

New Carlisle Town Council

124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana

General Meeting, August 20, 2019, 6:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Carter called the meeting to order with Council Vice President Vermillion, Council Member Kauffman, Council Member Rush, Council Member Budreau and Deputy Clerk Doll were present, and with Clerk-Treasurer Moffitt absent.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, John Mrozinski, Cal Dittmar, Davey Doll, Jack Daly, Dan Caruso, Ryan Klingberg, Madalynn Klingberg, Marv Podemski, Carol Middlebrook, Mona Kafka, Celia Herod, Scott Herod, Randall Clark and Kay Westhues.

Minutes

Council Vice President Vermillion moved to accept the minutes of August 6, 2019 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Budreau and passed unanimously.

Visitors Comments

- Marv Podemski

Marv stated that he had a newspaper clipping that he wanted to read to the Council. The article was written by Franklin D. Roosevelt and was titled "Dust Bowl". He did not want our area to end up like that.

- Davey Doll

Davey had a couple of questions he wanted to ask about the Fire Territory 2020 Budget that was going to be approved tonight. First he ask how many full time firefighters are there going to be in 2020 budget- 9 or 12 firefighters? Council President advised that there would be 9. Then Davey ask where did the \$17.00 per hour salary for part time fire fighters come from? At that time Josh Schweizer walked in the room and Council President ask Josh if he would be able to answer the question. Josh advised it was decided at their earlier meetings. Council President Carter then stated they are trying to be comparable to other communities. Josh then advised that Notre Dame pays their part time fire fighters \$16.80 per hour and are unable to keep them. Davey then advised that Penn pays theirs \$12.92 to \$14.92 per hour and that the \$14.92 was the pay for their lead paramedics. Davey then said that with the 6 part time fire fighters, if they just cut that pay back to \$15.00-just \$2.00 cut would save \$105,000.00 a year.

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Davey then finished saying the Southwest pays theirs \$10.00 per hour and that both, Southwest & Penn don't have problems filling their schedules.

- Jack Daley

At Home Town Days he stated that he worked at the IEC booth and he advises that residents of New Carlisle don't know about even what the IEC is and the Council in October 2018 told the IEC people that the residents in New Carlisle are OK with what is going on, when half of them don't even know what it is. He then stated that he would like to fire the Council because you are not representing him. He then states that the next time the any one on the Council says that "New Carlisle residents are OK with what is going on in the IEC"—you can tell them "all except Jack Daly at 217 W. Michigan St".

- Dan Caruso

He stated that again what he said "Ditto"—we're-the Town- not being represented for what we want. He stated that he is tired of being told what we want in that area and not asking us what we want. We need a say—we need input. We want some say in the growth. The Economic Development Committee also involves growth in the community and input as to what we want in the community. We heard last week the Redevelopment Commission slander- slammed the area between South Bend and Gary at the South Shore double track community meeting. We were called "Bottlenecks" and that corn fields are great for developments, that we are vacant land, that it is blighted properties. They need to stop calling us names.

Employee Reports

- Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea advised that she had been working on several items

- rate tracker ordinance

- the employee with a contract with Town a final notice for the former employee that owes money to Town and then she has the complaint ready to file if the former employee does not respond by the due date. Council President Carter then ask if that was for both employees and Andrea advised just for the one and Council President Carter then advised he would talk to her later about the other.

- Engineer Jared Huss

Jared advised that he has for the Council tonight the bid contract for their recommendation for the 2019 Sidewalk Project and that being with Walsh & Kelly.

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He advised that there will be a pre-con meeting with Walsh & Kelly, if Council accepts their bid tonight, on August 26, 2019. The project should begin after Labor Day.

On Sept. 4th there will be a meeting with the residents involved in the area of all of this year's projects.

- John Mrozinski

John advised Rick Lee with the Eagle Scouts working on the trail from Dunn Rd. sign to Bourissa Park and it turned out "pretty cool". Rick also has another Eagle Scout that will be doing a project at Bourissa Park with bird houses. The Scout will be making 15-20 for that park.

Rick also has a Scout wanting to fix the Hill & Dale sign by the viaduct. Council Member Kauffman added that she knows a Sorority in Town that would like to help with that project. And lastly he has a Scout that would like to work on the Park benches and fix them.

At this point Josh Szuba entered the meeting.

John then advised the Crew has been replacing the crumbling bricks on the downtown sidewalk and that it looks great.

Ken then ask if the Library is still planning on doing the Story Trail at Bourissa and John advised I think so and John will be getting with Roger to see how it all works out

Old Business

- Solar Lights at Town Welcome signs

John ask that we start out with the cheaper solar lights to see if the lights will even work out to give the look that they want and survive the winter. We did remove the bigger bushes that had over grown the area. He would like to have one light at each end of town at the signs. They need to be placed so as to not affect the vision of drivers on the highway at night. With that said he would like to get the \$30.00 lights for this project. Then Council President Carter advised him to move forward. John will be getting these placed.

At this point Bob Middlebrook entered the meeting.

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New Business

- 2019 Sidewalk Improvement Project

The Council received bids for the project on August 6th and the bid of \$157,755.52 from Walsh & Kelly was the most responsible bid. Lawson-Fisher had a project estimate of \$156,642.00 for the project. With that said Council Member Kauffman made a motion for award Walsh & Kelly the 2019 Sidewalk Improvement Project at \$157,755.52. Council Member Budreau then seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2020 Fire Territory Budget approval

Council President Carter read the projected budget grand total of \$1,794,000.00.

Council Vice President Vermillion made a motion to accept the 2020 Fire Territory budget for \$1,794,000.00 and Council Member Rush seconded the motion. Council President Carter called for the vote with three voting aye (Vermillion, Carter & Rush) and two voting nay (Kauffman & Budreau) with the motion passing 3-2.

- 3-Phase Electric for Bray Lift Station

John advised what the need is to have this electric updated for the Bray Street Lift Station and a few of the homes along Bray St. The electric line will run from Rigg St. down Bray St. to the lift station. At that time Council Member Budreau made a motion not to exceed \$78,300.00 for Balos to install the 3-phase electric line from Rigg St. to the Bray Street Lift Station. Council Vice President Vermillion seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Ordinances

- Ordinance #1382 –a salary ordinance for an employee for the Town of New Carlisle

Council Member Budreau made a motion to wave the rules to allow adopting the ordinance on the day of interduction. Council Vice President Vermillion seconded to motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At that time Council President Carter then read the ordinance by caption for the first reading , then by its entirety for the 2nd reading and lastly by caption only for the 3rd and final reading. After the readings Council Vice President Vermillion made a motion to pass ordinance #1382 as read with Council Member Budreau seconding and the ordinance passed unanimously.

Council Reports

- Council Member Kauffman

She ask Cal if he would please put the flashing Slow Down sign on Bray St. before the school area now that school is in session. That would be appreciated- Thanks

Next she wanted to state why she voted against on the Fire Territory Budget for 2020. She states the she feels that the budget is overinflated and I don't have a comfort level with it.

Lastly I want the people who come and speak out against the IEC to know- I do hear you- I am just one person on the this Council and I have made it clear how I feel in the last 2 years my thoughts & feeling about it on a private level and speaking as a person on this board I do hear you and trying to do what I can on a personal level. Thank you

- Council Member Budreau

Jordon stated that he does appreciate the public comments either way they go.

This is why I wanted to move this meeting time to 6:30 so more resident can attend these meetings.

He would like to see the Town host a 911 Ceremony to honor the victims of the 911 attack. He was disappointed that last year the Town left it in the hands of the County and we did nothing and feels the Town should host our own Ceremony. He would like it to be at Memorial Park at 10:03 and that he will be making the arrangements along with the help from the Clerk's office.

- Council President Carter

Ken asks Andrea if she had received the Fair Housing Ordinance that needed to be updated from Shannon? Andrea stated that she just got it Friday, that it is 16 pages and that it includes more than what the State is recommending, but needs to make sure any changes won't affect anything that we are now doing. That she needs to double check the clauses then compile that info.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

- Deputy Clerk Doll advised that- yes the Clerk's Office will be helping Council Member Budreau with the 911 Ceremony

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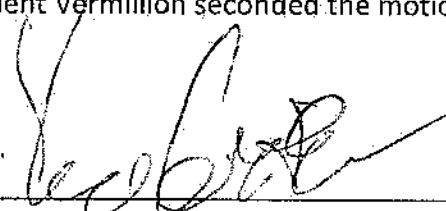
Bills to be Paid

Council Vice President Vermillion made a motion to pay the bills and Council Member Budreau seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

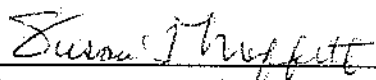
Council President Carter stated that the Council will not adjourn until all of the paperwork is signed.

After all paperwork was passed along and signed by the Council, Council Member Budreau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Vice President Vermillion seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.



Ken Carter, President

Attest:



Jill A. Doll, Deputy Clerk