, statute or common law. This limitation of liability will also apply after termination of this agreement.

**INDEMNIFICATION FOR THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS** – In the event of a legal proceeding or other claim brought against Crowe by a third party, except where it is judicially determined that Crowe performed Services with gross negligence or willful misconduct, Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Crowe and its personnel against all costs, fees, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney fees and any other fees or defense costs, associated with such third-party claim, relating to or arising from any Services performed or work product provided by Crowe that Client uses or discloses to others or this engagement generally. This indemnification is intended to apply to the fullest extent allowed by law, regardless of the grounds or nature of any claim, liability, or damages asserted, including, without limitation, to claims, liability or damages based on principles of contract, negligence or other tort, fiduciary duty, warranty, indemnity, statute or common law. This indemnification will also apply after termination of this agreement.

**NO TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS** – No claim against Crowe, or any recovery from or against Crowe, may be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, in whole or in part.

**TIME LIMIT ON CLAIMS** – In no event will any action against Crowe, arising from or relating to this engagement letter or the Services provided by Crowe relating to this engagement, be brought after the earlier of 1) two (2) years after the date on which occurred the act or omission alleged to have been the cause of the injury alleged; or 2) the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations or repose.

**RESPONSE TO LEGAL PROCESS** – If Crowe is requested by subpoena, request for information, or through some other legal process to produce documents or testimony pertaining to Client or Crowe's Services, and Crowe is not named as a party in the applicable proceeding, then Client will reimburse Crowe for its professional time, plus out-of-pocket expenses, as well as reasonable attorney fees, Crowe incurs in responding to such request.

**MEDIATION** – If a dispute arises, in whole or in part, out of or related to this engagement, or after the date of this agreement, between Client or any of Client's affiliates or principals and Crowe, and if the dispute cannot be settled through negotiation, Client and Crowe agree first to try, in good faith, to settle the dispute by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association, under its mediation rules for professional accounting and related services disputes, before resorting to litigation or any other dispute-resolution procedure. The results of mediation will be binding only upon agreement of each party.

to be bound. Costs of any mediation will be shared equally by both parties. Any mediation will be held in Chicago, Illinois.

**JURY TRIAL WAIVER – FOR ALL DISPUTES RELATING TO OR ARISING BETWEEN THE PARTIES, THE PARTIES AGREE TO WAIVE A TRIAL BY JURY TO FACILITATE JUDICIAL RESOLUTION AND TO SAVE TIME AND EXPENSE. EACH PARTY AGREES IT HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE ITS LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW THIS WAIVER. THIS WAIVER IS IRREVOCABLE, MAY NOT BE MODIFIED EITHER ORALLY OR IN WRITING, AND APPLIES TO ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS, RENEWALS, OR MODIFICATIONS TO THIS AGREEMENT. IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE FILED AS WRITTEN CONSENT TO A BENCH TRIAL WITHOUT A JURY. HOWEVER, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, IF ANY COURT RULES OR FINDS THIS JURY TRIAL WAIVER TO BE UNENFORCEABLE AND INEFFECTIVE IN WAIVING A JURY, THEN ANY DISPUTE RELATING TO OR ARISING FROM THIS ENGAGEMENT OR THE PARTIES' RELATIONSHIP GENERALLY WILL BE RESOLVED BY ARBITRATION AS SET FORTH IN THE PARAGRAPH BELOW REGARDING "ARBITRATION."**

**ARBITRATION – If any court rules or finds that the JURY TRIAL WAIVER section above is not enforceable, then any dispute between the parties relating to or arising from this engagement or the parties' relationship generally will be settled by binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois (or a location agreed in writing by the parties). Any dispute between the parties will be arbitrated by the arbitrator(s) in accordance with this section, including without limitation any dispute relating to whether a dispute is subject to arbitration or any issue concerning the applicability, interpretation or enforceability of this section or any of its procedures. The arbitration will be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act and resolved by the arbitrator(s). The parties will use the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (the "CPR Institute") Global Rules for Accelerated Commercial Arbitration (the "Accelerated Rules") then in effect, or such other rules or procedures as the parties may agree. In the event of a conflict between those rules and this Agreement, this Agreement will control. If a party has a basis for injunctive relief, this paragraph will not preclude a party seeking and obtaining injunctive relief in a court of proper jurisdiction. The parties will agree within a reasonable period of time after notice is made of instituting the arbitration process whether to use one or three arbitrators, and if the parties cannot agree within fifteen (15) business days, the parties will use a single arbitrator. In any event the arbitrator(s) must be retired federal judges or attorneys with at least 15 years commercial law experience and no arbitrator may be appointed unless he or she has agreed to these procedures. If the parties cannot agree upon arbitrator(s) within an additional fifteen (15) business days, the arbitrator(s) will be selected by the CPR Institute. The arbitrator(s) may authorize only limited discovery upon a showing of substantial need by the party seeking discovery. The arbitrator(s) may rule on a summary basis, including without limitation on a motion to dismiss basis or on a summary judgment basis. The arbitrator(s) may enter such prehearing orders as may be appropriate to ensure a fair hearing. The hearing will be held within one year of the demand or less and must be concluded within ten business days absent written agreement by the parties to the contrary, but these time limits are not jurisdictional. The arbitrator(s) will apply substantive law and may award injunctive relief or any other remedy available from a judge. The arbitrator(s) may award attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party, and in the event of a split or partial award, the arbitrator(s) may award costs or attorney fees in an equitable manner. Any award by the arbitrator(s) will be accompanied by a reasoned opinion describing the basis of the award. The arbitration will be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq., and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof. All aspects of the arbitration will be treated by the parties and the arbitrator(s) as confidential.**

**NON-SOLICITATION – Client and Crowe acknowledge the importance of retaining key personnel. Accordingly, both parties agree that during the period of this agreement, and for one (1) year after its expiration or termination, neither party will solicit any personnel or subcontractors (if any) of the other party for employment without the written consent of the other party. If an individual becomes an employee of the other party, the other party agrees to pay a fee equal to the individual's compensation for the prior full twelve-month period to the original employer.**

**AFFILIATES – Crowe Horwath LLP is an independent member of Crowe Horwath International, a Swiss verein. Each member firm of Crowe Horwath International is a separate and independent legal entity. Crowe Horwath LLP and its affiliates are not responsible or liable for any acts or omissions of Crowe Horwath International or any other member of Crowe Horwath International and specifically disclaim any and all responsibility or liability for acts or omissions of Crowe Horwath International or any other member of Crowe Horwath International. Crowe Horwath International does not render any professional services and does not have an ownership or partnership interest in Crowe Horwath LLP. Crowe Horwath International and its other member firms are not responsible or liable for any acts or omissions of Crowe Horwath LLP and specifically disclaim any and all responsibility or liability for acts or omissions of Crowe Horwath LLP.**

In the Matter of Public Hearing – Petition for a Vacation of a Fourteen (14) foot alley between Roosevelt Place and Taft Street that connects 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to open the Public Hearing for a Petition for a Vacation of a Fourteen (14) foot alley between Roosevelt Place and Taft Street that connects 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Louise Neese, Chairperson for the Lake Ridge Fire Protection District was present, and in favor of this Vacation, so they can build a new fire station, in an unincorporated area. Ms. Neese said that it has never been done before, and it would be something really great for the Calumet Township, unincorporated area

Kevin Smith, Attorney for the Board, was in favor of Petition. He said that there were no objections to this, the utilities have been contacted, everyone has been contacted, and there has been no objections. Attorney Smith explained that this is a vacation of an alley between 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> on Roosevelt Place.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Washington to close the Public Hearing. The majority voted "Yes" to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried 7-0. SEE ORDINANCE NO. 1395D.

In the Matter of Resolution Reimbursing Fund 441 Insurance Liability Fund from Fund 541 Court Judgment Fund.

Franklin made a motion, seconded by Strong to defer to 5-10-16. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to defer carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting Lake County Sheriff to pay 2015 invoices with 2016 funds in the amount of \$4,170.35 – 001-0500-42230- Clothing.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Strong to defer to 5-10-16.

Washington said that the one thing that he promised, when he was elected, was that, according to the issues at hand, we are not just increasing taxes to increase the taxes (inaudible). We increased the taxes by 1.5%. Washington said, the reason he says this is, last year, when he asked every department if they wanted to pay previous years bills, with the current years' funds, Washington said, he believes that everyone said, at that time, yes.

Washington said that Councilman Strong had brought this up, at that time. He said, they had a workshop Thursday, and he asked the question, "are we holding the bills because we don't have money, or is it because they are received late?" The answer was, "we just don't have the money". Washington said he has an issue with that. The reason why he has an issue with this is because when we set the budget, and we had a tough time setting the budget last year, in terms of making sure that we hold everyone accountable for the amount of money that is allocated to the county.

Washington said that's a way of circumventing the budget, to hold the bills till the end of the year, and say, "don't pay them until the next year". Then next year comes around, then you want to pay the bills. Right now, we are on pace at the beginning of the second quarter of \$2.5 million dollars, over the budget. Washington said, I heard us talking about roads today, that is something that I think that we, as Councilmembers need to hold everyone accountable.

Washington said he did a little research, and said there are 2 ways we can correct the budget. We can keep throwing money at the budget, or you can try to manage what you have.

Washington said, what we have right now is, he is looking at \$2.9 million dollars increase in our Consulting, from 2013, until now. He is looking at \$1.1 million dollars from the replacement of Edgewater, that's the mental health. He is looking at \$2.5 million, that's going over the budget for bills, that's a total of \$6.5 million dollars. That's an issue, and when people say to me that I don't understand, what I understand is that we have our citizens to pay 1.5% increase, and I do not believe that we are doing our job. Washington said, "I am not saying that anything that's over there isn't supposed to be, I am not saying that he is doing it wrong, but what I'm saying is that we need to be more aggressive, in a lot of areas, and hopefully we can start looking into that. So the reason why any bills that are brought today for the Sheriff, I am looking to defer. Washington said, I would like to look at a few ways of changing a few things that we've talked about. Outsourcing our Health Insurance, as far as the billing portion of it. There has to be a better way, there has to be. Washington said, It must be a better way, the solution is not bonding out every year. The solution is not going to be to raise the taxes. The answer is for us to be our stewards, and say, "what else can we do"?

Franklin said, since I am the Chairperson for the Sheriff's Department, I will be asking for the committee members, and I, to sit down with the Sheriff, and we try to find out what is it that we can do to help the Sheriff because no matter how we look at it, at the end of the day, we still have to pay the bills.

Franklin said I intend to, and I will have a committee meeting with the Sheriff, because we can't solve it here on the floor, and give him an opportunity to go back and take a look at his budget, and see what it is that he can do to help correct the situation. Franklin said, I want to give him that opportunity, and that is why I asked for a deferral.

Cid commented that there are maybe some solutions to this, but because we allowed all departments to come before us, and pay late bills, because they come in at the end of the year, for 2016 funds, we must realize that, that's going to short the current year's funds. What we can do, when you run out of money, first of all, on the contracts for the vendors, maybe there needs to be something that states that they must submit their bills within 30 days, and perhaps, at the end of the year, because there is no more funds to encumber, for bills that you know may come, that you don't have any control over, such as hospital bills, that you need to come before the Council, at that time, and ask for those extra dollars, instead of using current years' funds. There are some solutions, that can be made.

Washington said, this isn't an issue to be taken lightly, I am speaking about \$2.5 million dollars. I was elected to be aggressive, and to speak for the people that cannot speak, and that's what I'm doing today. Washington said, I was clearly told last year, that this will not happen this year, and it's happened already, at the beginning of the second quarter. We are deliberately going over the budget. This is something that we need to address.

Cid said I think that most of us try to be fiscally responsible, and when you keep adding to this past budget year, there were several Councilpersons that added new positions, so to say to live within our budget, and not increase... when you keep adding new positions that add to the cost of health insurance, is that being fiscally responsible? Cid said, so there's more than just this.

Franklin said I certainly am not taking any of this lightly, but I do feel that what I need to do, as the Chairperson, is to sit down with our Financial Advisor, along with the Sheriff, then we can understand better what is going on in that area, but please don't "paint the picture" that I am "breezing" over this, and "taking it lightly". This something that we've never taken lightly with any departments, and that includes all of the Councilpersons that have been here before, and at the present time. Franklin said "I think it's no more than fair". We are looking at what is before us. I as the Chairperson, have every intention of trying to help the Sheriff to get to where we would like to see him, and do everything we can do to make sure that this doesn't happen again, but there is too much to do right here, we need to do a financial, and committee meeting, and that's what I want to do. Franklin said to Councilman Washington, this is not something that we are taking lightly. I have spoken to some of my other colleagues, and at one time it was Councilwoman Cid' committee, and trust me, she never "glazed" over anything, as it was related to the Sheriff's Department. He has a big responsibility over there, and we do too, and we must take every avenue and every effort that we can, to try to see that this doesn't occur again. Franklin said I will be calling a committee meeting, and I will be asking for committee members, and our financial advisor to sit down with us and take a look at this. This is not something we can do right here, and now.

Bilski said that every community out there, the taxing units out there, has an opportunity to eliminate the income tax. This Body has the opportunity to eliminate the Income Tax, if they so chooses. This income tax is money we have appropriated, as a custom, and it takes care of unincorporated county, for the most part. Bilski said he adamantly opposed the Bond, as a matter of fact, Bilski said, he promoted other avenues of raising revenue because he thinks bonding for those items is the wrong way to go, but that's just my statement.

Hamm said there are 2 concerns, the large amount of money, and he said he spoke to the Sheriff' bookkeeper, who told him that this was due to late billing. He said then, he was told at the last study session that's not true, it was because we are out of money. Hamm said we need to develop a Plan.

Cid said we are using this year' funds, so right now, if these were approved, and they run out of money in 2016, so we need to appropriate money, the procedure we are following.

Hamm said that he asked Division III, specifically, why is this coming in now? They said, because the bill came in late, they were not short. Hamm said he asked them, are you going to come back for more money? They said, no, we will be caught up this year completely.

Bilski said I think we are going to work through this, I think we are going to look at handling these bills, and when the money is due, it's due. We understand that, but is the cost so extraordinary, and so inflated that we have to look at it? Bilski said I think that's where we have to do some investigation to make sure to be stewards of the taxpayers, and to make sure you are getting the "best bang for your buck".

Dernulc said the dialogue is good. This is something that I have talked to the Sheriff about several times, and one thing that I hope that we get out of this, is maybe we have to look at our budget in the fall, better, because this is an ongoing thing, and the Sheriff knows that those are my concerns.

Strong said, the idea of a budget, is that you must live within your means, without that, the system falls apart. We have to stay within our budget, and if we cannot, then we have to get ahead of the "curve", and figure out why it is, so we can make the adjustments the following year, and not consistently fall behind. We have to do this, otherwise, we are always playing "catch up". Strong said, I like to use the analogy, where "we're digging a hole, and we are throwing the dirt straight up." We are not getting anywhere, we are digging a hole, and the dirt is falling in on top of us. We have to get out of this hole, and we have to adjust our system. Strong said, I think the Sheriff is a great guy. I am not happy with the bookkeeping method. I think we have to make some adjustments on the system that we are using to pay these bills.

Sheriff Buncich wanted to read a statement that he prepared:

"Members of the Lake County Council, at the Lake County Council workshop last Thursday, a discussion ensued regarding the items for payment requested by me for this meeting on today's agenda.

Apparently, some of your members questioned the need of my request for payment of 2015 invoices in 2016. As you know, I, along with my budget supervisor, Melanie Dillon made every attempt to explain the purpose of the request, however, there seemed to be some uncertainties on the part of the Council that led to accusations of budget mismanagement on my part. After much discussion last Thursday, some Council members requested an investigative review by the Council, of my Sheriff's/ Jail operating budgets.

It is no secret that I have one of the largest, if not the largest budgets in County Government, and because of this fact, I take very serious my responsibility of day-to-day administrative management of my department to which I was elected to perform.

Since last Thursday's meeting, when these questions arose, I have found it very distressing that my Administration and Budget Management would be called into question.

I feel that now the time has come that we must immediately address these issues and your concerns head-on to correct and answer any misconceptions or misinterpretations you may have.

I am therefore, requesting a meeting either with the entire Lake County Council, or Council members so designated to meet as soon as possible to answer any and all questions, and/or concerns regarding the Lake County Sheriff's Department budgets. I further ask that this be a public meeting for transparency purposes on my behalf. At this proposed meeting, I intend to go into great detail to carefully scrutinize my entire Sheriff's department operations.

I intend to have several members of my staff from every facet of operations available to explain operational costs, expenditures, and our budget system. I intend to go into great detail concerning our operational, medical, and mental health costs, at my proposed meeting.

I further request that this meeting be held immediately, or no later than the end of this month, so as to clarify your concerns as rapidly as possible.

In closing, may I kindly remind you that having possibly the largest budget in County Government and taking into consideration that the primary functions of our agency are dealt with on a 24/7 jail management, and law enforcement schedule; I am sure you realize that my office requires more funding than several of the other county administrative offices that operate only Monday through Friday.

For years I have enjoyed my excellent working relationship with the Lake County Council, and it is my sincere desire to once again restore our trust and confidence, and good working relationship in one another, after this meeting is held, and hopefully put this issue to rest once and for all".

"Thank you"

Bilski said, in order to meet your request, we will defer to the Chair, who is Council lady Franklin, to schedule that meeting. Bilski said, that meeting to be public, and with more than 3 Councilpersons present. It has to be advertised, which means, it has to follow the same guidelines as when we set up this meeting, or any other budgetary meeting.

Dernulc said I think it should be for the Jail also, not just the Sheriff department.

Bilski said you can work together with Council lady Franklin as to a date and time, and get with our Attorney, so that we can get it to the staff, and make sure that that meeting will be advertised properly, to give us enough time.

Bilski asked, what is the minimum amount of days?

Attorney Szarmach answered, it's 48 hours before, but something like this, you are going to want to do it a week or two in advance. Attorney Szarmach said, I think you are looking at a time period, to go over, and to explain the budget. It's not going to be done in an hour or two, that I can see.

Bilski added, maybe multiple meetings.

Attorney Szarmach said you may need multiple meetings because there are different aspects that you want to go into. The DOJ mandate alone, is going to take.... I have stacks of the DOJ reports... So, if we are going to do everything, you have to go through bills, so if you are going to do that type of in-depth review, you are looking at days. Attorney Szarmach said, again, to answer your question, you have 48 hours before, but if I could suggest, in most mediations, both sides present to the mediator, their positions, backed up by documents. Now each side doesn't see what the other submitted to the mediator, but that may not be a bad idea, to submit an agenda, and back it up with your documents, and explain everything beforehand. So that you don't have a meeting, and this is the first time you are looking at this.

Sheriff Buncich said he would be happy to prepare an agenda, he doesn't care how long it will take, he and his staff will be available, if it takes hours, days, weeks, they will be there to answer these questions.

The majority voted "Yes". Motion to defer carried 7-0.

Bilski suggested that Councilman Dernulc, as Chairman, and Council lady Franklin, as Chairperson get together, establish date, and time, with Attorney Ray Szarmach to establish whether a mediator is the way to go.

Attorney Szarmach said, I wasn't suggesting a mediator at all, what I was suggesting is that as an example of presenting either a position, with documents, for example, if I am talking with another Attorney, by just making a demand for a settlement, but....

Bilski said, I thought you were suggesting mediation.

Bilski said my statement still remains the same, Councilman Dernulc, Council lady Franklin please get together, establish some dates, times, as the Attorney said, I would welcome and advertise for more than three meetings, that way it will help us to establish whether it works best, what time of the day, so please get with Attorney Szarmach immediately following this meeting, and we can establish dates, and times, and locations for set meetings.

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting Lake County Sheriff to pay 2015 invoices with 2016 funds in the amount of \$4,661.00 – 001-0500-42220 Garage & Motors.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to defer to 5-10-16. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to defer carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting Lake County Sheriff to pay 2015 Jail invoices with 2016 funds in the amount of \$4,184.84 – 001-3100-42250 Health Care & Lab Supplies.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to defer to 5-10-16. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to defer carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting Lake County Sheriff to pay 2015 Jail invoices with 2016 funds in the amount of \$10,648.24 – 001-3100-43630 Maintenance & Service Contracts.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to defer to 5-10-16. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to defer carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting Lake County Sheriff to pay 2015 Jail invoices with 2016 funds in the amount of \$30,405.23 – 010-3100-43610 Building & Structure.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to defer to 5-10-16. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to defer carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Sheriff to pay 2014 & 2015 Animal Control invoices with 2016 funds in the amount of \$6,607.11 – 156-3200-43995 Other Services & Charges.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to defer to 5-10-16. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to defer carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Resolution to approve Temporary Loan/Transfer from the Sheriff's Pension Trust Fund, Fund No. 287 to the Sheriff's Towing & Franchise Fee Fund, Fund No. 290 Pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8-4(a), Temporary Loan.

Franklin made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve.

Bilski asked Dante, we've done these loans, I don't remember the Towing & Franchise, is what we had issues with, and it's gotten back to where we're trying to get that zeroed out, and get it to where it's healthy. I don't think we've ever done that before, I don't remember doing that.

Dante said, you are getting the Fund 181 out of the loan business, you have to. We extended the Loan business last month, unintentionally, and we still kept it in there, so we have to untangle it, and get Fund 181 out. This should have never been last month, it should have never been on the Agenda, so you are clearing Fund 181 from the loan business. Federal money can't be in the loan business, however, now we've got two funds that are kind of getting better, that still need help, and that's Funds 289, and 290, so it looks like it's a co-mingled mess, but it's not.

Washington asked, what we're asking for a loan from the Pension Fund, is that right?

Dante answered, correct, to Fund 290. It's getting better, but it's going to take some time.

Washington said, that's what I was indicating earlier, I can not see myself, especially looking at the bills, I can not support "paying Peter, to pay Paul", and especially taking money from a Pension fund.

Dante said, if you have no Plan in sight, I totally agree, but there is a Plan, you've taken some jobs out and moved them to the general fund, as I recall 2 or 3 years ago. The Plan was to let this thing get healthy.

Bilski said, we took everything that was drawing on that Fund out, and I believe that Fund should be able to sustain itself, after this.

Dante said, a couple of years.

Dernulc said is this not a loan?

Dante answered, yes, absolutely it is.

Ajaz, from the Auditor's Office said it would be paid back by the end of the year.

Cid said, last month, or the month before, we approved a loan from the Pension Fund. This isn't the Fund that pays, the monies come into this Fund from the contributions. If someone retires, the money is there. It's not an issue about someone being shortchanged, there is plenty of money in the Funds. This is more like an Auditor's "clean-up". So we did approve that, we did it in the wrong Fund, so now we're putting it in the Fund that it really needs to be placed in, and ...

Bilski interjected, that this was a recommendation by the County Auditor, to the Sheriff.

Ajaz said, that's a correct statement. We initiated that.

Cid added that the Sheriff is prepared to make his first payment on this, so he is prepared to make his first payment, as soon as we get...

Dernulc asked, can we defer this?

Bilski said he doesn't think it should be deferred, we can call for the vote on it, and if it fails, then it fails.

Dernulc said he thinks it should be deferred.

Ajaz said it's from the Auditor, we are cleaning up the Fund, that's a Federal Forfeiture Fund that has to be cleaned up.

Strong said I understand that you have to clean up the Fund, I still oppose borrowing from the Merit Fund. I don't like it. It may be a Plan, I don't like the Plan, I think we can do better.

Dante said, there is no risk, it has to be paid back. The Auditor is going to pull that money out of these funds at the end of the year, it's going to be automatic, so there is no risk.

Strong said I opposed it before, and I am going to oppose it again, I don't like the Plan.

Bilski said, I think Dante made a good point, there is no risk, because it will be pulled automatically.

Dante said, John wouldn't allow it.

Franklin, Cid, and Bilski voted "Yes". Hamm, Washington, Dernulc, and Strong voted "No". Motion failed 3-yes, 4-no.

In the Matter of Resolution Recognizing May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Washington to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-52

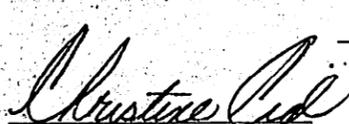
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY  
AS LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS,** Lyme disease is a bacterial illness transmitted by the bite of an infected tick, commonly known as the blacklegged or deer tick, which may be no larger than a poppy seed; and
- WHEREAS,** while people of all ages can get Lyme disease, children who are under the age of 16, adults who are 40 years of age or older and individuals who spend time outdoors in tick-infested environments, especially during the warmer months of May to August, appear to be at greater risk; and
- WHEREAS,** the early stages of Lyme disease can appear within 3 to 30 days after a tick bite and may include a red bull's eye rash, fatigue, chills, fever, headache, stiff neck, muscle or joint pain, or swollen lymph nodes; and
- WHEREAS,** the later stages of Lyme disease, which may include arthritis, neurologic complications, an irregular heart rhythm, or memory impairment, may not appear until weeks or years after a tick bite; and
- WHEREAS,** diagnosing Lyme disease is difficult because the signs and symptoms commonly mimic other illnesses and the tests used to diagnose Lyme disease can result in both false negatives and false positives; and
- WHEREAS,** the best ways to prevent Lyme disease are tick avoidance, personal protection, checking skin for ticks and properly removing them, learning the early signs of tick-borne illnesses, consulting your doctor after tick bites, and controlling ticks in residential yards.

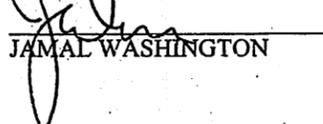
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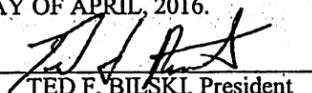
That the Lake County Council does hereby recognize May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month and, be it further resolved that the Lake County Council calls upon all residents to learn about the importance of tick avoidance and personal protection, tick detection and removal, the signs and symptoms of tick-borne illnesses, and the need for prompt diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease.

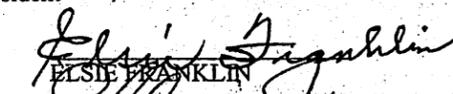
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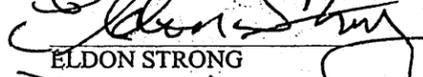
  
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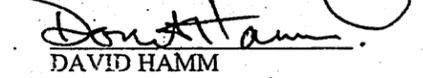
  
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DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Munster High School Speech & Debate Team – 2016 IHSFA Class 2A State Champions.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc read the names of the members on the Speech & Debate Team:

- |                   |                  |                  |                |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Ani Arzumanian    | Anna Bilse       | Alex Bleza       | Trey Deluna    |
| Hannah Ernst      | Alejandro Flores | Olivia Foley     | Logan Hoskins  |
| Tara Layous       | Claire LeMonnier | Silvia Lombardo  | Steven McDunn  |
| Noah Moell        | Eli Nirenberg    | Maya Radjenovich | Alex Raycroft  |
| Vivian Reba       | Cody Reinsma     | Anna Riggs       | Ally Shinkan   |
| Titiana Shinkan   | Sage Sweeney     | Peyton Tinder    | Easan Venkat   |
| Miriah Villaroman | Anna Whitney     | Emily Wierman    | Chloe Zatorski |

RESOLUTION NO. 16-53

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM  
2016 IHSFA CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONS**

**WHEREAS,** students and scholars from Lake County, Indiana, have consistently excelled in all academic matters throughout the State and Country; and

**WHEREAS,** Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited youth to compete in academic contests in this State, the Nation and the World; and

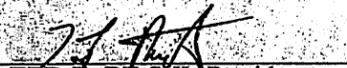
**WHEREAS,** Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both mental and physical, which successful participation in academic contests demand; and

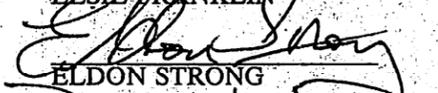
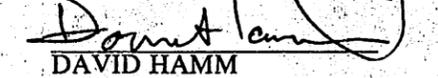
**WHEREAS,** the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team defeated over 100 high schools at the 2016 IHSFA State Speech Finals held at Fishers High School on March 12, 2016, winning both the Class 2A State Championship and the Ralph Lawson Award, the overall Team State Championship; this was Munster High School's sixth State Title in the past seven years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County who are represented by this august body, extend congratulations and praise to the students and teachers of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team for capturing the 2016 IHSFA Class 2A State Championship and the Ralph Lawson Award; and that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016

  
CHRISTINE CID  
  
DANIEL E. DERNULC  
  
JAMAL WASHINGTON

  
TED P. BILSKI, President

  
ELSIE FRANKLIN  
  
ELDON STRONG  
  
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Anna Bilse of the Munster High School Speech & Debate Team – 2016 IHSFA Sectional and State Champion in Oratorical Declamation.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-54**

**RESOLUTION HONORING ANNA BILSE,  
OF THE MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM  
2016 IHSFA SECTIONAL AND STATE  
CHAMPION IN ORATORICAL DECLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** students and scholars from Lake County, Indiana, have consistently excelled in all academic matters throughout the State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited youth to compete in academic contests in this State, the Nation and the World; and

**WHEREAS,** Lake County is justly proud of its son and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in academic contests demands; and

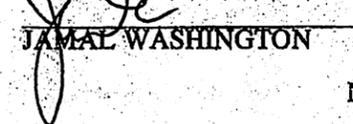
**WHEREAS,** ANNA BILSE, a Munster High School Senior and member of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team presented Adrienne Haslet Davis's touching Ted Talk on losing her left leg in the 2013 Boston Bombing with her speech entitled, "What People Say When They Don't Know What to Say" capturing the IHSFA Sectional and State Championship in Oratorical Declamation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to ANNA BILSE of the Munster Speech and Debate Team for winning the 2016 IHSFA Sectional and State Championship in Oratorical Declamation; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to ANNA BILSE.

**DULY ADOPTED** by the Lake County Council, this 12th day of April, 2016.

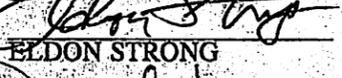
  
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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Cody Reinsma, of the Munster High School Speech & Debate Team – 2016 IHSFA Class 2A State Champion in Scripted Duo Interpretation

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-55

**RESOLUTION HONORING CODY REINSMA,  
OF THE MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM  
2016 IHSFA STATE CHAMPION IN SCRIPTED DUO INTERPRETATION**

**WHEREAS,** students and scholars from Lake County, Indiana, have consistently excelled in all academic matters throughout the State and Nation; and

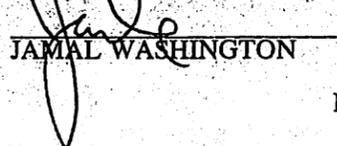
**WHEREAS,** Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited youth to compete in academic contests in this State, the Nation and the World; and

**WHEREAS,** Lake County is justly proud of its son and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in academic contests demands; and

**WHEREAS,** CODY REINSMA, a Munster High School Sophomore and member of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team along with Ani Arzumian portrayed Bruce Cameron's "8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter", a beautiful and dramatic relationship between father and daughter capturing the IHSFA State Championship in Scripted Duo Interpretation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to CODY REINSMA of the Munster Speech and Debate Team for winning the 2016 IHSFA State Championship in Scripted Duo Interpretation; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to CODY REINSMA.

DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 12th day of April, 2016.

		
CHRISTINE CID	TED F. BILSKI, President	ELSIE FRANKLIN
		
DANIEL E. DERNULC		ELDON STRONG
		
JAMAL WASHINGTON		DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Ani Arzumian of the Munster High School Speech & Debate Team – 2016 IHSFA State Champion in Scripted Duo Interpretation.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-56**

**RESOLUTION HONORING ANI ARZUMANIAN,  
OF THE MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM  
2016 IHSFA STATE CHAMPION IN SCRIPTED DUO INTERPRETATION**

**WHEREAS,** students and scholars from Lake County, Indiana, have consistently excelled in all academic matters throughout the State and Nation; and

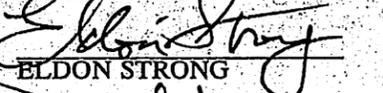
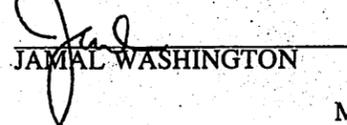
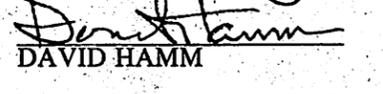
**WHEREAS,** Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited youth to compete in academic contests in this State, the Nation and the World; and

**WHEREAS,** Lake County is justly proud of its son and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in academic contests demands; and

**WHEREAS,** ANI ARZUMANIAN, a Munster High School Junior and member of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team along with Cody Reinsma portrayed Bruce Cameron's "8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter", a beautiful and dramatic relationship between father and daughter capturing the IHSFA State Championship in Scripted Duo Interpretation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to ANI ARZUMANIAN of the Munster Speech and Debate Team for winning the 2016 IHSFA State Championship in Scripted Duo Interpretation; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to ANI ARZUMANIAN.

DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 12th day of April, 2016.

 CHRISTINE CID	 TED F. BILSKI, President	 ELSIE FRANKLIN
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 JAMAL WASHINGTON		 DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Ani Arzumanian of the Munster High School Speech & Debate Team – 2016 IHSFA State Champion in Humorous Interpretation.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-57

**RESOLUTION HONORING ANI ARZUMANIAN,  
OF THE MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM  
2016 IHSFA STATE CHAMPION IN HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION**

**WHEREAS,** students and scholars from Lake County, Indiana, have consistently excelled in all academic matters throughout the State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited youth to compete in academic contests in this State, the Nation and the World; and

**WHEREAS,** Lake County is justly proud of its son and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in academic contests demands; and

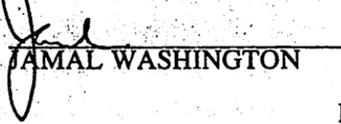
**WHEREAS,** ANI ARZUMANIAN, a Munster High School Junior and member of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team presented an excerpt from the play "Malcom X. Jefferson Elementary Proudly Presents a Fifth-Grade Production of A Chorus Line". Ani portrayed all of the character utilizing distinct characterization including both vocal and physical aspects capturing the IHSFA State Championship in Humorous Interpretation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to ANI ARZUMANIAN of the Munster Speech and Debate Team for winning the 2016 IHSFA State Championship in Humorous Interpretation; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to ANI ARZUMANIAN.

DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 12th day of April, 2016.

  
CHRISTINE CID

  
DANIEL E. DERNULC

  
JAMAL WASHINGTON

  
TED F. BILSKI, President

  
ELSIE FRANKLIN

  
ELDON STRONG

  
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Commissioners to pay Outstanding 2015 Invoices with 2016 funds in the amount of \$58.46 – 001-2900-43220 Postage.

Franklin made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-58**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS TO PAY OUTSTANDING  
2015 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2016 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Commissioners are currently operating in the 2016 Budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2015, have not been paid:

<u>001-2900-43220</u>	<u>Postage</u>
FedEx	\$ 28.15
FedEx	<u>30.31</u>
	\$ 58.46; and

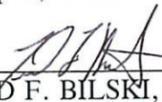
**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

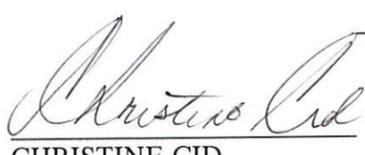
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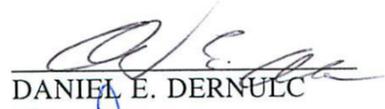
That the following 2015 expenses shall be paid from the Lake County Commissioners' 2016 Budget:

<u>001-2900-43220</u>	<u>Postage</u>
FedEx	\$ 28.15
FedEx	<u>30.31</u>
	\$ 58.46

SO RESOLVED THIS 12th day of April, 2016.

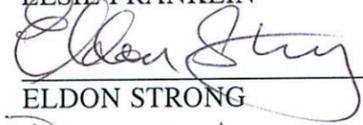
  
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DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting County Court Division III to pay a 2015 invoice with 2016 funds in the amount of \$350.00 – 001-4050-43190 Other Professional Services.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve.  
Hamm explained that this is a bill that came in for a court reporter, just prior to Christmas, and they just received the bill. Hamm said he inquired with Judge Cantrell, as well as with JoEllen.  
The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-59

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING SUPERIOR COURT OF LAKE COUNTY, COUNTY DIVISION, ROOM THREE TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING 2015 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2016 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Superior Court of Lake County, County Division, Room Three is currently operating in the 2016 Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2015, has not been paid:

<u>001-4050-43190</u>	<u>Other Professional Services</u>
Dr. Bhawani Prasad	\$ 350.00; and

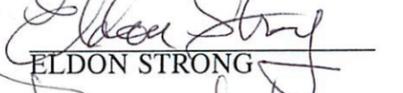
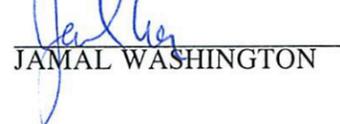
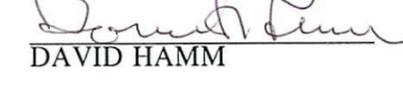
**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Council desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

That the following 2015 expense shall pay be paid from the Lake Superior Court, County Division, Room Three's 2016 Budget:

<u>001-4050-43190</u>	<u>Other Professional Services</u>
Dr. Bhawani Prasad	\$ 350.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

 CHRISTINE CID	 TED F. BILSKI, President	 ELSIE FRANKLIN
 DANIEL E. DERNULC		 ELDON STRONG
 JAMAL WASHINGTON		 DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting Lake County Prosecutor to pay 2013, 2014 and 2015 invoices with 2016 funds in the amount of \$209.84 – 001-0800-43145 Legal Services.

Franklin made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve. Strong said to Bob, a representative from the Prosecutor’s Office, that some of these bills are from a year, or two ago, and he has always questioned why these bills come in late like this. Strong asked Bob if he could give some explanation.

Bob said that the first two, for 2013 and 2014, were for meals for witnesses on trials. One of the vendors, Schoops Hamburgers, here in Crown Point, and they had found some old invoices that they did not(inaudible). They turned them into us last year, we got the Resolution to pay, and then they got lost with our moving offices, so we (inaudible). He explained that the final bill is a legal services, they just received that bill on March 1, 2016.

Strong said so the bulk of them were addressed last year, but then during your moving the Prosecutor’s Office, they were lost. The majority voted “Yes”. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-60**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE OFFICE OF  
THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO PAY  
OUTSTANDING 2013, 2014 AND 2015 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2016 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, is currently operating in the 2016 Budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget years of 2013, 2014 and 2015 have not been paid:

<u>001-0800-43145</u>	<u>Legal Services</u>
Schoop's Hamburgers (2013)	\$ 94.69
Schoop's Hamburgers (2014)	40.15
	<u>\$134.84</u>
Pilcher Publishing Co., Inc. (2015)	\$ 75.00; and

**WHEREAS,** on May 12, 2015, the Lake County Council adopted Ordinance No. 15-70 (Exhibit "A") approving payment of the 2013 and 2014 Schoop's Hamburgers invoices but said invoices were not paid from the 2015 Budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

That the following 2013, 2014 and 2015 expenses shall be paid from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney's 2016 Budget:

<u>001-0800-43145</u>	<u>Legal Services</u>
Schoop's Hamburgers (2013)	\$ 94.69
Schoop's Hamburgers (2014)	40.15
	<u>\$134.84</u>
Pilcher Publishing Co., Inc. (2015)	\$ 75.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

  
CHRISTINE CID

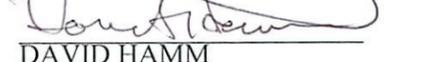
  
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JAMAL WASHINGTON

  
TED F. BILSKI, President

  
ELSIE FRANKLIN

  
ELDON STRONG

  
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-70**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE OFFICE OF  
THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO PAY  
OUTSTANDING 2013 AND 2014 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2015 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, is currently operating in the 2015 Budget; and  
**WHEREAS**, the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget years of 2013 and 2014 have not been paid:

<u>001-0800-43145</u>	<u>Legal Services</u>
Schoop's Hamburgers	\$ 94.69
Schoop's Hamburgers	40.15
	<u>\$134.84</u>

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Council desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

That the following 2013 and 2014 expenses shall be paid from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney's 2015 Budget:

<u>001-0800-43145</u>	<u>Legal Services</u>
Schoop's Hamburgers	\$ 94.69
Schoop's Hamburgers	40.15
	<u>\$134.84</u>



SO RESOLVED THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2015.

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PED F. BILSKI, President

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CHRISTINE CID  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BY LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

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DANIEL E. DERNULC

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JAMAL WASHINGTON

PRESENTED TO  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BY LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

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ELDON STRONG

*[Signature]*  
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

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APPROVED THIS 12 DAY OF May 2015

Exh. b. + A

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Division to pay a 2015 invoice with 2016 funds in the amount of \$1,152.00 – 001-4100-43995 Other Services & Charges.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-61**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE SUPERIOR COURT  
OF LAKE COUNTY, JUVENILE DIVISION, TO PAY  
OUTSTANDING 2015 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2016 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division is currently operating in the 2016 Budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2015, have not been paid:

<u>001-4100-43995</u>	<u>Other Services &amp; Charges</u>
Any Time Translators, LLC	\$ 1,152.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2015 expenses shall be paid from the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Division's 2016 Budget:

<u>001-4100-43995</u>	<u>Other Services &amp; Charges</u>
Any Time Translators, LLC	\$ 1,152.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

  
CHRISTINE CID

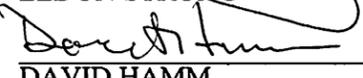
  
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DANIEL E. DERNULC

  
ELDON STRONG

JAMAL WASHINGTON

  
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Amending Resolution No. 16-44 by Repealing and Rescinding the Resolution to approve Temporary Loan from the Sheriff's Pension Trust Fund, Fund No. 287 to the Sheriff's Federal Forfeiture Fund, Fund No. 181, Resolution No. 16-44

Franklin made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve. The majority voted "Yes". The majority voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-44A

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 16-44  
BY REPEALING AND RESCINDING THE RESOLUTION  
TO APPROVE TEMPORARY LOAN FROM THE SHERIFF'S  
PENSION TRUST FUND, FUND NO. 287 TO THE SHERIFF'S  
FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND, FUND NO. 181, RESOLUTION NO. 16-44

**WHEREAS,** on March 8, 2016, the Lake County Council adopted Resolution No. 16-44, the Resolution to Approve Temporary Loan from the Sheriff's Pension Trust Fund, Fund No. 287 to the Sheriff's Federal Forfeiture Fund, Fund No. 181; and

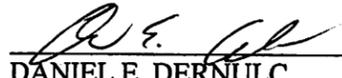
**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council now desires to amend the Resolution to Approve Temporary Loan from the Sheriff's Pension Trust Fund, Fund No. 287 to the Sheriff's Federal Forfeiture Fund, Fund No. 181, by rescinding and repealing Resolution No. 16-44.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Resolution to Approve Temporary Loan from the Sheriff's Pension Trust Fund, Fund No. 287 to the Sheriff's Federal Forfeiture Fund, Fund No. 181, is hereby rescinded and repealed.

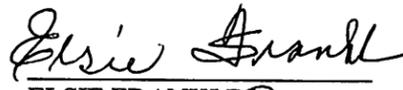
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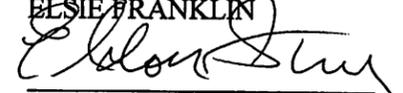
  
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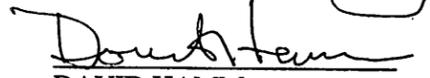
  
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ELDON STRONG

  
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Opposing Community Utilities of Indiana, Inc's Proposed Rate Changes.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Strong said that there was a Winfield Township representative present, name Pauline Skinner, who is really effected by this. She said that this affects the Lakes of Four Seasons, Stoney Run, the surrounding communities. She said that in Lakes of Four Seasons, there are a lot of seniors who reside there, and the Council' action today is really appreciated.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-62**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING COMMUNITY UTILITIES OF INDIANA, INC.'S PROPOSED RATE CHANGES**

**WHEREAS,** Community Utilities of Indiana, Inc. (CUII) provides water service to approximately 5,000 customers and sewer service to about 3,300 customers in Northwest Indiana; and

**WHEREAS,** CUII has requested approval from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) for a two-phase increase to be implemented in September, 2016 and adjusted in October, 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** under the request monthly water rates for a residential customer using 5,000 gallons would rise to \$46.33 in the first phase and to \$46.40 in the second phase; sewer rates would be set at \$69.89 in phase one and \$71.35 in phase two; and

**WHEREAS,** the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, which is the State agency representing consumers in cases before the IURC is inviting written consumer comments on the request through April 13, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** many Lake County residents and businesses are now facing economic hardship with rising health care costs, job losses and the effects of many company bankruptcies; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council opposes Community Utilities of Indiana, Inc.'s rate increases.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Lake County Council opposes Community Utilities of Indiana, Inc.'s plan for water and sewer rate increases in Lake County and requests the IURC to vote against the rate increases.

A copy of this Resolution shall be faxed to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (317-232-5923) no later than April 13, 2016 to be considered in preparing testimony.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12th DAY OF April, 2016.

  
CHRISTINE CID

  
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JAMAL WASHINGTON

  
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In Support of Indiana Senate Resolution No. 12, a Resolution Concerning the Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs in Lake and Porter Counties.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve.

Strong explained that this is the Emission Testing that goes on now. Lake and Porter County are the only 2 Counties left in the State of Indiana that still does these emissions testing, all of the others have been removed from the Program. There is concern that this will cost jobs, there are approximately 50 contracted employees. This is a private company, that contract with the State of Indiana, that does these emission testing. This is a Resolution supporting the Senate Resolution to eliminate this emissions testing program.

The majority voted "Yes". Washington was "absent". Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-63**

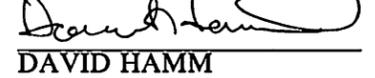
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INDIANA SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12,  
A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION  
AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS IN LAKE AND PORTER COUNTIES**

- WHEREAS,** the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs in Lake and Porter Counties were begun under federal requirements in 1984 because Lake and Porter Counties were not in "attainment" of federal standards of ozone; and
- WHEREAS,** generally, only vehicles registered in Lake and Porter Counties are subject to the I/M programs in Lake and Porter Counties, therefore the I/M programs cannot reduce the ground-level ozone caused by a vehicle if the vehicle is not subject to the I/M Programs; and
- WHEREAS,** Lake and Porter Counties in Northwest Indiana are crossed by Interstate 80/90 and Interstate 94, two of the most heavily traveled highways in the Midwest; and Lake County is also crossed by Interstate 65, another heavily traveled highway linking major southern cities with Chicago; and
- WHEREAS,** the I/M Programs, therefore, cannot do anything to address a major source of ground-level ozone in Lake and Porter counties; namely, the many motor vehicles passing through Lake and Porter Counties on Interstate Highways 80/90, 94 and 65; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 12, 2016, State Senator Rick Niemeyer, R-Lowell, authored Senate Resolution 12 and it was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2016, urging the Environmental Protection Agency to revise or eliminate the requirements under which the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) Programs in Lake and Porter Counties are operated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Lake County Council supports Senate Resolution 12, which urges the Environmental Protection Agency to revise or eliminate the requirements under which the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) Programs in Lake and Porter Counties are operated and directs that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Gina McCarthy, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and to Susan Hedman, Administrator for Region 5 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago.

**SO RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2016.**

 CHRISTINE CID	 TED F. BILSKI, President	 ELSIE FRANKLIN
 DANIEL E. DERNULC		 ELDON STRONG
 JAMAL WASHINGTON		 DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Supporting the Enforcement of Indiana Code 8-6-7.5, et seq., the Unlawful Blocking of Railroad Grade Crossings.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Strong to approve.

Cid asked, who is going to charge this fee, we are?

Dernulc answered, we are, and it's supported by State Statute.

Cid said that one thing that she has found is that these Railroad Corporations don't mind paying the fees, they are still going to....

Dernulc said he spoke with Rep. Aylesworth, and Slater, and he thinks they should try to bring these amounts up, but Dernulc said, that has to be done by the State.

Cid said, I see, it's a Resolution for the State to consider a fine. Cid said some Cities do have this.

Hamm said year to date, Hammond has written over 2,000 tickets to Railroads.

The majority voted "Yes". Washington was "absent". Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-64**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ENFORCEMENT OF  
INDIANA CODE 8-6-7.5, ET. SEQ.,  
THE UNLAWFUL BLOCKING OF RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS**

**WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 8-6-7.5-1 provides that it shall be unlawful for a railroad corporation to permit any train, railroad car or engine to obstruct public travel at a railroad-highway grade crossing for a period in excess of ten (10) minutes, except where such train, railroad car or engine cannot be moved by reason of circumstances over which the railroad has no control; and

**WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 8-6-7.5-2 provides that it shall be unlawful for a railroad corporation to permit successive train movements to obstruct vehicular traffic at a railroad-highway grade crossing until all vehicular traffic previously delayed by such train movements has been cleared or a period of six (5) minutes has elapsed between train movements; and

**WHEREAS,** a railroad corporation that violates I.C. 8-6-7.5-1 and I.C. 8-6-7.5-2 commits a Class C infraction and the minimum judgment that may be entered is Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars pursuant to I.C. 8-6-7.5-3; notwithstanding I.C. 34-38-5-5 (c) funds collected as judgments for violations must be deposited in the industrial rail service fund established by I.C. 8-3-1.7-2; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council supports the enforcement of I.C. 8-6-7.5, et. seq., the unlawful blocking of railroad grade crossings in Lake County.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council supports enforcement of I.C. 8-6-7.5, et. seq., the unlawful blocking of railroad grade crossings in Lake County.

Further, the Lake County Council directs that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all railroad corporations which pass through Lake County and to all law enforcement agencies in Lake County.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

  
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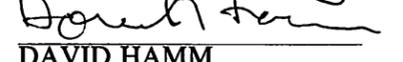
  
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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Establishing a Merit System Board for the Lake County Correction Division, Ordinance No. 1322C.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Hamm to defer to May 10, 2016. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to defer carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Ordinance Creating the Lake County Superior Court, County Division III, Veterans Treatment Court Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve on First Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Washington to Suspend Rules. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve on Second Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1395A**

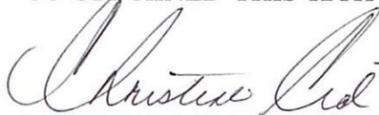
**ORDINANCE CREATING THE LAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT,  
COUNTY DIVISION #3, VETERANS TREATMENT  
COURT GRANT FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND,**

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5, the County Council shall adopt ordinances to promote efficient County Government; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-2(b), the County Council shall appropriate money to be paid out of the County Treasury, and money may be paid from the County Treasury only under appropriation made by the County Council, except as otherwise provided as law; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to establish by ordinance all funds within the County Treasury, from which appropriations and transfers require County Council approval; and
- WHEREAS,** that the Lake County Superior Court, County Division #3, has been awarded a Veterans Treatment Court Grant from the Indiana Judicial Center in the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Thirty-Four (\$56,034.00) Dollars; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to create a new Fund, known as the Lake County Superior Court, County Division #3, Veterans Treatment Court Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, to be used for the deposit of the Grant Funds and expenses as outlined in the Indiana Judicial Center's Award Document.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

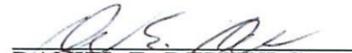
1. That the Lake County Superior Court, County Division #3, Veterans Treatment Court Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, is hereby established for the deposit and use of Grant funds pursuant to the Indiana Judicial Center's Award Document.
2. That the moneys collected from the Grant shall be deposited in the Lake County Superior Court, County Division #3, Veterans Treatment Court Grant Fund and used for a full-time community corrections case manager for the Veteran's Treatment Court, as provided by the Grant.
3. That any money remaining in the Fund at the end of the year shall not revert to the General Fund but continue in the Lake County Superior Court, County Division #3, Veterans Treatment Court Grant Fund, subject to appropriation by the Lake County Council or as otherwise provided by law.

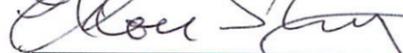
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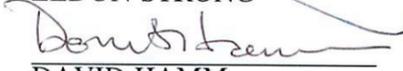
  
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 DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Restricted Home Address Policy Under I.C. 36-1-8.5, et seq and Application Fees.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve on First Reading.

Cid said that this would restrict certain individuals, public officials from their address being public information, and she just wanted the public to know that she will not be participating in this.

Bilski said that it is his understanding that the elected official, or whoever would elect to do this, would have to contact the Auditor's Office, but this would also cover Police Officers, and people working in under cover type work.

Mr. Petalas, the Lake County Auditor, explained that it is a new State Law that is actually mandated for all 92 counties to approve. It includes primarily, Police Officers, and Judges. Mr. Petalas said that his office

has a lot of Police Departments waiting for this. Mr. Petalas further explained that it is not going to eliminate parcel numbers, or names, or amount of taxes due, off of our screens, but it will eliminate their home addresses, and that's what it's all about. He said as far as elected officials, and Judges, they are voluntary participants, but the Police Departments have already called us, and they are waiting to submit their lists, so we can do this.

Bilski said there were 4 categories, that he was handed.

Mr. Petalas said yes, that's part of the Statutes.

The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to Suspend Rules. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve on Second Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1395B

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA ORDINANCE  
ESTABLISHING RESTRICTED HOME ADDRESS  
POLICY UNDER IC 36-1-8.5, ET. SEQ. AND APPLICATION FEES

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-1, et. seq., the Lake County Council is the legislative and fiscal body of Lake County, Indiana, and has authority to adopt resolutions and ordinances for the government of the County; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8.5-7(b) a unit of Government that operates a public property data base web site, directly or through a third party, shall establish a process to prevent a member of the general public from gaining access to the home address of a covered by means of the public property data base web site; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8.5-7(a) a covered person who wants to restrict access to the covered person’s home address by means of a public property data base web site must submit a written request to the unit that operates the public property data base web site; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to establish the policy to restrict access to the home address of certain covered individuals pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8.5-1, et. seq., and establish application fees for the service.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Scope.** This policy applies to, and only to, Lake County’s public property database website that (a) is available to the general public over the Internet; (b) does not require registration, subscription or the creation of a user name and password to search the website; and (c) connects a covered person’s home address to the covered person’s name, so that search of the website for the covered person’s name discloses the covered person’s address.

**Section 2. Persons Covered.** IC 36-1-8.5 provides a means for an individual defined as a “covered person” to submit a written request to have their home address restricted from disclosure on a public property data base web site. The restricted information will not be made available to a member of the general public. This policy applies to the following “covered persons,” as more particularly defined in IC 36-1-8.5-3, 4, 4.5 and 6, which definitions are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) a judge;
- (b) a law enforcement officer;
- (c) a victim of domestic violence; or
- (d) A public official.

**Section 3. Responsible Department.** The Lake County Auditor's Office, by law charged with oversight of the public records for Lake County, Indiana, shall have the responsibility for receiving requests for restricted addresses made by covered persons.

