

September 20, 2016

**ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting – Lake City Boro Building**

Chairman Horton called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 7:01 p.m. at the Lake City Boro Hall, 2350 Main Street, Lake City, PA. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Loll read the following prayer/invocation:

“Let us pray. Lord, it is human nature to make mistakes. We are asking that you strengthen us, guide us to be great men and women. That we model the ways of great leaders throughout the ages, the gentle, courageous souls who lived and embodied God’s desires for all people. We wish to be remembered as good leaders in the eyes of our citizens. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our teacher. Amen.”.

**Roll Call**

The County Clerk called the roll:

Members Present: Mr. Breneman  
Mr. DiMattio  
Mrs. Fatica  
Dr. Foust  
Mr. Leone  
Mrs. Loll  
Mr. Horton

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk  
Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting  
Joseph Maloney, CPA  
Thomas Talarico, Solicitor  
James Sparber, Director of Finance

**Hearing of The Public**

Douglas Lavery, Conneaut Township; Mr. Lavery read the following statement: “I have been here twice before and am now here for a third time to thank each and every one of you for your time and support. I initially presented a project called the Lake Erie Connector. I brought to your attention the initial push to get the vegetation leases signed so this project could move forward quickly. When I met with their agent for the first time, I realized something was not right with this project. I started to investigate and educate myself on ITC. I decided to contact Carol Loll about the project and her recommendation was to bring my concerns and the concerns of local residents before County Council. I continued to contact Carol Loll and speak with her. The real purpose of my speaking here tonight is to thank you again for your support and your letter taking care of the residents of the west county.”.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Leone made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2016, regular meeting. This was seconded by Mr. DiMattio and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Reports of County Officials**

Dr. Foust stated that the Finance Committee met on September 15, 2016, and agreed to add Ordinances 76-80, with Ordinances 77-80 as possible 2<sup>nd</sup> readings, Resolution 42, and the Sale of Parcels from Repository, to the agenda.

Mr. Breneman stated that the Personnel Committee met immediately following the Finance Committee meeting and agreed to place Ordinances 72-74 under Old Business, and Ordinances 81-83 under New Business on the agenda.

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Mrs. Fatica read the following report:

“On September 14<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Public Safety meeting and it was reported that there would be a change in the pay matrix. It was discussed for the 911 call takers. Research indicates that call takers in Erie County make \$2-\$2.50 less than call takers in other third class counties. In addition, the cost to train call takers is \$12-13,000 so retention is very important for cost savings as well as the quality of service. AFSCME is in agreement with the proposal for on-going training for proficiency levels for call takers. This plan will retain trained call takers and improve services to our community. Regarding the Next Generation Radio System, the contract was awarded to EF Johnson on August 16<sup>th</sup>, with a guarantee of 95% coverage 95% of the time. Eight new tower sites will be added on PA game and Fish and Boat Commission properties, as well as local fire departments. Emergency Management is working with the Erie County Department of Health to provide logistical support as well as medical resources in the event of an environmental emergency or crisis.

I also attended the Department of Human Services Joint Advisory Board meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Drug and Alcohol reported the opening of Gaudenzia House of Healing. This is a residential facility for women, pregnant women, and women with children wanting substance recovery. There are only five facilities across the state that offers treatment and support of addiction while maintaining a family unit. September is Recovery Month and several events have been scheduled. On September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Blasco Library, there was a forum and a town hall meeting on the heroin epidemic and that was a success. Coming up on September 28<sup>th</sup>, there is a heroin forum planned for Corry Community Center, and on September 30<sup>th</sup>, a HOPE over Heroin rally is planned for Perry Square –West between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.”.

Mrs. Loll thanked Lake City Boro for allowing Council to be there tonight and being so gracious to open their building and set things up. She noted several Council members from Lake City and the surrounding area. She let them know that Council appreciates their hospitality.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Ord. 72, 2016 – 2016 HealthChoices Fund Budget Rev. Exp. For Merit Hiring Position**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 72, 2016, “2016 HealthChoices Fund Budget Revised Expenditures for Merit Hiring Position”. This was moved by Mr. Leone and seconded by Mr. DiMattio.

Mr. Breneman moved to amend the title by removing “Merit” out of the title and replacing it with “Compliance”. This was seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance Number 72, 2016, as amended, then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Ord. 73, 2016 – 2016 OCY SA for Merit Hiring Position**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 73, 2016, “First 2016 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$12,393 for Merit Hiring Position”. This was moved by Mr. Leone and seconded by Mrs. Loll.

Mr. Leone moved to amend the title by removing “Merit” out of the title and replacing it with “Compliance”. This was seconded by Mrs. Loll and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance Number 73, 2016, as amended, then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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**Ord. 74, 2016 –  
2016 GF SA for  
OCY Creation of  
Merit Hiring Position**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 74, 2016, “Twenty-Sixth 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,479 for Children & Youth Creation of Merit Hiring Position”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Leone.

Mr. Breneman moved to amend the title by removing “Merit” out of the title and replacing it with “Compliance”. This was seconded by Mrs. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance Number 74, 2016, as amended, then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**MOTION TO AMEND  
AGENDA**

Mr. Breneman made a motion to move Ordinances 77 through 83 to second readings. This was seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ord. 76, 2016 – GF  
SA for Reduction in  
Tx. To PRM**

Mr. Smith gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 76, 2016, “Twenty-Seventh 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$3,394,944 for Reduction in Transfer to Pleasant Ridge Manor”.

**Ord. 77, 2016 – PH  
SA from Funding  
Reduction in the  
Imm. Grant Bureau**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 77, 2016, “Eighth 2016 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$16,895 from Funding Reduction in the Immunization Grant Bureau”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mrs. Fatica, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 78, 2016 – PH  
SA, Creation of Bureau  
And Line Items for  
Baby & Me Tobacco  
Free Program**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 78, 2016, “Ninth 2016 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$35,000, Creation of Bureau and Line Items for *Baby and Me Tobacco Free Program*”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mrs. Fatica, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 79, 2016 – OCY  
Rev. Exp. & Creation of  
Ct. Ordered Placement  
Line Item**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 79, 2016, “2016 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$4,000 and Creation of Court Ordered Placement Line Item”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. Leone, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 80, 2016 – GF SA for  
Creation of Nursing Mother  
Space in Courthouse**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 80, 2016, “Twenty-Eighth 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,500 Grant for Creation of Nursing Mother Space in the Courthouse”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. DiMattio, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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**Ord. 81, 2016 – GF SA  
For Inc. in Temp. Staff  
For Sheriff’s Dept.**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 81, 2016, “Twenty-Ninth 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$12,581 for Increase in Temporary Staff for Sheriff’s Department”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. Leone, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 82, 2016 – GF SA  
For Inc. in Temp. Staff  
& Comp. Supplies  
In Courts Bureau**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 82, 2016, “Thirtieth 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,676 for Increase in Temporary Staff and Computer Supplies in Courts Bureau”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. Leone, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 83, 2016 – Amend.  
Ord. 60, 2016, Article  
II, Section 5(A)(17)  
Of Admin. Code –  
Employees on Boards  
& Authorities**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 83, 2016, “Amending Ordinance Number 60, 2016, ‘Article II, Section 5(A)(17) of the Administrative Code of Erie County/Employees on Boards & Authorities’”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Leone.

Dr. Foust commented that he would vote no on this ordinance. He spoke his peace about this before in caucus that if we don’t want employees on boards and authorities, it is a good move and that’s why the ordinance was passed. He believes that as unfair as some may see it, it goes retroactive to people that are already appointed, they are employees and we don’t want employees on these boards, therefore he will be voting no.

Ordinance Number 83, 2016, then carried in a 4-3 vote, with Mr. Breneman, Dr. Foust, and Mr. DiMattio voting no.

**Res. 42, 2016 –  
Approving Amendment  
To Official Erie County  
Solid Waste Mgmt. Plan**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 42, 2016, “Approving an Amendment to the Official Erie County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan”. This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Breneman, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**SALE OF PARCELS**

Dr. Foust moved to approve the Sale of Parcel from Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number 44-015-037.1-002.58. This was seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**BOARD/AUTHORITY  
APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. DiMattio moved to add and approve the following Board/Authority appointments:

- Appointment of Tracy Leet to the Erie County Human Relations Commission (representing Mr. DiMattio’s District)
- Reappointment of Wayne Harbison to the Erie County Human Relations Commission Advisory Board (Representing Chairman Horton’s District)

This was seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Deneé M. Breter, Council Secretary