

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, June 16, 2020, 6:35 PM

President Kauffman called the 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 Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Jill Doll, Perry Hinton, Jason Quirk, Bob Middlebrook and Carol Middlebrook.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Rush moved to approve the minutes of the June 2 General Meeting, June 8 Executive Session and June 10 Executive Session as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed 4-0.

Visitor Comments

None

Employee Reports

- Jason Quirk

Will be attending the IMMUDA meeting Thursday.

- Jared Huss

We will be holding a public meeting tonight for residents who will be impacted by the Zigler and Filbert Street projects and will introduce the contractor and project inspector to residents. The preconstruction meeting will be next Wednesday at 2 PM with the projects scheduled to start after July 4.

The Wellhead Protection Plan that Peerless has been working on will be submitted this week and forwarded to Council for review. We will need to discuss the plan and the Council's responsibility moving forward and will set a meeting to do this.

DLZ has requested additional information from us on the wastewater capital plan and will be generating some additional questions. We will need to set up a meeting with them in the next few weeks.

- Bob Middlebrook

Bob informed the Council that he has received an unusual amount of complaints about the water on Marvel Lane recently and that residents feel that they aren't being heard by anyone. Behind Sue Hughes' house is where all of the water drains and it is impossible to even mow at this time. Bob

stated that the residents down there all feel like they are treated like second class citizens and the issue includes all of the homes but the two that have filled in the basement. He added that the homes on Zigler Street are not experiencing any problems at this time. President Kauffman reported that she went with Bob down to Kate O'Connor's to speak with the owners and it is a real issue and they feel exactly the same. She is concerned about this issue and although she knows it has been looked at and it was referred to many many, times, she would like to see this revisited. She stated that Kate's has two sump pumps running 24/7. She spoke with Jared and they are going to look at Kate's but she would like to look at all of Marvel Lane. Jared stated that this is not the Town's fault in any way and there are solutions, such as running a header pipe, but this would be up to the Council to decide if they feel that spending the amount of money necessary is warranted. There are many larger pieces to consider and one of Jared's concerns is the long-term impact and he stressed that we would have to be very clear of what we would be providing, which would be an outfall for the sump pump. This would not eliminate the need for sump pumps. This was brought to the Council in the past and the Council made the decision not to do a header pipe and at that time, one homeowner took action predicated on that decision and filled in their basement.

President Kauffman asked for a motion to have Jared look into a couple of options, including costs and technicalities. Council Member Doll moved to ask Jared to look into options, including costs and technicalities. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rush and passed 4-0.

Council Member Doll questioned the possibility of asking the Army Corp of Engineers if they would review the situation and possibly come up with a solution since we can't permanently dewater and federal property is involved. Jared doesn't feel that the Army Corp will come and take pity because we can't permanently dewater. Jared doesn't feel that permanent dewatering is a good option and cited the Ethanol plant as an example. Jared feels the only solution is to provide a long-term pumping solution or provide a drainage solution such as the header pipe. With either scenario, you have to have a place to take the water. We will need to estimate the amount of water we would be talking about first. Perry stated that before dumping into the storm lift we would need to get with the railroad to clear the area between the tracks and expressed concern about the volume of water and size of pipe used. President Kauffman asked if this was a South Shore issue and Perry explained that it isn't and Jared suggested speaking with Norfolk Southern using the contact from the previous project at the viaduct.

New Business

- ILDSA Agreement

The ILDSA Agreement was reviewed in the work session prior to this meeting.

Council Member Doll moved to approve the ILDSA agreement as written and for Jason to be the signatory. Motion seconded by Council Member Rush and passed 4-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1389 – Rezoning of 501 W. Michigan Street.

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1389 by caption only for the third and final reading

Council Member Rush moved to accept Ordinance #1389 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed 4-0.

- Ordinance #1392 – An Ordinance Regarding Electric Disconnects

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1392 by caption only for the first reading.

Council Reports

Council Member Colanese

The Fire Territory meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at 5:30 to work on getting the loan for station renovation going. He reports that this needs to be taken care of as it will drive their budget.

Council Member Rush

The park board met recently and they are obtaining quotes for tree removal at Bourissa and a quote for a new drinking fountain at Memorial Park. They have also purchased new disc golf equipment. The summer concerts will be happening as long as there are no changes with COVID guidelines that would prevent them. The park board is also working on updating the five year park plan and they would like to meet with the Council in the afternoon to discuss the splash pad soon. She will discuss times with Vice President Budreau to try to set a meeting around his work schedule.

Council Member Doll

Council Member Doll reports that there were a couple of issues recently that Perry handled very well and commended him. He reminded everyone of the public meeting for the street/sidewalk projects immediately following this meeting.

President Kauffman

President Kauffman participated in the recent NCBCA held via Zoom. Bill Schalliol gave a power point presentation on where the IEC stands right now that she had copies of it for everyone to review.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Sue reports that the office will be closed on Thursday so that they may all participate in online training.

Bills to be Paid

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

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Doll and second by Council Member Rush the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Marcy L. Kauffman, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer