

**STATE OF ILLINOIS     )**  
**COUNTY OF LA SALLE  )**

The La Salle County Board met for an ARP Full Board Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January, it being the 31<sup>st</sup> day thereof.

Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

This is the fourth meeting of the December 2022-2023 Session.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman asked the Clerk to call the roll for Per Diem and Mileage.

**PRESENT:** Ms. McNally, Ms. Pottinger, Ms. Findley Smith, Ms. Owens, Ms. Bright, Mr. Stockley, Mr. Gatza, Mr. Oscepinski, Mr. Kasap, Mr. Savitch, Mr. Torres, Mr. Brown, Mr. Trager, Ms. Beckett, Ms. Carretto, Mr. Dose, Mr. Aubry, Mr. McEmery, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Roach, Mr. Slager, Chairman Jensen

**ABSENT:** Mr. Small, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Witczak, Ms. Bernal, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Znaniecki, Mr. Blue, and Ms. Busch.

There are 14 ayes claiming mileage.

Motion by Mr. Kasap to approve the roll call for mileage and per diem, second by Ms. Carretto. Voice vote: 21 ayes and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

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**DISPENSE OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Kasap to dispense with the minutes, second Mr. Trager. Voice vote: 21 ayes and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

Motion by Mr. Kasap to approve the American Rescue Plan Bills, second by Ms. Findley Smith. Roll call vote: 20 ayes, 1 abstain (McNally) and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

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### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Board Member, Ray Gatza, addressed the board on behalf of some concerned residents of La Salle County which brought to his attention how the past board has approved spending several million dollars of American Rescue Plan funds in which some of the projects actually received more money than they asked for. He asked for the board to consider tabling the external ARP applications until all the internal ARP applications have been reviewed in order to utilize the remaining ARPA funds.

### **MOTION TO TABLE**

Motion by Ms. Findley Smith to table the external ARPA applications until all the internal applications are reviewed, second by Mr. Aubry. Roll call vote: 6 ayes (Findley Smith, Bright, Gatza, Aubry, McEmery, Slager), 15 nays (McNally, Pottinger, Owens, Stockley, Oscepinski, Kasap, Savitch, Torres, Brown, Trager, Beckett, Carretto, Dose, Tooley, Roach) and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion denied

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### **ORDINANCE: (#23-17) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN APPLICATION #2 – CIRCUIT BREAKER**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Circuit Breaker School/LEASE Cooperative School and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$1,650,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of a hot water boiler with system piping, upsizing the existing electrical services, classroom unit ventilators,

modification of existing wall openings and casework, collateral architectural finishes replaced, residential style condensers, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Savitch to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Kasap.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion by Mr. Trager to amend the ordinance amount from \$1,650,000.00 to \$1,200,000.00, second by Mr. Kasap.

Roll call vote: 20 ayes, 1 nay (Carretto) and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

**As Amended:** Roll call vote: 20 ayes, 1 nay (Carretto) and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN APPLICATION  
#10 – TOWNSHIP OF WALTHAM**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for the Township of Waltham and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$200,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of purchase and modification of abandoned Waltham School, secure property, broadband infrastructure, improvements to green space use, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Beckett. Roll call vote: 1 aye (Stockley), 20 nays (McNally, Pottinger, Findley Smith, Owens, Bright, Gatza, Oscepinski, Kasap, Savitch, Torres, Brown, Trager, Beckett, Carretto, Dose, Aubry, McEmery, Tooley, Roach, Slager and 8 absent. (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion denied.

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**ORDINANCE: (#23-18) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**  
**APPLICATION #19 – LA SALLE COUNTY TOURISM PROMOTION**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Heritage Corridor Convention & Visitor Bureau and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$250,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for County Promotion, IOT Marketing Partnership & CVB Marketing Partnership as per their ARPA application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Kasap to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Roach.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion by Mr. Kasap to amend the ordinance amount from \$250,000.00 to \$150,000.00, second by Mr. Trager. Roll call vote: 17 ayes (McNally, Pottinger, Findley Smith, Owens, Gatza, Oscepinski, Kasap, Savitch, Torres, Brown, Beckett, Carretto, Aubry, McEmery, Tooley, Roach, Slager) 4 nays (Bright, Stockley, Trager, Dose) and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

**As Amended:** Roll call vote: 21 ayes and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN**  
**APPLICATION #24 – SAINTE GENEVIEVE RIVERBOAT**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Sainte Genevieve Riverboat LLC., and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$25,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of electrical services, cables, connections from shore, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Aubry. Roll call vote: 6 ayes (Brown, Beckett, Aubry, McEmery, Tooley, Roach), 15 nays (McNally, Pottinger, Findley Smith, Owens, Bright, Stockley, Gatza, Oscepinski, Kasap, Savitch, Torres, Trager, Carretto, Dose, Slager) and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion denied.

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**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN APPLICATION  
#38 – OTTAWA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Ottawa Fire Department and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$170,500.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of fire station alerting system and a fit-testing machine, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Ms. Bright to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Torres.

**Motion to Table:** Motion by Mr. Kasap to table the ordinance until further information is available, second by Ms. Carretto. Voice vote: 20 ayes and 9 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Dose, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE: (#23-19) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
APPLICATION #39 – STARVED ROCK COUNTRY FOUNDATION**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Starved Rock Country Community Foundation and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$59,500.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of full-time staff salaries and benefits for 18 months, accounting, marketing and consulting

contractors, communications, copier, utilities, insurance and miscellaneous marketing, advertising and related collateral a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Aubry to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. McEmery.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion by Mr. Gatza to amend the ordinance amount from \$59,500.00 to original requested amount of \$193,500.00, second by Ms. Findley Smith. Roll call vote: 20 ayes, 1 present (Beckett) and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

**As Amended:** Roll call vote: 20 ayes, 1 present (Beckett) and 8 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

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Mr. Kasap left meeting @ 3:00 p.m.

**ORDINANCE: (#23-20) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
APPLICATION #45 – MENDOTA TRI-COUNTY FAIR**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Mendota Tri-County Fair Association and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$90,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of Public Relations, advertising and promotion, increase in premium offerings, repair and maintain electrical services, restore facilities for race track and concession, improvements in facilities in livestock areas and secure a carnival, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Ms. McNally to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Oscepinski.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion by Mr. Dose to amend the ordinance by striking out to secure a carnival from the ordinance, second by Ms. Bright. Voice vote: 20 ayes and 9

absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion by Mr. Trager to amend the ordinance to make the request \$25,000.00, second by Mr. Aubry. Voice vote: 20 ayes and 9 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

**As Amended:** Roll call vote: 19 ayes, 1 nay (Torres) and 9 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE: (#23-21) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
APPLICATION #46 – UTICA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Utica Fire Protection District and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$67,065.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of fiber installation to fire station and water tower, radio console for fire station, prepayment for 5 years of annual ifiber charges, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Dose to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Brown. Roll call vote: 10 ayes (McNally, Owens, Bright, Savitch, Torres, Brown, Beckett, Dose, Tooley, Roach) 10 nays (Pottinger, Findley Smith, Stockley, Gatza, Oscepinski, Trager, Carretto, Aubry, McEmery, Slager) and 9 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Mr. Jensen voted aye to break the tie, motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE: (#23-22) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
APPLICATION #53 – MENDOTA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Mendota Fire Department and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$400,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of 3 Stryker power load systems, 1 Stryker power cot and a 2023 Ford 550/Horton Type 1 Ambulance, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Ms. McNally to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Savitch.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion by Mr. Bright to amend the ordinance amount from \$400,000.00 to \$110,000.00, second by Mr. Trager. Roll call vote: 15 ayes (Pottinger, Findley Smith, Owens, Bright, Stockley, Gatzka, Oscepinski, Brown, Trager, Beckett, Carretto, Aubry, McEmery, Tooley, Slager) 5 nays, 9 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

**As Amended:** Roll call vote: 14 ayes (McNally, Owens, Bright, Stockley, Savitch, Torres, Brown, Beckett, Carretto, Dose, Aubry, McEmery, Tooley, Roach), 6 nay (Pottinger, Findley Smith, Gatzka, Oscepinski, Trager, Slager) and 9 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN APPLICATION  
#55 – DEER PARK TOWNSHIP**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Deer park Township and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$125,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the replacement of an approximately 50 year old cross-road



culvert on 2509<sup>th</sup> Rd. with a new 84 inch by 64 foot cross-road culvert, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Gatza to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Brown. Roll call vote: 4 ayes (McNally, Savitch, Brown, Carretto), 16 nays (Pottinger, Findley Smith, Owens, Bright, Stockley, Gatza, Oscepinski, Torres, Trager, Beckett, Dose, Aubry, McEmery, Tooley, Roach, Slager) and 9 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Walsh, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion denied.

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Mr. Dose left meeting @ 3:35 p.m.

Mr. Savitch left meeting @ 3:40 p.m.

**ORDINANCE: (#23-23) APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
APPLICATION #60 – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance using the Standard Allowance for Knights of Columbus and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$45,800.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for loss revenue and disbursement to banquet hall rental refund and lost bingo revenues, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Ms. Carretto to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Brown.

**Motion to Amend:** Motion by Mr. Aubry to amend the ordinance amount from \$45,800.00 to \$10,000.00, second by Ms. Bright. Roll call vote: 5 ayes (Bright, Stockley, Gatza, Aubry, Slager), 13 nays (McNally, Pottinger, Findley Smith, Owens, Oscepinski, Torres, Brown, Trager, Beckett, Carretto, McEmery, Tooley, Roach) and 11 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Savitch, Walsh, Dose, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion denied.

**Original Motion:** 18 ayes (McNally, Pottinger, Findley Smith, Owens, Bright, Stockley, Gatza, Oscepinski, Torres, Brown, Trager, Beckett, Carretto, Aubry, McEmery, Tooley, Roach, Slager) and 11 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Savitch, Walsh, Dose, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN APPLICATION**  
**#61 – TIME TO RECOVER**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Time to Recover Upholstery and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$20,000.00 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement of equipment, training costs, relocation or renovation costs, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Gatza to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Roach. Roll call vote: 9 ayes (Stockley, Oscepinski, Torres, Brown, Trager, Beckett, McEmery, Tooley, Roach), 9 nays (McNally, Pottinger, Findley Smith, Owens, Bright, Gatza, Carretto, Aubry, Slager) and 11 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Savitch, Walsh, Dose, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch). Mr. Jensen voted nay to break the tie, motion denied.

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**ORDINANCE: APPROVING QUALIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN APPLICATION**  
**#62 – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

An ordinance was submitted recommending approval of qualified ARPA funding application using the Standard Allowance for Habitat for Humanity La Salle, Bureau and Putnam Counties, Inc., and that the La Salle County Board authorizes the allocation of up to \$49,974.34 of ARPA, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, for the disbursement for lighting improvement and financial stabilization, a more particular description is attached ARPA funding application.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Torres to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Tooley.

**Motion to Table:** Motion by Mr. Torres to table the ordinance for further information until the next meeting, second by Mr. McEmery. Voice vote: 18 ayes and 11 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Savitch, Walsh, Dose, Znaniiecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

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### **TAKEN OFF AGENDA**

ORDINANCE: AMENDING ARP ORDINANCE – FORTISIEM

ORDINANCE: AMENDING ARP ORDINANCE – FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH/FOOD PANTRY

ORDINANCE: AMENDING ARP ORDINANCE – U OF I EXTENSION/LA SALLE COUNTY

Motion by Ms. Findley Smith to recess the meeting to February 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in room 250, at the Governmental Complex, second by Mr. Tooley. Voice vote: 18 ayes and 11 absent (Small, Emmett, Witczak, Bernal, Kasap, Savitch, Walsh, Dose, Znaniiecki, Blue, Busch). Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN JENSEN DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:00 P.M.**