

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, July 25, 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, Council Member Vermillion, Council Member Budreau and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Josh Schweizer, Jill Doll, Jeff Roseboom, John Mrozinski, Jason Quirk, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, Sandy Raabe, Mary Ann Swope, Marcy Kauffman, Carol Hesch, Oleta Kaminski, Randy Gowen, Faith Morrison and Shannon Reidenbach and Jeremy Jankowiak.

Bid Openings

President Carter opened five bids received for the 2017 Sidewalk Project as follows:

Northern Construction	\$109,985.90
Premium Concrete Services	\$154,960.00
Rieth-Riley Construction, Inc.	\$141,859.00
Walsh & Kelly, Inc.	\$141,678.90
Ziolkowski Construction, Inc.	\$182,805.00

The bids were taken under advisement.

Approval of Minutes

Vice President Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2017 General Meeting and Work Session as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0. Council Member Budreau abstained.

Public Comments

- Carol Hesch Bray Street

Mrs. Hesch lives on South Bray Street and has noticed increased traffic due to new homes and suggested that some deer crossing signs be added back near Edge of the Woods.

Mrs. Hesch also stated that there were recently issues with spraying the easement behind homes on Bray Street. They were not notified that the easement would be cleared this time as they have been in the past. She also questioned the use of Roundup which was sprayed because she feels that its use is very debatable. Mrs. Hesch provided copies of information on Roundup for the Council for review. She asked that the residents be notified when easement clearance is done and, in addition, she stated that there is not a contact button on our website although contact information is available.

Employee Reports

Town Crew Supervisor John Mrozinski

The viaduct finally reopened this afternoon. They are getting ready for Home Town Days this weekend and everything is going well.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

They are still waiting on appendices from SJEC but did make them aware that the ordinance has been adopted. Several issues regarding code enforcement have also been addressed.

Engineer Jared Huss

Jared introduced Faith Morrison, an associate with Lawson Fisher. He reports that he spoke with a representative from Earth Explorations regarding the groundwater study that was conducted on Marvel Lane. Briefly, there was no clay layer found as had been mentioned as a possibility but they were able to determine that discontinuing use of the well on Chestnut Street has no impact on the groundwater level. Piezometers will remain in place for continued monitoring.

Jared also reported the following:

- The Community Crossings Grant that was prepared by MACOG was completed and submitted to INDOT by Sue.
- They are finalizing some pieces of the new water treatment plant. Training is done and a substantial completion walk through has taken place. There are some punch list items to be addressed. Some testing will be done mid-August for a clean transfer of the plant.
- The work session tonight will include a conversation about prospective 2018 projects.
- The viaduct has been re-opened but there are some issues regarding drainage that are a concern and need to be addressed during the walk-through. Falling debris from the railroad tracks above also needs to be addressed.
- Awarding of the sidewalk project bid will take place at the next meeting and notice to proceed will be issued at the August 22nd meeting.
- A response from Prairie Ridge Apartments was received and will require additional information and response from the Town.
- Investigation of the standing water at Ben and Bray mentioned by Council Member Rypma at the last meeting found that it was due to debris in the drains from the storms and it has been taken care of.
- He recently met with Donohue and Selge regarding the project including the pressure reducing station.
- The Walnut Road paving project is nearly complete.
- The existing water treatment plant will be looked at soon and the county is assessing future needs.

Vice President Vojtko asked if there has been communication with NPUSC regarding the change to one-way in the 100 block of East Front Street. Jared and Chief have discussed additional signage that will be necessary for special events, etc. due to the change.

New Business

- New Avenues Contract

The New Avenues employee assistance contract covers all employees, the fire department and the Council. The renewal cost for the program remains at \$2.85 per employee.

Council Member Budreau moved to renew the New Avenues contract at a monthly cost of \$2.85 per person. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed unanimously.

Council Reports

Council Member Rypma

Council Member Rypma previously discussed the emissions issues experienced in some Ford Explorers. He reports that Josh has tested his vehicle and it was compliant but one Notre Dame vehicle tested above the recommended carbon monoxide level. Chief Roseboom is testing his department vehicles as well.

Vice President Vojtko

Concerts in the Park begin tomorrow and run for five weeks. Music begins at 6:30 and everyone is welcome to attend.

Council Member Budreau

The Park Board has prepared a “Tree Replacement Policy” that they recommend the Town adopt. The policy was presented for Council review.

Council Member Vermillion

Council Member Vermillion spoke with John Mrozinski and they recommend that Monumental Choices do the restoration work on the Welcome to New Carlisle signs at the east and west entrances to town.

Council Member Vermillion moved to accept the proposal from Monumental Choices LLC in the amount of \$2,800 to refurbish both signs to include power washing, two coats of treatment, caulk and painting the letter engraving. The motion was seconded by Council Member Budreau and passed 3-0. Vice President Vojtko and Council Member Rypma voted nay.

President Carter

President Carter reminded everyone of the August 1st work session to discuss options for updating the Town’s master plan.

As part of the Grand Re-Opening of Town being planned for August 26th, President Carter would like to use council promotional funds to help promote businesses by offering some type of coupon to be used that day with amounts and limits to be determined. Attorney Andrea Halpin did not feel that this would be allowable but will research and report back to President Carter. An invitation to attend will be extended to Senator Joe Donnelly and to Representative Ryan Dvorak who were instrumental in getting the viaduct project moving forward.

Bills to be Paid

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

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