**Section 4. Application for Restricted Addresses.**

- A. **By an individual.** An individual covered person desiring to restrict his/her address shall complete and file with the Lake County Auditor the Application for Restricted Access form attached as Exhibit A. The Auditor will verify (with applicable agencies, if necessary) that the submission is valid and the applicant is a "covered person." Victims of domestic violence must submit proof of program participation in the Indiana Attorney General's address confidentiality program. If an application is denied by the Auditor, the applicant may appeal in writing to the Board of Commissioners.
- B. **By a Cooperative Agency.** The municipal police departments of Lake County, Lake County Sheriff's Department, Prosecutor's Office or similar agency (a "cooperative agency" may agree to provide the Auditor's office an annual bulk request including all current covered persons within the department or agency. This list shall also include those individuals who have moved from their primary residence or are otherwise no longer a "covered person". This list shall remain confidential pursuant to IC 36-1-8.5-11.
- C. **Post Application Requirements.**
1. Should any changes to the title of a covered parcel occur, the Auditor will remove that parcel from the restricted address list and a new request must be made by a "covered person" to again include that parcel on the restricted list. If a covered person transfers title to or moves from a covered parcel, it is his/her responsibility to file a new application for a new covered parcel. This policy is in effect for requestor's primary residence only per IC 36-1-8.5-7. If the requestor owns or is involved in additional properties that utilize the primary home address as to the mailing address, will be displayed. If the applicant wishes to have those addresses removed as well, a new application is required for each.
  2. Should a person have a name change after submitting a written request for a title of a covered parcel occur, the Auditor shall be notified in writing of the name change and shall prevent a search by general public of the public property data base web site from disclosing or otherwise associating the covered person's home address with the covered person's former name and new name.

**Section 5. Results of Changes to Access of Property Information.**

- A. Lake County MVP Public Database: Public search results will reflect the changes made to the MVP Database for those records marked as "Confidential". These records will display "Information withheld in accordance with IC 36-1-8.5-4" in place of the name information. Once the option to suppress has been enabled for a specific parcel the request will be forwarded, upon request, to other appropriate

County offices for their use in changing internal office databases that may reflect information specifically related to "Covered Persons" as defined by IC 36-1-8.5. It is the intention of Lake County to comply with the intent of the code to not make the property accessible by means of removing the link between name and parcel information.

- B. Internal County Property Record Databases: Property information stored on internal county databases will still exist and be made available to the public per request, unless blocked by State statute.

**Section 6. Confidentiality.** All applications made to Lake County by a covered person are confidential records and not subject to public access.

**Section 7. Immunity.** Lake County may not be held liable for failure to timely restrict disclosure or an address under this chapter unless its act or omission constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

**Section 8. Application Fees.**

- A. **Exclusion:** Victim of domestic violence will be excluded from fees imposed under this section.
- B. **Initial Request:** No fee will be assessed for a requestor's primary residence site (home address). A \$10 per parcel fee will be assessed for additional parcels that make reference to the requestor's primary residence site (home address).
- C. **Additional Requests:** No fee will be assessed for new parcel requests not included in the original written request to restrict public access to a covered person's home address.
- D. **Change in Name of Title:** A fee of \$10 will be assessed for any changes in the name of title of the covered person.
- E. **Requests to Allow Disclosure:** There is no charge assessed when a covered person submits a written request to allow public access to the person's home address on the public property database web site. This action removes a previous request to restrict public access to covered person's home address.

**Section 9. Amendment.** Lake County reserves the right to amend or revise the contents of this policy as deemed suitable. The revised policy will be available on the Lake County Auditor's page of the Lake County website.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after adoption and approval by the Lake County Council and any publication that is required by law.



Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve on Second Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1395C**

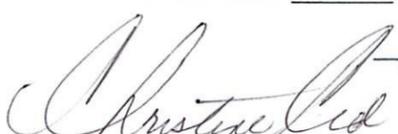
**ORDINANCE CREATING THE  
LAKE COUNTY RESTRICTED HOME ADDRESS  
FEE FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND**

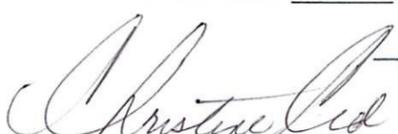
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5, the County Council shall adopt ordinances to promote efficient County Government; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-2(b), the County Council shall appropriate money to be paid out of the County Treasury, and money may be paid from the County Treasury only under appropriation made by the County Council, except as otherwise provided as law; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to establish by ordinance all funds within the County Treasury, from which appropriations and transfers require County Council approval; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to create the Restricted Home Address Fee Fund, a non-reverting fund, for funds collected under the Ordinance Establishing Restricted Home Address Policy and Application Fees pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8.5-1, et. seq.

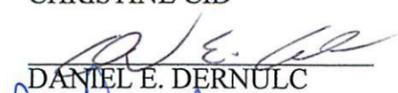
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Restricted Home Address Fee Fund, a non-reverting fund, is established for the deposit of fees collected pursuant to the Ordinance Establishing Restricted Home Address Policy and Application Fees.
2. That the fees deposited in the Restricted Home Address Fee Fund shall be used by the County Auditor to offset the cost of the Restricted Home Address procedure.
3. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not revert to the General Fund but continue in the fund, subject to appropriation by the Lake County Council, or as otherwise provided by law.

SO ORDAINED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

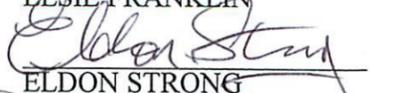
  
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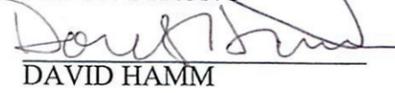
  
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DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Vacating a fourteen (14) foot portion of Alley 24W (between Roosevelt Place and Unimproved Taft Street) connecting 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Unincorporated Calumet Township, Lake County, Indiana

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Washington to approve on First Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Washington to Suspend Rules. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Washington to approve on Second Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

PETITIONED BY: Lake Ridge Fire Protection District

ORDINANCE NO. 1395D

An Ordinance Vacating a fourteen (14) foot portion of Alley 24 W (between Roosevelt Place and Unimproved Taft Street) connecting 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue in unincorporated Calumet Township, Lake County, Indiana

WHEREAS, *Lake Ridge Fire Protection District* is the fee simple owner of the following described real estate, to wit:

LOTS 1 TO 5 BOTH INCLUSIVE, LOTS 15 TO 48 INCLUSIVE OF BLOCK 20 OF HOSFORD PARK, IN THE CITY OF GARY AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGE 5 IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Commonly known as 4700 Roosevelt Place, Gary, Indiana;

WHEREAS, a fourteen (14) foot portion of Alley 24 W (between Roosevelt Place and Unimproved Taft Street) connecting 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue in unincorporated Calumet Township, Lake County, Indiana more particularly described as follows:

A 14 FOOT WIDE ALLEY BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 48 OF BLOCK 20 OF HOSFORD PARK IN THE CITY OF GARY AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 5 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 47<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, 14.00 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF SAID RECORDED SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 603.60 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 24 OF SAID RECORDED SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 48<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, 14.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 25 OF SAID RECORDED SUBDIVISION; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST, 603.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.19 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

WHEREAS, Lake Ridge Fire Protection District has filed a Petition for Vacation of an Alley with the Lake County Council, Lake County, Indiana, requesting vacation of a

14.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 25 OF SAID RECORDED SUBDIVISION; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST, 603.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.19 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

and, therefore, the aforementioned Fourteen (14) foot portion of Alley 24W is hereby vacated, subject to easements, if any, for existing water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and utilities in place and adjoining lots are extended by operation of law to include the proportionate part of Alley 24W hereby vacated.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Ordinance herein shall have full force and effect from and after Public Hearing hereon, passage and approval by the Lake County Council, Lake County, Indiana, signed by the President thereof. The Clerk shall furnish a copy of this Ordinance to the County Recorder for recording and to the County Auditor.

IS HEREBY     X     BY THE  
                  APPROVED            DENIED            NO ACTION

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF

    APRIL    , 2016

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

  
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Mr. Eldon Strong, Member

  
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Mr. Jamal Washington, Member

  
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Mr. Dan E. Dernule, Member

Strong made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve Plan Commission Ordinance No 2472, the Unincorporated Lake County Zoning Ordinance No. II to make provisions for Solar Energy Systems on First Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to Suspend Rules. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve Plan Commission Ordinance on Second Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2472 on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE # 2472  
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Unincorporated Lake County Zoning Ordinance No. II, County of Lake, State of Indiana, more specifically, Section 2.2, Definitions; Section 5.0, Regulations for A-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, and RR Districts; Section 7.1, Regulations for B-1, B-2, and B-3 Districts; Section 7.4, Regulations HS-1, HS-2 Districts; Section 7.5, Regulations for PO Districts; Section 8.0, Regulations for M-1, M-2, PIC, and CDD Zones; Section 5.1 Uses Permitted, and Section 9.10.1, Supplementary Regulations to make provisions for Solar Energy Systems.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of the County of Lake, State of Indiana that the Unincorporated Lake County Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows:

**INSERT:**                   Section 2.2 Definitions

**GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM:** A Solar Energy System that is structurally mounted to the ground and is not roof-mounted.

**ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM:** A Solar Energy System that is structurally mounted to the roof of a building or structure.

**SOLAR ACCESS EASEMENT:** A right, expressed as an easement, covenant, condition or other property interest in any deed or other instrument executed by or on behalf of any landowner, which protects the solar skyspace of an actual, proposed or designated solar energy collector at a described location by forbidding or limiting activities, land uses, structures and/or trees that interfere with access to solar energy. The solar skyspace must be described as the three (3) dimensional spaces in which obstruction is prohibited or limited. Any property owner may give or sell his right to access to sunlight. Such Solar Access Easements shall be recorded and copies shall be kept on file with the Lake County Recorder's office.

**SOLAR COLLECTOR:** A device or combination of devices, structures, or parts thereof, that collects, transfers or transforms direct solar, radiant energy into thermal, chemical, or electrical energy, and that contributes significantly to a structure's energy supply. In addition to such functions, solar collectors may also serve as a part of a structure's roof, wall, window or other structural member.

**SOLAR ENERGY:** Radiant energy (direct, diffuse, and reflected) received from the sun.

**SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM:** Includes: (1) A design using natural and architectural features to cool or heat a structure or (2) a mechanical assembly which may include a solar collector, storage facility, and any other components needed to cool or heat a structure.

**SOLAR SKYSPACE:** The space between a solar energy collector and the sun which must be free of obstructions that shade the collector to an extent which precludes its cost-effective operation.

**INSERT:** Section 5.0 Regulations for A-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, RR Zones, 5.1 Uses Permitted, Subsection C. Schedule of Uses for A-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, RR Zones, Paragraph 1, Uses Permitted by Right, ACCESSORY USES: Item j.

	<u>A-1</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>R-3</u>	<u>RR</u>
j. Roof and Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

----Pursuant to Subsection 9.10.1----

\* Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems are permitted by right in all districts. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems are permitted by right as an accessory use in all A-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, RR Zones, Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems are permitted in all Business zones, Highway Service, and Industrial zones as an accessory use by Special Exception only. Meeting the provisions of Subsection 9.10.1

**INSERT:** Section 7.1 B-1 Neighborhood Business Zone

A. Permitted Uses  
28. Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems

B. Uses by Special Exception  
4. Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems

----Pursuant to Subsection 9.10.1----

**INSERT:** Section 7.4 Highway Service Districts HS-1 and HS-2

B. Uses Permitted by Right  
1. Highway Service District 1 (HS-1)  
g. Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems  
2. Highway Service District 2 (HS-2)  
I. Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems

C. Uses Permitted by Special Exception Only  
5. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems  
\*Also permitted by Special Exception in HS-1

----Pursuant to Subsection 9.10.1----

**INSERT:** Section 7.5 Professional Office Zone

- B. Permitted Uses
  - 7. Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems
- F. Uses Permitted by Special Exception Only
  - 1. Ground- Mounted Solar Energy Systems

----Pursuant to Subsection 9.10.1----

**INSERT:** Section 8.1 M-1 Light Industrial District

- G. Permitted Uses
  - 1. Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems
- F. Uses Permitted by Special Exception Only
  - 1. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems

----Pursuant to Subsection 9.10.1----

**INSERT:** Section 8.2 M-2 Heavy Industrial District

- B. Permitted Uses
  - 1. Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems
- C. Uses Permitted by Special Exception Only
  - 1. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems

----Pursuant to Subsection 9.10.1----

**INSERT:** Section 8.3 CDD Conditional Development District

- B. Permitted Uses
  - 12. Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems
- F. Uses Permitted by Special Exception Only
  - 1. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems

----Pursuant to Subsection 9.10.1----

- INSERT:**                   Section 8.4 Planned Industrial Center
- E. Permitted Uses
    - 6. Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems
  
    - I. Uses Permitted by Special Exception Only
      - 1. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems
- Pursuant to Subsection 9.10.1-----

- INSERT:**                   Section 9.0 Supplementary Regulations,  
9.10.1 Solar Energy Systems

Site Development Plan approval required. Site plans that meet the design requirements of this section shall be granted administrative approval by the planning department. Prior to initiating construction, all Solar Energy Systems shall first obtain a Building and Zoning Permit in accordance with the Unincorporated Lake County Building Code, as amended. Such Building and Zoning Permit may be issued only after compliance with this Section is exhibited. Solar Energy Systems may be Roof-Mounted or Ground-Mounted. Roof-Mounted Solar Energy Systems are permitted as an accessory use in all zoning districts. Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems are permitted as an accessory use in all zoning districts, except Business districts, Industrial Districts, and Highway Service Districts, where they may be permitted as a Special Exception. The following regulations apply to all Solar Energy Systems in both instances;

A. Height

The preferred placement of the structure is on the roof. Roof-mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be placed flat to the roof pitch. The collector surface and mounting devices shall not extend beyond the exterior perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted or built.

Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems should not exceed 10 ft. in height. With the exception that Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems located on Agriculturally Zoned parcels 20 acres or greater may not exceed 16 ft. in height, provided that the Solar Energy Systems are located in a rear or side-interior yard and meet all setback requirements. Systems should be mounted as close to the ground as possible and in no case higher than the principal structure. Height is measured from the average grade of at the base of the pole to the highest edge of the system.

B. Setbacks

Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems shall be subject to the setbacks of the zoning districts in which they are located. Freestanding structures shall be located in the side or rear yard of all lots, except that accessory structures shall only be permitted in the rear yard of corner lots.

C. Lot Coverage

Ground-Mounted Solar Energy Systems are limited in area to the permitted lot coverage for the zoning district in which they are located. Lots in any zoning district, less than one (1) acre in size, are limited to a total of 400 square feet in area of panels.

D. Glare

All Solar Energy Systems shall be designed and installed to prohibit glare from being directed toward vehicular traffic and any habitable portion of an adjacent structure.

E. Screening

Where feasible, ancillary solar equipment shall be located inside the building or be screened from public view.

F. Other Laws, Codes, Ordinances

All active solar systems shall meet approval of county building officials, consistent with the Indiana Building Code. All photovoltaic systems shall comply with the current edition of the National Electrical Code adopted by the State of Indiana and currently used by Lake County and shall be installed per manufacturer's instructions. No grid-intertie photovoltaic system shall be installed until evidence has been given to the planning department that the owner has submitted a complete and satisfactory application to the utility company to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems are exempt from this requirement. Solar energy systems shall be erected in a secure, wind resistant manner and be maintained in good condition.

G.. Roof Access

All roof mounted systems shall allow for emergency access to the roof and adequate smoke ventilation. Pathways to specific areas of the roof and emergency egress from the roof shall be provided.

(a) For buildings with pitched roofs, solar collectors shall be located in a

manner that provides a minimum of one three-foot wide clear access pathway from the eave to the ridge on each roof slope where solar energy systems are located as well as one three-foot smoke ventilation buffer along the ridge.

- (b) Residential rooftops that are flat shall have a minimum three-foot wide clear perimeter between a solar energy system and the roofline, as well as a three-foot wide clear perimeter around roof-mounted equipment such as HVAC units.
- (c) To the extent practicable, the access pathway shall be located at a structurally strong location on the building (such as a bearing wall).

H. Solar Access Protection:

(1) Creation Of Easements: Solar access easements across contiguous or nearby lots, tracts, or land may be created to establish a window of exposure to the sun so as to protect an existing or intended solar collector's exposure to the sun from obstruction of buildings and trees.

- (a) Such easements may be purchased, reserved, granted, or otherwise obtained.

- (b) Adverse possession cannot create such an easement

- (c) An easement infringed upon is a compensable property right through private remedy.

(2) Recording Of Easements: Solar access easements shall be recorded with the Lake County Recorder and filed with the Planning Department.

(3) Construction In Easement Areas: Any person seeking a building permit to construct or modify any structure or building so as to increase the consumption of airspace over that lot shall certify in writing that no solar access easement exists over that lot.

(4) Denial Of Permit: Should the Planning Department determine that the proposed construction would intrude upon the easement, no building permit shall be granted.

I. Abandonment

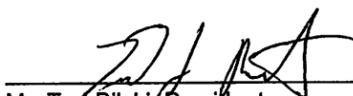
If a solar collector ceases to perform its originally intended function for more than 12 consecutive months, the property owner shall remove the collector, mount, and associated equipment and facilities by no later than 90 days after the end of the twelve- month period.

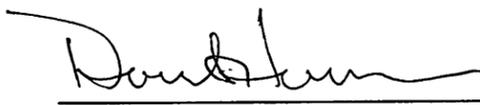
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COUNTY COUNCIL OR LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 12th DAY OF

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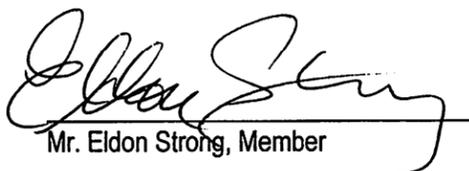
  
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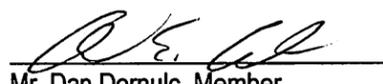
  
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Mr. Dan Demulc, Member

Updated March 14, 2016

Re: Plan Commission Ordinance No. 2474 – Strong made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve Plan Commission Ordinance No 2474, for Verduin Brothers Properties, LLC, Owner, and Petitioner, for a Zone Change, from A-1, to RR. The majority voted “Yes”. Motion to approve Plan Commission Ordinance No. 2474 carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE #2474  
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a ZONE CHANGE (Lake County Plan Commission recommended in favor March 16, 2016).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

ZONE CHANGE from A-1 (Agricultural Zone) to RR (Rural Residential Zone) owned and petitioned by VERDUIN BROTHERS PROPERTIES, LLC the purpose of residential development on the following described property:

General Location: Located at the northeast quadrant at the intersection at 145th Avenue and State Line Road in Hanover Township.

Legal: Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 34 North, Range 10 West of the Second Principal Meridian in Hanover Township, Lake County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence North 00 degrees 29 minutes 25 seconds East, along the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 1358.60 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 18 seconds East, parallel with the North line of the South 2 acres of the North Half of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 1378.98 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 25 seconds West, parallel with the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 234.18 feet; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds West, parallel with the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 890.96 feet; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 25 seconds West, parallel with the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 1126.48 feet, to a point on the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36; thence North 89 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds West, along the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 36, a distance of 488.00 feet, to the Point of Beginning, containing 20 acres more or less, all in Hanover Township, Lake County, Indiana.



