

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, September 11, 2017 5:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those lost on September 11, 2001.

President Carter called the general meeting to order at 5:17 PM with Vice President Vojtko, Council Member Rypma, Council Member Budreau and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present. Council Member Vermillion was absent.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Josh Schweizer, John Mrozinski, Jason Quirk, Jill Doll, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook and Ella Sanford.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the August 22, 2017 Public Hearing and General Meeting minutes was tabled.

Employee Reports

Public Works Director John Mrozinski

John reports that the Welcome to New Carlisle signs at each end of town have been painted and the first coat of sealer has been applied. It was a more difficult process than originally thought but the second coat will be applied next week.

There was a water main break on Thunderbird Drive over the weekend that has now been repaired.

The sidewalk project is moving along with all new water shut-offs installed in the 100 block of East Front Street.

John has hired Jerry Cooper for the town crew. Jerry started work on August 31st and is working out well.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea reports that they have been working on several issues regarding building and code enforcement as well as the amended fire department contract.

Negotiations regarding the apartment development continue. Andrea feels the only issue remaining at this point is calculating the number of units that will be using the lift station. Jared briefly explained the issue with the lift station percentages and whether to consider existing apartments. Jared feels that their latest offer of 50% of the lift station upgrade is fair. They will also be installing a grinder pump that will help with the debris that is entering the lift station.

Ella Sanford entered the meeting.

The Council will need to determine if the fifty percent for the developers' share of the lift station is equitable for both parties. We also want to be certain that we establish a policy that is fair for all future development.

Following a brief discussion, Vice President Vojtko motioned to move forward with negotiations at a 50% cost share. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0.

Work on rental registration and inspection ordinances continues and Andrea feels that a work session is required before moving forward to be certain that everyone is in agreement with the requirements that will be set and the processes that will be necessary.

Vice President Vojtko questioned whether the apartments are being taken into consideration when preparing the ordinances for registration and inspection. Andrea stated that all rental properties would be included but there are considerations for properties that utilize professional property managers and also for HUD units as they are already inspected by the health department.

Council Member Rypma noted that prior to our utility ordinance requiring property owners to keep utilities in their name, there were numerous issues with non-payment resulting in large losses to the utilities. After reviewing the utility charge-offs last time, it is apparent that the ordinance has been effective in drastically reducing lost revenue.

Engineer Jared Huss

Jared reports that Chuck Lehman will have master plan update proposals for the next meeting.

Awarding of Community Crossings Grants for this year has been delayed. Jared and John will be working together to determine projects for the 2018 grant applications.

The sanitary sewer and water extension is being reviewed and there are some concerns that John and Jared will work to rectify through the appropriate people.

Sidewalk project is moving along with all concrete removed. Jared expressed thanks to Bob Middlebrook for his assistance.

We received a response from INDOT today regarding a final walk-through of the US 20 Paving Project. Completion is expected by September 29th and a walk-through will be scheduled prior to that date.

Striping on Bray Street is now complete. Council Member Budreau asked for a follow up to Council Member Rypma's suggestion that parking spaces be marked on Michigan Street. Jared will speak with INDOT representatives about the additional spaces.

Jared reports that following Council Member Vermillion's suggestion at the last meeting that all four way intersections be made four way stops, he reviewed the MUTDC (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) and reports that it is very clear that stop signs should not be used for speed control.

Vice President Vojtko asked if we couldn't determine Bray Street to be a public safety issue because of the school. Jared stated that he is not debating that issue but usage must be predicated on traffic or because of a site issue.

Council Member Budreau asked if a possible solution could be the addition of flashing speed limit signs. Jared reports that he and Chief have discussed these and that Chief and John are looking into purchasing two of them.

President Carter asked if we were to use the flashing signs and still have an issue would we be able to then change the Bray and Dunn intersection to a four-way stop. Jared stated that you would still have to meet the conditions in the MUTCD but should there be issues of concern, the Council can weigh those things and look at options including a stop sign. Vice President Vojtko stated that there is no parking allowed on Bray Street but cars are always parked there because there is no enforcement. He stated that the no parking signs should be eliminated if we are not going to enforce them. Sue stated that cars line up along Bray Street for drop off in the morning and although the line does move slowly, the cars aren't actually parked. Children are required to be dropped off one car at a time at a single location with a teacher present and parents are very cautious so the line does move somewhat slowly but the process seems to work well. Vice President Vojtko stated that the child drop off should not be taking place on the street and should instead be done in the parking lot.

There was continued discussion regarding Bray Street and Jared suggested that a letter could be drafted from the Council to the school corporation addressing the concerns being expressed tonight about safety.

Old Business

- Revised 2017 Fire Contract

The contract change is being made to allow reimbursement to the fire department for the part-time paid personnel in the amount of \$63,000 annually to be paid quarterly. An additional appropriation will be necessary.

Council Member Rypma moved to accept the 2017 Amended Fire Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Budreau and passed 4-0.

Josh has prepared bid specs for replacement of Engine 91 and asked for Council approval to move forward with the bid specs.

Council Member Budreau motioned to allow moving forward with bid specs for Engine 91. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0.

New Business

- Set Trick-or-Treat Time

A motion to continue Trick-or-Treat from 5-7 EST on Halloween, October 31st was made by Vice President Vojtko and seconded by Council Member Budreau. The motion passed 4-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1348 – An ordinance adopting the 2017 Supplement for the Town Code -3rd Reading

President Carter read Ordinance #1348 in entirety by caption only for the third reading.

Council Member Budreau moved to adopt Ordinance #1348 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0.

- Ordinance #1350 – a salary ordinance for employees of the Town of New Carlisle

A motion to waive the rules to allow for the adoption of Ordinance #1350 on the day of introduction was made by Vice President Vojtko and seconded by Council Member Budreau. The motion passed 4-0.

President Carter read Ordinance #1350 by caption only for the first reading.

President Carter read Ordinance #1350 in entirety for the second reading.

President Carter read Ordinance #1350 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Vice President Vojtko moved to adopt Ordinance #1350 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Budreau and passed 4-0.

Council Reports

Council Member Rypma

Council Member Rypma will speak with the Chief regarding Bray Street.

President Carter

The work session following the September 26th meeting will be to discuss the rental registration and inspection.

Bills to be Paid

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

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Budreau and second by Vice President Vojtko the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM

Ken Carter, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer