

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan St., New Carlisle
General Meeting, March 19, 2019

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also in attendance were John Mrozinski, Jared Huss, Cal Dittmar, Josh Schweizer, Josh Szuba, Bob & Carol Middlebrook, Dan Caruso, Dana Groves, Nancy Carr, Corey Carr and Cornelius Hannewyk.

Minutes

Council Vice President Vermillion moved to approve the minutes of the February 19th Public Hearing (that had been tabled at March 5th meeting) and the March 5th General Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kauffman. The motion passed by all except for Council Member Budreau abstaining his vote for the February 19th minutes.

Perry Hinton entered at 5:05

Visitors Comments

- Dan Caruso

Mr. Caruso stated that he will going to the Fire Territory meeting and that the Fire Territory issue and the IEC (Indiana Economic Center) are all connected and that so many decisions are being based on that area and that a lot of what they are saying is going or not going to happen or are a done deal and then they are not. He discussed the IEC area on things that are being done or not done- IOS rating, Toll Road ramp, moving the ditch.

Two things he is asking the Council-

1) to take an official position on IEC projects that we want input and information on and that we want to be part of that decision making. We need to get things in writing to our elected officials, because residents are not getting anywhere and are spinning our wheels and have no political voice. Please take an official position against anything out there that you don't have your hand in-so we have some input on what comes in the area out there for obvious reasons- not knowing who it is coming in, the pollution it could bring, the damage to the roads, etc.

2) I will be speaking at the Fire Territory tonight and so much of what the Fire Territory wants to do is based on what we have been told about IEC area, that there is going to be a fire house out there and then several days ago I hear it's not going to happen. Then again we hear about the Toll Road ramp coming here and then I talked to them (the Toll Road) and they say they never heard about that. After much discussion on IEC happenings he asked that the Council please take a position on both things, the Fire Territory & the IEC area.

Employee Reports

- **Engineer Jared Huss**

We should be hearing on 2018 Community Crossing grants decision this week.

Wastewater Planning Grant- we got two interested companies and that we would be setting up a committee of 3 or 5 people- the three person committee would possibly be myself, John and Council Member Budreau or the five person committee would be the three, Sue and one more Council person. We would need to interview both interested companies for the grant.

Lastly, I know Council President Carter had received notice from St. Joseph County, that Navistar would like a letter of support for the "Connected Autonomous Vehicle" and that we need to decide on that.

- **Public Works Director John Mrozinski**

We had our first Cemetery Meeting of the year and the Cemetery Board would like to have Bobby Masters do the 2019 mowing at the same price as last year.

The leaf vac will be picking up leaves raked to the curb starting this Friday and again a couple of more times for people to get their spring yard cleaning done.

We purchased 31 new flags for US 20 for light poles. They will be going up in the next couple of weeks.

Cemetery Spring Clean up will be Friday, March 22 with Monday March 25th as the rain date.

Roger Grove will be coming next Thursday for the Parks.

I will be going to a water seminar tomorrow with four of our employees in Wanatah.

New Business

- Addendum to Interlocal agreement for additional upgrades to the 2019 Pierce Ladder Truck, that is being given to us by St. Joseph Co., in the amount of \$17,000.00 over the original cost. St. Joseph Co. had voted last week to agree to the addition costs. Council Member Budreau made a motion to agree with and sign the addendum to the Interlocal agreement for the cost of \$17,000.00. Council Vice President Vermillion seconded the motion and a vote was taken, it passed unanimously.
- 2019 Cemetery mowing contract- Council Vice President Vermillion made a motion to accept the 2019 mowing contract for the same cost as last year from Custom Lawn owned by Bobby Masters for the mowing of the Cemetery. Council Member Budreau seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- John Mrozinski advised that he had gotten a proposal to have an alley milled down and then resurfaced from Walsh & Kelly for the east-west alley between Ada St. and Chestnut St. that runs between Arch and Race Streets for the cost of \$13,724.00. Council Member Budreau made a motion to accept the proposal from Walsh & Kelly for the alley paving and not to exceed the cost of \$13,724.00. Council Member Kauffman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- John Mrozinski then spoke with the Council on the issue with the Town's 2013 ToolCat (that is used every day) and the problem of water getting into the engine at this time at a possible repair cost of \$5,000 to \$10,000. He did get a quote on the possibility of a trade-in of the 2013 ToolCat for a new 2019 ToolCat. The quote with everything on it that the Town would need and also included the credit of the Trade-in and a municipal discount making the total cost of \$27,447.73 for a new 2019 ToolCat and Mrozinski did advise that he does have the money in his budget. Mrozinski then added that the deal is with accepting the 2013 ToolCat "as-is"-if the trade in not accepted as an "as-is" deal then he would not do the deal.

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At that point Council Vice President Vermillion made a motion to move forward with the trade-in of the 2013 ToolCat for the purchase of the 2019 ToolCat and not to exceed the cost of \$27,447.73. Council Member Budreau seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jim Niedbalski entered the meeting at this point 5:16 p.m.

- Dana Groves brought to the Council the good news that Discover New Carlisle had received a Façade grant for our Business Owners from 1st Source Foundation through 1st Source Bank. DNC hopes to offer up \$7,500.00 for the first year for several types of projects for this grant. The area for the businesses to be in to meet the guidelines would be along US 20 from the Town of New Carlisle Welcome signs at each end of Town and a block and a half north and south on US 20 in that same area. There are several types of projects that can be applied for-façade, awnings, and signage/lighting. There will be applications to be filled out and gone over by a three person committee, then permits to file. Dana then asks the Council to please consider ways the Town might be able to help make this an ongoing grant for years to come. DNC is going to input \$5,000.00 a year and is asking the Council if they would be interested in partnering in some way with DNC on this program. Also Discover New Carlisle will be having a kick off for the grant at the New Carlisle Library to receive the \$15,000.00 check from 1st Source Bank on April 23, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.
Thank you

Andrea Halpin entered the meeting at 5:24.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Etc

- Resolution#19-03-19-01- a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of New Carlisle adopting the St. Joseph Co. Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Council President Carter read the resolution in its entirety. No questions were asked at that point, so Council Vice President Vermillion made a motion to accept Resolution#19-03-19-01 as read. Council Member Budreau seconded the motion and a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

- **Attorney Andrea Halpin**

Andrea advised that she had been working with John on the land right of way and has just gotten the title paperwork and will be getting a purchase agreement ready.

She has been working on paperwork for the Ladder Truck

She is also working on the documents in the event that the Fire Territory is approved.

Council Reports

- **Council Member Rush**

Samantha introduced her new son, Knox, to the Council

- **Council Member Kauffman**

Thanked Bob Middlebrook & Doug Brasseur for the "New Prairie Indoor Percussion Ensemble" congratulatory escort into Town on their way back from competition where they qualified for State and it was very appreciated for those students, they did go on to win second in State at the competition last weekend.

Discover New Carlisle is planning a "Community Clean Up Day" this spring on Saturday May 18, 2019. Also if the Council could provide a dumpster for residents to get rid of unwanted items and DNC will be planting the downtown flower pots. Also DNC is open for any other ideas for a spring clean up day and anyone who wants to volunteer that day would be great.

John and I attended the St. Joseph Co. Redevelopment Commission meeting on March 12th. Council Member Kauffman did want to point out that there were 6 items on their agenda and item #5 was a request for permission for a plan amendment to add properties to the development area footprint per Bill Schalliol.

Then, later in the day, I also attended the St. Joseph Co. Council meeting. They did not have anything in regards to New Carlisle or our area on the agenda, but during public comments people representing the OSAA group spoke about their concerns with IEC and I did speak on behalf of myself and not the Town Council on the proposed growth to the original area. I was asked by Mark Telloyan if I was now on the Council and I advised yes but I was speaking as myself and not the council. He then asked me how the Council feels about the TIF area and I told him that the Council did have a prepared statement but I did not have it with me, at that point Council President Carter advised that he did send them a statement.

Lastly, I think that rather or not the Fire Territory goes through tonight I feel that we need to hire two more part time fire fighters to help relieve the burden on our Volunteer Fire Fighters and to help with full coverage as soon as possible. Council President Carter advised that the problem with that is Olive Twp. can't afford this. I still feel we need to have a discussion on this.

- **Council Vice President Vermillion**

Police Chief Dittmar had advised today that all of his officers signed for and are now working under the department SOP, that was devised, the last one that came about was devised in 2008, the new one is now with our attorney for reviewing and that the new one should be coming out pretty shortly or whenever. At that point Council President Carter ask that Andrea to give a copy to Attorney Andrea Beachkofsky and Andrea advised that it hasn't passed yet and is just a draft and that she can. Council Vice President Vermillion advised the one they are working under is the '08.

New Carlisle Library is having a DYI this weekend from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. and will be having document shredding and I think for a donation.

- **Council President Carter**

Council President Carter wanted an agreement on the Council's stance of the Praxair issue and not to pay the bill. Andrea suggested to cut a check for the balloon filler and tank and not to pay the rest. She would write the letter. Josh Schweizer advised that he had gone to the company and that they would not give him the cost of the two items until all was paid. Ken just wants all of the accounts closed and to have everything picked up at all the places. Andrea asks for permission to find out the cost. Josh advised that at some point in the Ambulance

Department history someone ordered the balloon filler and tank and that both items are missing, at that point Council Member Budreau asked if an employee stole the filler and tank,

Josh advised possibly, but really didn't know. Andrea would like to find a fair market value for the two items and then get permission to send check & letter. Council Member Budreau made a motion to have Andrea research for fair market value and then get check and send with letter to Praxair. Council Vice President Vermillion seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council President Carter then ask Cal if they had hired their data clerk yet and he advised that they are waiting on the background check. Council President Carter asks if they only did one background check and he advised that they did two-one was back and they were waiting on the second before they finished.

Lastly, Council President Carter advised that St. Joseph Co. is requesting a letter of support for the Navistar grant for the "Connected Autonomous Vehicle". Council Vice President Vermillion advised that he had the letter and added that the letter should contain information about Navistar being the Studebaker Proving Grounds so he added that to the letter. All agreed and then Council Vice President Vermillion made a motion to accept letter as written and Council Member Budreau seconded and passed 5-0 for Council President Carter to sign.

Bills to be Paid

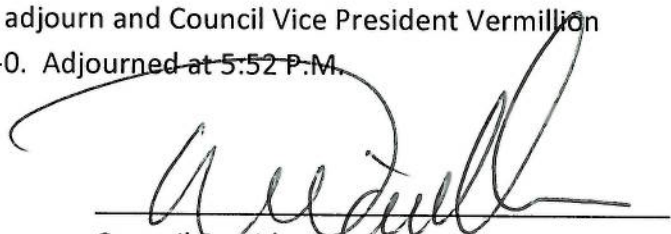
Council Vice President Vermillion made a motion to pay the bills and Council Member Budreau seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Council Member Budreau made a motion to adjourn and Council Vice President Vermillion seconded the motion and the vote passed 5-0. Adjourned at 5:52 P.M.



Jilla A. Doll, Deputy Clerk



Council President Ken Carter,
Vice President Dan Vermillion