

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, April 11, 2017 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 Rypma and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present. Council Member Vermillion was absent.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Josh Schweizer, Jason Quirk, Jill Doll, Bob Middlebrook, Mary Ann Swope, Dave Doll and Sandy Raabe.

Bid Openings

President Carter opened the one ambulance bid received:

Horton Emergency Vehicles	\$224,534.00
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The bid was taken under advisement.

Approval of Minutes

Vice President Vojtko asked for a correction to the minutes of the March 28 General Meeting under Surf Air Discussion as follows: Vice President Vojtko stated that he feels free internet for the council and employees is not a good idea.

Vice President Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the March 28, 2017 General Meeting as corrected and Work Session as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0. Council Member Vermillion abstained.

Employee Reports

Chief Schweizer

Josh has provided a ladder truck quote to the St. Joseph County Council for their meeting tonight but because they will not have a quorum it not be voted on. He expects this to be discussed again in May.

Regarding the surplus vehicles that were included in the silent auction but not sold, Josh plans to sell them on consignment through Brinley Mountain.

Electric Superintendent Jason Quirk

Jason attended the recent IMMUDA meeting which was for discussion only.

Jason reports that we did have several outages due to wind damage with the longest outage lasting six hours.

Council Member Budreau entered the meeting.

Building Inspector Bob Middlebrook

Bob reports that the library wants to install a lighted sign that is not permitted in the zoning ordinance because they are in a residential neighborhood. They intend to file for a variance through the Board of Zoning Appeals and would like a letter supporting the sign installation from the Council.

Council Member Rypma stated he remembers that when he was the park board liaison there was discussion of having the library place a sign at Memorial Park. Vice President Vojtko said that he attended a Park Board meeting last summer and discussed placement of a sign at Memorial Park with costs shared between the library and the town. He reports that the Park Board was not in favor of a sign in the park.

Council Member Budreau stated that he feels the sign in Memorial Park is a great idea and he will speak with the Park Board about this issue at their next meeting.

There was discussion on placement of the sign in Memorial Park. Sue suggested checking with INDOT first would be a good idea if placement of the sign were to be in the tree lawn because a right-of-way permit would be required.

The letter in support of the sign variance requested by the Library Board was tabled.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea reported that she has prepared a draft ordinance for the proposed one-way street and also worked with Chief Schweizer and Jared on several things.

Engineer Jared Huss

Jared reports that he and Andrea will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the SJEC agreement changes. Work on the new water plant continues to move forward as planned.

Jared would like to meet with the water treatment plant crew regarding updating of the plant and will also be setting a meeting with Sue soon to look at available funding for the OCRA project.

Jared has had more correspondence from the apartment developer but nothing definite to report.

Work on the INDOT Michigan Street project is moving forward. Jared reports that the viaduct will be closed beginning the first to middle of May for 30 days. Trees in the viaduct discussed at the last meeting are not part of the project or under their jurisdiction so they won't be addressed in the project. Jared reports that we did question the condition of the railroad bridge at the meeting and asked the rep from the railroad to take the information back. There was also discussion of erosion related issues at the lift station on US 20 with a very workable solution.

Jared continues to work with Rob and the crew on grease and oil investigation and testing.

Vice President Vojtko inquired about discussion with the county on the purchase of the ladder truck. Jared stated that the truck is still being looked at and he feels that there are partnership opportunities to work on in a collaborative effort with the county.

Old Business

- Surf-Air Contract discussion

Ken reports that Chuck has made suggested changes and will be taking it back to Surf Air for review.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Parade Policy

Sue prepared a Parade Policy following discussion at the last work session for review and adoption by the Council.

Vice President Vojtko suggested that individual names of supervisors be removed in the policy and only their positions be listed.

Council Member Rypma moved to adopt the Parade Policy with the changes to title only. Vice President Vojtko seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

Council Reports

Council Member Rypma

Council Member Rypma inquired about Kiewit being involved in donating financing for certain things and asked if Jared had heard anything further. Jared feels that everyone needs to be part of a discussion regarding priorities and work together regarding available opportunities.

The A/V equipment is being installed and Council Member Rypma received a call about relocating the original screen placement from the south to the west wall behind the Council for better visibility.

Vice President Vojtko

Vice President Vojtko attended the Solid Waste District Meeting Monday and reports that the process to place charges on tax rolls is moving along and that South Bend has decided not to pull out of the program for at least one year. He stated that the County Council Member for this area wants to do away with curbside recycling and has said that New Carlisle should obtain and pay for their own program.

At the last New Carlisle Business Association meeting it was asked if we could do something with the signs at each end of town. Vice President Vojtko asked Jason about the possibility of lighting the signs. Jason stated that, because it is out of our territory, we would need to set up an account through AEP. Vice President Vojtko asked that Jason contact them to find out the cost involved to light the signs.

Council Member Budreau

Council Member Budreau reports that the energy center has also asked for a wish list from the park and that the school board wants to discuss a walkway behind the school that would go through the

wooded area back to Bourissa Hills Park. Jared suggested that there be a collective list from the town as a whole and not individually.

President Carter inquired about funding for cemetery stone repair. Cemetery Board Member Dave Doll stated that they have investigated grants and found that there is money available for repair of veteran markers. They did get a quote from a company in southern Indiana for monument repair and it was \$250,000. President Carter stated that he feels we share responsibility for those stones. Dave reports that there are restrictions for use of the perpetual care fund. Andrea was asked to look into whether or not we would be allowed to repair the stones as they do not belong to the Town.

Bills to be Paid

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

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Vice President Vojtko and second by Council Member Budreau the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM.

Ken Carter, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer