

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, January 10, 2016 5:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt called the meeting to order with Council Member Carter, Council Member Vojtko, Council Member Rypma, and Council Member Budreau present. Council Member Vermillion was absent.

Also in attendance were Chuck Leone, Jared Huss, John Mrozinski, Perry Hinton, Jill Doll, John Gelow, Sandy Raabe and Marcy Kauffman.

Election of Officers

Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt opened the floor to nominations for 2017 Council President.

Council Member Vojtko nominated Council Member Carter for Council President. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Rypma.

There were no further nominations and the floor was closed.

Upon a vote of 4-0, Council Member Carter was elected to serve as Council President for 2017.

President Carter opened the floor to nominations for council vice president. Council Member Rypma nominated Council Member Vojtko to serve as vice president. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Budreau.

There were no further nominations for vice president and the floor was closed.

Upon a vote of 4-0, Stephen Vojtko was elected to serve as Council Vice President for 2017.

Appointment of Commissions

The 2017 Commissions are as follows:

Steve Vojtko:	Streets and Sidewalks
Dan Vermillion:	Utilities
Aaron Rypma:	Police, Fire and Ambulance
Jordon Budreau:	Parks and Cemetery

Minutes

Vice President Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the December 29, 2016 Public Hearing and General Meeting as written. The motion was second by Council Member Rypma and passed 3-0. President Carter abstained.

Employee Reports

Attorney Chuck Leone

Work has included preparation of a memo regarding the old playground equipment and updating of the Surf Air Agreement. They have also worked with Chief Schweizer on a notice for sale of surplus equipment that must be sent to other fire departments in the county offering them first right of refusal.

Engineer Jared Huss

Jared reports that the INDOT paving project for US 20/Michigan Street is in the bidding process with anticipated contract awarding to be held in the next few weeks.

St. Joseph County will be holding a planning meeting at 5:30 on January 12th at Moser's to begin with input from the Town as they begin the master planning process.

Jared also reported the following:

- We will have a discussion on the 2017 pavement and sidewalk projects at the work session later tonight.
- SJEC agreement as related to servicing water treatment plant property transfer is still being worked on.
- We have received a request for a building permit for additional apartments on Chapman Drive and he, Bob and John are working on this together.
- 25 year water rate study is in progress that he and John are working on
- Income Study for OCRA Grant is nearly complete with a couple of households remaining.
- Spoke with Andrea regarding Tiger Court letter that she will be sending a draft of for review
- Provided final pay app for release of retainage today
- 3 year maintenance bond for pavement project on agenda for next meeting

Council Member Rypma asked if the US 20 project will include the Bray Street Intersection and Jared replied that it will be included.

President Carter asked if we had heard anything from Bill regarding the aerial truck. Sue responded that Josh had expected to hear from him this afternoon.

Old Business

- Surf Air Wireless Agreement

We received a draft of the co-location agreement that had several issues but it is basically the same as the initial agreement. Chuck has reviewed the draft and stated that it has omitted the value of the services we receive for usage of the water tower and feels that those should be valued. In reviewing what is currently being done with other towns he found that they get between \$400 and \$2000 per month for lease of space on a water towers, etc. He also feels there is language that deals

with use by others that needs further review. Chuck is waiting for a return call from Patrick Wheeland for further discussion.

- Old Playground Equipment

There was brief discussion regarding the disposition of the old playground equipment. Chuck advised that it could be disposed of and John will try to salvage what can be scrapped and dispose of whatever is left.

New Business

- CEDIT Plan

Sue explained that the Town is required to file a CEDIT Plan with St. Joseph County in order to receive CEDIT Funds and a new plan must be filed this year. We have used the sidewalk replacement plan as our project since 2010. The Town's CEDIT amount for next year will be approximately \$171,102.

Vice President Vojtko moved to use \$170,000 of CEDIT funding for continuation of the 25 Year Sidewalk Plan for 2017 and 2018. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0.

- Request for adjustment to sewer

The Council received a letter requesting an adjustment in sewer for the home at 221 E. Dunn Road. An outside spigot had been left running and was discovered by a town employee who verified that it had been running for some time. Because the water did not go into the sewer, she requested that her sewer be adjusted to an average usage for her home.

Tonya had prepared information on her average usage for a twelve month period and it would result in an adjustment of \$663.70 to her sewer account.

Vice President Vojtko moved to approve the adjustment of \$663.70 to the sewer portion of Ms. Johnston's utility account. The motion was seconded by Council Member Budreau and passed 4-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1339 – An ordinance regarding ambulance services fees

A motion to table Ordinance #1339 was made by Council Member Rypma and seconded by Vice President Vojtko. Ordinance #1339 will be amended to include Hudson Township and the second reading will be held at the next meeting.

Council Reports

Council Member Rypma

Council Member Rypma stated that Josh would like to move forward with looking at new ambulances. They are looking at two manufacturers and would like to have a 4x4 for heavy snow and include roll-over protection with the ability to put a new chassis on the frame so we would not have to replace it every 6-7 years. EMS is also working on a grant for a power load unit with an approximate cost of \$29,000 that would help immensely.

Vice President Vojtko

He has a meeting for the Solid Waste District tomorrow. They are looking at restructuring their fee schedule and possibly raising rates.

Bills to be Paid

Vice President Vojtko moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Budreau and passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Rypma and second by Council Member Budreau the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Ken Carter, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer