MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL PRE-MEETING
OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
OF JUNE 12, 2017

Mayor Strazdas called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Peter Strazdas was present and Councilmembers Richard Ford, Jim Pearson and Patricia Randall participated via the conference phone line. Councilmembers Reid and Urban and Mayor Pro Tem Ansari were absent with notice and excuse. Also in attendance were City Manager Larry Shaffer, Deputy City Manager Rob Boulis and Deputy City Clerk Adam Herringa.

Councilmember Pearson inquired, as it relates to Item F.2, Unpaid Water and Sewer Charges, how the size of the listing compared to last year and if those listed had been contacted. City Manager Shaffer replied that he would research the size of the listing and assured Councilmember Pearson that those on the list had been contacted multiple times.

Councilmember Randall inquired as to the circumstances surrounding the $2,775 delinquent bill for 2472 Stanley Avenue. She noted that the amount was significantly higher than other properties on the listing. City Manager Shaffer stated that he would research the situation and respond.

With regard to the appointment of a new Director of Transportation and Utilities, Item F.1, Councilmember Randall inquired if the start date of Mr. Buell was June 19th and if he would be present at tomorrow's City Council meeting. Deputy City Manager Boulis responded that Mr. Buell would begin on the 19th and was still in the process of moving so is unable to attend the meeting.

Councilmember Pearson shared that, as it relates to Item K.1 (Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Board of Directors), he is resigning from his position on the Board of Directors and is recommending that City Manager Shaffer be appointed in his place. Councilmember Pearson also noted that Mayor Strazdas is his alternate and City Manager Shaffer is currently Councilmember Reid's alternate. Should Mr. Shaffer be appointed, Mr. Pearson indicated his willingness to replace Mr. Shaffer as Councilmember Reid's alternate. Mayor Strazdas would serve as the alternate to Mr. Shaffer.

ADJOURN: Mayor Strazdas adjourned the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

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Adam Herringa, Deputy City Clerk