

LAPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2011

6:00 P.M.

The LaPorte County Council Reorganization Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room, LaPorte County Government Complex, 809 State Street, LaPorte, Indiana 46350.

Meeting was called to order by LaPorte County Auditor, Craig Hinchman

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chief Deputy Auditor, Mary Ray called the attendance roll. All members except Terry Garner were present.

Election of Officers: 1. President

Auditor Hinchman called for nominations for President.

Mr. Mrozinski was nominated, vote was taken and all members present except Mrs. Sosinski voted in favor.

Mr. Mrozinski is now the 2011 County Council President

President Mrozinski took over the meeting and called for Nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Bernacchi was nominated and all members present voted in favor. Mr. Bernacchi is now the Vice president of the County Council for 2011.

Liaison Appointments: There will be voluntary changes among the Council Members which will be presented at a later meeting.

Board Appointments:

1. Council Attorney
2. Alcoholic Beverage Commission
3. Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) 2 members
4. LaPorte County Public Library
5. Michigan City Public Library
6. Board of Zoning Appeals
7. County Parks & Recreation

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Mr. Baugher was nominated for 2011 County Attorney. Mr. Baugher reported that this will be the last year he is willing to accept this position. He suggested that for 2011, the Council appoint co-council, Attorney Doug Biege.

He stated that since some of this year's meeting dates were changed, he had a conflict.

Vote was taken on Mr. Baugher's appointment.

Voting in favor were Mr. Ford, Mr. Mrozinski, and Mr. Bernacchi.

Voting against were Mrs. Sosinski, Mr. Yagelski and Mr. Cunningham.

Tie vote.

After discussing the idea of co-council a motion was made to appoint Mr. Baugher and Mr. Biege as co-council for the 2011 year.

Vote was taken and Mr. Ford, Mr. Mrozinski, Mr. Bernacchi and Mr. Cunningham voted in favor.

Mrs. Sosinski, Mr. Yagelski voted against.

There will be co-council for 2011.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION: Mr. Patrick Dougherty and Mr. David Parrett were nominated.

Vote was taken for Mr. Dougherty

Voting in favor were Mr. Yagelski, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Bernacchi and Mr. Mrozinski.

Voting against were Mrs. Sosinski and Mr. Ford.

Since there was only one position open, no vote was needed on Mr. Parrett.

Mr. Dougherty was re-appointed for 2011.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS (PTABOA) 2 MEMBERS:

It was discussed that at least one level two assessor must be appointed.

Nominated were Mr. James L. Irwin, Mr. Robert Bailey and Mr. Earl Werner.

Since none were level two, it was changed to Mrs. Joey Winski as temporary member until

Mr. Robert Bailey re-certified his level two status.

Motion was made to re-appoint Mr. Irvin and Mrs. Joey Winski (temporarily).

All members present except Mrs. Sosinski voted in favor

Both were appointed for 2011.

LAPORTE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Motion was made to re-appoint Mrs. Sylvia Smith for a four year term.

All members present voted in favor

MICHIGAN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Motion was made to re-appoint Mr. Don Martin for a four year term.

All members present voted in favor.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Motion was made to re-appoint Ms. Melissa Mullins Mischke for a four year term.

All members present voted in favor.

COUNTY PARK & RECREATION:

Motion was made to re-appoint Mr. Brian Root for a four year term.
All members present voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn
All members present voted in favor