

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL
December 30, 2013

The special meeting of the St. Joseph County Council was called to order at 5:30 p.m., on December 30, 2013, by the President, Rafael Morton, in the Council Meeting Room, fourth floor, County-City Building, South Bend, Indiana.

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Mark Catanzarite
Mr. O'Brien
Mr. Michael J. Hamann
Mr. Daniel G. Herbster
Ms. Diana Hess
Mr. Robert J. McCahill
Mr. Rafael Morton
Mr. Mark Root

Present from the Auditor's office were Mr. Pete Mullen, Auditor, Ms. Teresa Shuter, Chief Deputy Auditor and Council staff Ms. Jennifer M. Prawat, Executive Secretary.

BILL NO. 94-13: TRANSFER:

Mr. Mullen, Auditor of St. Joseph County, this is a housekeeping ordinance you have before you in transferring five million dollars from our CEDIT fund to our General fund. As of November 30, on the report we sent to each one of you on the financial statement we had a surplus of cash balance of ninety seven million dollars in all of our funds together. However, in our General fund, we had a deficit of sixteen million dollars, to get through the end of the year, Teresa and I called this meeting to get money transferred from CEDIT to General fund so we would not have a deficit at the end of the year. As of today, our balance, an increase from ninety seven million to a hundred and twelve million and our balance in our General fund increased from a minus sixteen million dollars to a two point eight million dollar surplus.

Mr. O'Brien: Mr. Mullen, when we spoke at the committee meeting I think you indicated that your hope was in January/February to transfer, move money back into the CEDIT fund.

Mr. Mullen: Yes, in fact, at this point, it could be real quick and all five million dollars, but I can't, I don't want to go into the new year with any deficit's in any of the funds. Very precautionary, it's important for us to do.

Mr. Hamann: Real quick, so Pete, we were down sixteen million and then, I know there was a question about tax receipts and folks paying....

Mr. Mullen: Mr. Hamann, we are still working on that, there is a question on how that number was used. Whether it was a percent of the amount billed, less the penalties, interest, put on there to come up with one figure, we are trying to determine what exactly what figure we are comparing that to that was used last year. Hopefully we will have that in the next thirty days.

Mr. Morton: Is Mr. Kruk aware that we are going to....

Mr. Mullen: I have been with him for about three hours this afternoon. We were at the computer working on it, I think we understand the discrepancy of how that came about, not sure, but will be working on it, I can assure you all in the next thirty days.

Mr. Morton: Yes, I am interested in knowing how you....

Mr. Mullen: It varies from township to township, some townships have poor collections and others that have very good collections, so, we have to equal that out, make sure we are doing it right.

Mr. Morton: Ok, but I was also trying to find out the comparison to our previous Treasurer and his reporting principals, if you will, as opposed to how Mr. Kruk is doing it.

Mr. Mullen: I think they both, they arrive at two different numbers doing the same thing and that's what I am having a difficult time getting through that myself. Mike and I worked on it this afternoon for about three hours, Teresa, Mike and I worked on it this morning for a couple of hours. First, we have to understand the problem and then we will find out how we resolve it.

Motion to pass Bill No. 94-13 was made by Mr. McCahill and seconded by Mr. Hamann. Bill No. 94-13 was passed to-wit; 8-0.

Motion to adjourn was heard at 5:46 p.m.

Auditor, St. Joseph County

President, St. Joseph County Council