

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting, February 16, 2021, 6:30 PM**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Rush called the meeting to order with Vice President Kauffman, Council Member Doll, Council Member Colanese and the Clerk-Treasurer present. Council Member Budreau was absent.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jason Quirk, Jill Doll, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook and Dan Caruso present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Doll moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kauffman and passed 4-0.

**Employee Reports**

- Jason Quirk, Electric Department

Jason reported that he has been working on a lot of equipment repairs, snow removal and has followed up with Josh.

- Andrea Halpin, Attorney

Andrea reported that she received an email from Josh regarding a surplus trailer that the Fire Department has that the electric department is interested in and could use. She went over available options and Will is going to speak with the OT Board. The value of the trailer is approximately \$4000 with the town and township each owning ½ interest. She also touched base with Jared regarding the strip of land along Edison Road and this is still in progress. She and Sue worked together on a utility repayment plan to be used once the town begins disconnects and penalties again. She will send both the resolution and agreement to everyone and include it on the agenda next time.

- Jared Huss, Engineer

President Rush reported for Jared that he would like to hold off on rescheduling the meeting to discuss projects until after the department heads and Sue meet with Baker Tilly.

- Tom Baker, Marshal

President Rush reported for Tom that he requested that the hiring committee review the applicants.

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

- Ordinance #1408– a salary ordinance for employees of the Town of New Carlisle

President Rush read Ordinance #1408 by caption only for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

Vice President Kauffman moved to adopted Ordinance #1408 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed 4-0.

## **Council Reports**

### Council Member Doll

Council Member Doll reported that we received four applications for the open position on the utility crew. One interview was held last week and the other three are scheduled for Thursday. He reported that they received five bids for mowing the cemetery and will have a recommendation for the Council at the next meeting.

Council Member Doll thanked Perry and the town crew for the great job on the streets this year. Andrea added that she came into town yesterday with the kids and then went to South Bend and was very impressed with the town for having the best roads by far.

### Vice President Kauffman

Vice President Kauffman, Nancy Taplin and Jared met with Dr. White on the 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the splash pad but ultimately the land. The school corp. is having the land appraised for the area including the skate park, ball field, etc. which totals one and a half acres. Once the school has the appraisal they will discuss continuing the lease or possibly selling the land to the Town. They will be meeting again on March 3 and hope to have the appraisal back by then. She reported that they also had a good discussion about the old water plant and concession stand.

In talking with Chuck Lehman regarding the comp plan, he requested that Vice President Kauffman send him copies of chapter one and two that were reworked and she has done that. He would like to have some sort of a retreat or extended meeting to focus on the comp plan, perhaps three hours or so over lunch or dinner. Friday, March 5 from 11 to 2 was tentatively set for a work session to review the comp plan.

She and Council Member Doll met this past week to discuss the dog ordinance and enforcement previously discussed and she shared some information she has gathered regarding different communities. They would like to meet with the Humane Society and have a work session to include council members who are able to attend, Bob Middlebrook, Tom Baker and Andrea. Vice President Kauffman will check availability of the Humane Society representatives and a meeting date will be set.

Vice President Kauffman asked Jason if INDOT had cut back the growth at the top of the viaduct wall and Jason responded yes, they did it in the fall.

**Council Member Colanese**

Meeting next Tuesday for the fire territory but he has heard through the grapevine that we have hired a new firefighter that was one of our volunteers. He will be meeting with Jason tomorrow to discuss some utility issues.

**Clerk-Treasurer's Report**

Sue explained that the meeting mentioned earlier with Baker Tilly is held annually for department heads. The meeting includes discussion of utility budgets and capital planning for each department going out a minimum of five years. This will be both Perry and Robert's first year participating in the process.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Vice President Kauffman and seconded by Council Member Colanese the meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.

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Samantha Rush, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer