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ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

Dr. Foust, Chairman, called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 7:00 p.m. at the Wesleyville Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Road, Wesleyville, PA. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Loll recited the following prayer:

“Let us pray. We pray that our works as public servants is better than ever before. That our thoughts are only for the people we represent and our powers are used for all. As God takes care of his own, we need to be the caretakers of our government. We must stand ready to do our jobs and know the gravity of not doing it well. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.”.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk
Thomas Talarico, Solicitor
Joseph Maloney, CPA
Kathy Dahlkemper, County Executive
Sue Ellen Pasquale, General Accounting Manager

**HEARING OF
THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Randy Barnes, Harborcreek Township; Mr. Barnes thanked Mrs. Loll for her prayer, and then read various emails in support of his efforts. Mr. Barnes spoke of his concerns regarding the details of the \$3 million loan to the GEIDC, specifically \$81,000 in miscellaneous expenses and \$600,000 in internal billing. He stated that nearly \$7 million has been spent thus far on the inland port project and no jobs have been created.

Dr. Foust took the opportunity to thank Wesleyville Borough for the use of their facility and the accommodations for tonight’s meeting.

Renee Vendetti, Erie, PA; Ms. Vendetti spoke regarding two issues – Erie County Care Management and the Office of Children & Youth. She stated that Charlie Barber at Erie County Care Management is pushing the Barber National Institute on clients for services and not offering others services that are available in the community. She felt this is a conflict of interest that needs addressed by Council. She then stated OCY took the child of a friend of hers based on accusations that were false.

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Maria Czulewicz, Erie, PA; Ms. Czulewicz stated she sent an email to the County Executive and to all of County Council, and that Mr. Leone stated he did not receive the email. She commented that she found that hard to believe. Ms. Czulewicz discussed an issue she had with OCY, Family Services, and Catholic Social Services. She felt that they were all running a “cash for kids” operation and she wanted it to be stopped.

Harriet Langer-Williamson, Erie, PA; She is a special education advocate and is also having problems with Erie County Care Management. She stated that she helps parents in the school district get the best IEP for their kids, and attends ISPT meetings. She commented that Erie County Care Management is pushing Barber National Institute now and not relaying other service options in the community, and because she felt that BNI was not the proper place for the child to be and suggested another therapist, ECCM has now made a personal attack on her and it’s now affecting her children. She felt that it is definitely a conflict of interest for ECCM to be pushing BNI and not looking at other agencies that could be involved to help children with mental health issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Leone moved to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2014, regular meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Horton and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND/OR HER DESIGNEE

County Executive Dahlkemper stated there was no report for this meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Fatica reported that the Finance Committee met on July 10, 2014, and agreed to move the following items onto the agenda: Second reading of Ordinance 74, 2014; under New Business: Ordinances 83-87, Resolutions 41-45, board appointment to the Housing Authority, and sale of parcels from the repository. Mr. Fatica also stated that Resolution 46, 2014, and an appointment to the Library Board would be added to the agenda this evening.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. DiMattio reported on the Personnel Committee meeting that immediately followed the Finance Meeting on July 10, 2014. He stated that the Personnel Committee agreed to add the following items to the agenda: Under New Business – Ordinances 88 through 93.

REPORTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Leone responded to comments made during Hearing of the Public. He stated he does not like being called a liar by anybody and stated he did not receive the email from Ms. Czulewicz. He further commented that he does not appreciate anyone saying he does not care for kids. The issue with OCY, and Court ordered issues, are something that County Council cannot do anything about. That is not to say there is no concern, but Court orders do not fall under the purview of County Council. He stated that if there is a problem such as this, individuals need to go to the Courts. Regarding Ms. Langer-Williamson’s comments, he agreed that Council should get involved if there is a conflict of interest regarding Erie County Care Management, and stated he may do just that. He vehemently stated he does not ever want to hear anyone tell him he’s a liar.

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OLD BUSINESS

Ord. 74, 2014 – Gen.
Fund Rev. Exp. Of
\$52,500 & Creation of
Bus. Svc. Rep. Pgm.
Line Item

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 74, 2014, “2014 General Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$52,500 and Creation of a *Business Service Representative Program* Line Item.”.

Dr. Foust explained the process of the meeting for those in the audience who may not have attended a Council meeting in the past.

Ordinance Number 74, 2014, was moved by Mr. Fatica, seconded by Mr. Leone, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

**Motion to
Amend Agenda**

Mr. DiMattio moved to amend the agenda and move Items B through I, and Item K, to a second reading, as well as adding Resolution 46, 2014, and the appointment of Mary Frances Baugh to the Library Board. This was seconded by Mr. Breneman and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ord. 83, 2014 – 2014
Rev. Fee Schedule in
Dept. of Corrections

Mr. Smith gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 83, 2014, “2014 Revised Fee Schedule in the Department of Corrections.”.

Ord. 84, 2014 – Gen.
Fund SA & Release
Of \$24,384 in Fees
From Pro’s Office

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 84, 2014, “Nineteenth 2014 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation and Release of \$24,384 in Automation Fees from Prothonotary’s Office.”. This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. DiMattio, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ord. 85, 2014 – Gen.
Fund SA of \$13,000
Donation from Friends
Of Library

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 85, 2014, “Twentieth 2014 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$13,000 Donation from Friends of the Library for Programming”. This was moved by Mr. DiMattio, seconded by Mr. Leone, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ord. 86, 2014 – Public
Health Fund SA of
\$22,008 for Inc. in
State Beach Grant

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 86, 2014, “Sixth 2014 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,008 for Increase in *State Beach Grant*”. This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mrs. Loll, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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Ord. 87, 2014 – Gen. Fund SA & rel. of \$31,917 for Reg. of Wills Automation Capital Outlay

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 87, 2014, “Twenty-First 2014 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation and Release of \$31,917 for Register of Wills Automation Capital Outlay”. This was moved by Mr. Loll, seconded by Mr. Leone, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ord. 88, 2014 – Public Health Fund Rev. Exp. Of \$11,004 in Safe & Healthy Comm., Injury Prev., & Tobacco Grants

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 88, 2014, “2014 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$11,004 in *Safe & Healthy Communities, Injury Prevention, and Tobacco Grants*.”. This was moved by Mr. Fatica, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ord. 89, 2014 – Public Health Fund Rev. Exp. Of \$6,899 in Tobacco Grant Bureau

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 89, 2014, “2014 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$6,899 in *Tobacco Grant Bureau*.”. This was moved by Mr. DiMattio, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ord. 90, 2014 – Public Health Fund Rev. Exp. Of \$7,980 For Position in Health Ed. & Safe & Healthy Communities Grant Bureaus

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 90, 2014, “2014 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$7,980 for Position in *Health Education and Safe & Healthy Communities Grant Bureaus*.”. This was moved by Mr. DiMattio, seconded by Mrs. Loll, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ord. 91, 2014 – Public Health Fund SA of \$12,084 for Pub. Health Preparedness Grant Bureau

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 91, 2014, “Seventh 2014 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$12,084 for *Public Health Preparedness Grant Bureau*”. This was moved by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. DiMattio, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ord. 92, 2014 – Gen. Fund SA of \$10,756 For Re-Org. of Procurement, Facilities & Operations Depts.

Mr. Smith gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 92, 2014, “Twenty-Second 2014 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$10,756 for Re-Organization of Procurement, Facilities, and Operations Departments”.

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Ord. 93, 2014 – 2014
Appointed Official's
Salary Ord. for PT
Asst. Pub.Def.
Position

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 93, 2014, "2014 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for Part Time Assistant Public Defender". This was moved by Mr. Fatica, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. 41, 2014
In Support of
VCEC

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 41, 2014, "In Support of Veterans Council of Erie County". This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Leone.

Mr. Breneman thanked the Administration and his colleagues on Council. He stated that 43% of Council members are veterans. There has been strong support by Council, the staff, and Administration, but also from the veteran community to work together to end the fragmentation that has been hampering efforts to support the long term well-being of veterans. Mr. Breneman feels this will be a great step forward in helping the veterans of Erie County.

Mr. Fatica felt that Mr. Breneman should be commended for this as it shows that the County has a vested interest in all of its citizens, especially those who have served this country.

Resolution 41, 2014 then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Res. 42, 2014 –
Chg. In terms for
Board of ECHA

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 42, 2014, "Change in Terms for Board Members of Erie County Housing Authority". This was moved by Mrs. Loll and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Dr. Foust commented that this resolution should resolve the start dates and end dates so that half of the members are not finishing at the same time, which will provide some stability and ensure that appointments are made in a proper manner in the future.

Resolution 42, 2014 then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Res. 43, 2014 – ECGA
Not to Exceed \$3,000,000
Tax Exempt Note
(EC His. Society)

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 43, 2014, "Erie County General Authority Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 Tax-Exempt Note (Erie County Historical Society Project)". This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Res. 44, 2014 – ECGA
Not to Exceed \$2,850,000
Tax Exempt Note
(Safe Harbor Beh.
Health Project)

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 44, 2014, "Erie County General Authority Not to Exceed \$2,850,000 Tax-Exempt Note (Safe Harbor Behavioral Health Project)". This was moved by Mrs. Loll, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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Res. 45, 2014 – Exon.
Taxes on 5 Trailers/
Prop. In Girard Twp.
& Girard School Dist.

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 45, 2014, “Exonerating Taxes on Five Abandoned Trailers/Properties in Girard Township and the Girard School District”. This was moved by Mrs. Loll, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Res. 46, 2014 – Lease
w/Erie County &
Fairview Water Auth.

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 46, 2014, “Approving Water Well Lease Agreement between the County of Erie and the Fairview Water Authority”. This was moved by Mrs. Loll, seconded by Mr. Fatica, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**BOARD/AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENTS**

Mrs. Loll moved to appoint Ralph DeRose to the Erie County Housing Authority Board. This was seconded by Mr. DiMattio and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Loll moved to appoint Mary Frances Baugh to the Erie County Library Board. This was seconded by Mr. DiMattio and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

SALE OF PARCELS

Mr. Leone moved to approve the Sale of Parcels from Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number 03-003-007.0-017.00. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Deneé M. Breter, Council Secretary
