

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, February 27, 2018 5:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Carter called the meeting to order with Vice President Vojtko, Council Member Vermillion, Council Member Rypma, Council Member Budreau and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, John Mrozinski, Dave Doll, John Gelow, Sandy Raabe and Christopher Kuntz.

Minutes

Vice President Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2018 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed unanimously.

Visitor Comments

- John Gelow

Mr. Gelow questioned why a resident of Marvel Lane is being allowed to discharge water on to the road that in turn runs onto the highway which remains continually wet.

Vice President Vojtko stated that we have addressed this before. Jared stated that prior to the INDOT project last year they came through and asked that the Town resolve this issue. This was addressed and the pipe at this residence was then moved to discharge back into his yard. Jared said that he noticed today that there is a hose running down the driveway discharging water.

After brief discussion, Andrea recommended that contact be made with the homeowner and they be cited if the issue is not resolved.

- Christopher Kuntz

As a resident of Marvel Lane, Mr. Kuntz requests that something be done to find a way for residents there to discharge their water away from their property. Mr. Kuntz reports that his sump pump has not shut off since the heavy rain and he would like a way to direct water away from his property.

Vice President Vojtko stated that he understands and lives just around the corner and also has a sump pump that runs taking the water about 40 feet out into his yard but he feels that this current situation is basically an act of God with the heavy rains and simultaneous melting of the accumulated snow.

Mr. Kuntz asked if the Town could put in a drain for them to pump water into. Jared explained that various options for residents in this area and along E. Michigan Street have been discussed and we do continue to look at options to perhaps be able to work with the residents to come up with some solution. Jared suggested that a work session for discussion with residents in this area be scheduled.

Vice President Vojtko suggested that the piezometers be checked to obtain the groundwater level. Jared stated that to get a comprehensive idea we would need to take readings on a regular basis as well as when there is some type of rain event.

Mr. Gelow stated that another issue with the water being pumped onto Marvel Lane and ultimately Michigan Street is that it is costing the town money because our pumps must deal with this water.

Chief Schweizer and Chief Roseboom entered the meeting.

Jared suggests having homeowners come to a work session and voice concerns and give information regarding the issues they are experiencing and then collect data for a later meeting.

Stephanie Murphy entered the meeting.

Employee Reports

Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea reports that we are currently in a holding pattern on the ladder truck as we are waiting for a response from the county.

A draft of a disabled person's parking space policy is complete and ready for Council review and approval.

The three Interlocal Fire and EMS Agreements have been done twice and Andrea would like to have them approved by the Council.

The number of requests for public records continues.

Engineer Jared Huss

2017 Community Crossings is going well. A PDF of the project will be sent to Sue so it can be put on the website. Jared will have engineering estimates for the project for the March 6th meeting.

Jared recently met with MACOG regarding the Pazer ratings. He also spoke with the County about the water and sewer extension project and getting that turned over. On-going conversation with the apartments continues as well.

Public Works Director John Mrozinski

John reports that he recently met with Jared, Tim and Pat to go over the old water treatment plant assessment. Donohue will be moving forward with what they have.

With the recent rain and melting snow, we had issues with infiltration in the sewer lines causing a problem and John brought in two companies to assist. John thanked Bob and the fire department

for assisting residents with flooded basements by pumping them out. John also spoke with homeowners on Marvel Lane concerning the water issue.

Jared reported that in review of the Miller's subdivision as it relates to splitting the building, he requested additional information and will also need additional info regarding utilities.

Ordinances, Resolutions

Ordinance #1357 – A Salary Ordinance for Town Employees

Vice President Vojtko moved to waive the rules to allow for the adoption of Ordinance #1357 on the day of its introduction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Budreau and passed unanimously.

President Carter read Ordinance #1357 by caption only for the first reading.

President Carter read Ordinance #1357 in entirety for the second reading.

President Carter read Ordinance #1357 by caption only for the third and final reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance #1357 as written was made by Council Member Vermillion and seconded by Council Member Budreau. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Reports

Council Member Vermillion

Council Member Vermillion, John, Jared and Sue recently met with Shannon McLeod who is a grant writer currently working with many communities including Walkerton. She proposed several things that would be no cost to the town and will also be sending information on other things. She recommended that we get an income survey for the entire town as it will be necessary for any federal grants.

Vice President Vojtko

Vice President Vojtko attended an Area Plan meeting last week concerning the proposed concrete plant in the TIF which received a favorable recommendation and passed. He reports that he met briefly with them and they are going to try to move as much traffic to SR2 as possible and also got assurance that there will be no concrete crushing at the proposed site. This passed the County Council as well.

The curbside recycling fee has been set at \$28 for curbside and \$11 for household hazardous waste for a total of \$39. They continue to address hazardous waste usage by out of county residents and hope to have it settled by summer.

Marcy Kauffman entered the meeting.

President Carter

President Carter welcomed the scouts attending tonight.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

Sue reports that she is doing a final review of the Annual Financial Report prior to submittal and will have copies to be presented at the March 13th meeting. The Annual Debt Report was submitted today.

Bid specs for trash removal have been advertised and are scheduled to be opened at the March 13th meeting.

Bills to be Paid

A motion to pay all bills as presented was made by Vice President Vojtko and seconded by Council Member Budreau. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Budreau and seconded by Council Member Vermillion the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM

Ken Carter, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer