

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, September 15, 2020, 6:30 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Kauffman called the General Meeting to order with Council Member Rush, Council Member Doll, Council Member Colanese and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present. Vice President Budreau was absent.

Also in attendance were John Mrozinski, Jared Huss, Jill Doll, Josh Schweizer, Mike Yaculo, David Combs, Amy Radcliff and Dan Caruso.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Doll moved to approve the minutes of the September 1 general meeting and September 8 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rush and passed 4-0.

Visitor Comments

- Mike Yaculo

Mike informed the Council that he is here representing the group of concerned citizens that attended a previous meeting to ask for approval to paint a blue line down Michigan Street downtown showing support for the men and women in blue. He asked if there was any update or if they need to request to be placed formally on the agenda for approval. He would like this to be done similar to a parade with street closing and the town doing traffic direction. President Kauffman stated that it could be discussed at an upcoming work session and then possibly placed on the agenda for October 6.

- Amy Radcliff

Amy expressed that she wishes the Council hadn't passed the February statement because then she wouldn't have felt comfort. She asked what protections there are for the Town that the County will follow through. Can the Council get someone from the County that will come out and explain to Town residents about what is happening or better yet what about a joint press conference between the town and county to get the county on the record. Will future work sessions be held that are open to the public? Can the council ask the county to take care of the trailer park as Bill Schalliol has been promising? Amy reminded the Council that they can pass another resolution, if they are lied to, duped or cheated because it has happened to a lot of people. Amy thanked everyone for wearing masks to protect employees and citizens as this is the only place she feels she can safely attend meetings.

Employee Reports

- Dan Caruso, Council Appointee to Area Plan Commission

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Dan reported that he just came from the APC meeting and the Valeri Waters and Kim Phillips petition for the rezoning of the south west corner of Edison and Larrison was tabled today because the improper address was attached to the advertisement. They have to re-advertise it and place the notice in the right location. He stated that in following suit the Willow and SR 2 property owned by the county was also tabled for the third time.

- Public Works Director John Mrozinski

John reports that the pumps for the lift station at the viaduct damaged in the accident on Labor Day weekend are being done now and the new electric panels are getting put together and will hopefully be back together by the end of the week. The guys worked until 2 AM on that Friday to get the lift station functioning. The alleys approved at the last meeting were being ground today with surfaces scheduled to be done next week. He and Marcy went to the water plant for AED training.

Council Member Doll asked if they are considering guardrails or anything for protection of that lift station in the future. John responded he did talk to INDOT and will try to figure out how to better protect it. Moving the lift station to a better spot was previously discussed. Jared explained that part of the reason moving the lift station was discussed was to get it out of the precarious position it is in and also to have it not under railroad right-of-way. He and John will work together to look at this. Council Member Colanese asked if there are other lift stations in jeopardy and John responded the only other one on the highway is the 5-Star lift station and it is not on a curve the viaduct one.

- Engineer Jared Huss

Jared reported that MACOG has put together the Asset Management Plan and returned to us for review. The Zigler and Filbert Street projects continue to progress and are coming together nicely. He estimates they will be done the beginning of October for a walk through with Council Member Doll to put together a punch list. The state has just announced an additional CCMG call for this year. We expect more information on calls for next year possibly from the governor during his weekly address. We were planning to do only roadway maintenance for next year but if a 2021 call is planned we may need to shift our thought process on that.

New Business

- Trick or Treat

The Council set Saturday October 31 from 5-7 for Trick or Treat.

- 2021 Fire Territory Budget Approval

There was brief discussion on the Fire Territory Equipment Replacement Fund Budget. Council Member Doll asked if we are using this fund to pay for the planned improvements. Chief Schweizer responded that the main fund is for payment on the pumper tanker and the general fund is for

improvements. Council Member Doll asked if paying off the tanker as planned will lower the levy for next year and Josh replied it would, theoretically.

Council Member Rush moved to approve the Fire Territory General Fund Budget for 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed 4-0.

Council Member Doll moved to approve the Fire Territory Equipment Replacement Fund Budget for 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rush and passed 4-0.

- Approval of hiring policy revision.

Council Member Rush moved to accept the revised hiring procedure policy for the Marshal's Department as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed 4-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1397 – A Salary Ordinance for Town Employees

Council Member Doll moved to waive the rules to allow for the adoption of Ordinance #1397 on the day of introduction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rush and passed 4-0.

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1397 by caption only for the first reading.

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1397 in entirety for the second reading.

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1397 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Council Member Rush moved to adopt Ordinance #1397 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed 4-0.

Council Reports

Council Member Rush

Council Member Rush reported that the fall cemetery clean-up is scheduled for September 21 with a rain date of the 22nd.

Council Member Colanese

Council Member Colanese reported that the fire territory has made an offer to Hudson Lake for fire and ems protection for 2021. The board felt very strongly that to get an ambulance to Hudson Lake from La Porte would be anywhere from 18 to 22 minutes and we can do it from New Carlisle in 5 to 6 minutes. They would feel awful if they didn't accept the offer and something happened to someone there. He feels that everyone is on board including the Hudson Township Trustee and Will Miller has given him some good advice on obtaining financing. Hudson Township has approximately 22 percent of the calls and the cost for fire and ems protection offered to them is 22 percent of the budget and they feel this very fair and affordable.

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President Kauffman

President Kauffman attended the first session of park board master plan update meetings. There will be future opportunities for additional community involvement. She wanted to recognize and thank John, Rob and Perry for their work following the accident at the viaduct lift station. They were right on it and up until 2 AM and she expressed thanks to all of them for working so hard.

A work session was scheduled for Monday at 2:30 to discuss the town hall fire damage and several other things.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Doll moved to pay all bills as presented to the Claim Docket. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rush and passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Doll and second by Council Member Rush the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.



Marcy Kauffman, Council President

Attest:



Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer