

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting, August 3, 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: Jared Huss, Perry Hinton, Jill Doll, Jason Quirk, Tom Baker

**OPENING OF BIDS**

President Rush opened the two bids received for the 2021 Sidewalk Project as follows:

Milestone Contractors North:	\$185,995.46
Reith Riley Construction Company, Inc.:	\$198,303.14

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Doll moved to approve the minutes of the July 20 General Meeting and the July 22 Emergency Special meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kauffman and passed 4-0.

**Employee Reports**

- Chief Tom Baker

Interviews are complete and four applicants have been moved on to the background investigation phase of the hiring process. New part-time officer, William Short, worked his first shift and also came in to assist with a crash involving Officer Jess Fisher over the weekend. Tom reported that no one was injured and the other person involved in the crash was arrested by SJC Police.

Tom reported that new cars are finally starting to come in but we haven't heard anything yet on the ones he ordered for the department. He has purchased four body camera mics that were priced well to try but has found that the battery life won't be sufficient for all-day use. They were very reasonable and worth a chance and he has issued one to Bob Middlebrook so that he can record citizen complaints and other issues with code enforcement. Tom informed the Council that he and A/C Brent Croymans have purchased, and split the cost themselves, enough school supplies for 25 backpacks to donate to children in need. The backpacks with supplies were delivered today to Mrs. Bush at Olive School.

Council Member Doll stated that he was thoroughly impressed with all five candidates that recently participated in the oral board portion of the hiring process.

The Council received a copy of a letter Chief Baker prepared commending the actions of A/C Brent Croymans and Officer Chris Deak for their perseverance and outstanding work in solving the armed robbery case at a local business. Both the suspect and his girlfriend have given full confessions and

charges have been filed. Tom stated that both officers did an excellent job and stayed vigilant following through.

President Rush said that she saw Officer Short, our new part-time deputy, at the Farmer's Market on Saturday and that it was so nice to see him out on his first day, talking with residents and vendors.

- Town Crew Supervisor Perry Hinton

They completed camera work on the sewer system a couple weeks ago and Perry received the results today and he noted that there are some things that need to be addressed over the next couple of years. Perry also reported that the work to fix monuments designated for repair this year at the cemetery has begun and they are doing a very nice job. New picnic tables finally arrived today and have been placed at the park.

- Engineer Jared Huss

We received two of the four requested packages for spray pad design from DLZ and Troyer. The next step would be to meet with the committee to review and discuss these.

Jared had a long conversation with the attorney from Bose McKinney and has information to share so we need to set up a meeting with him to discuss what his findings are following review of the contract. Jared feels that we are in a good position but there are some nuances and also room to buy additional capacity. Council Member Colanese asked about attending the upcoming meeting regarding the South Bend sewer ordinance and Jared replied that we should continue to attend and stay up-to-date.

A meeting on the water treatment plant that will include Baker Tilly and the Cleveland Cliffs has been scheduled for August 19 at 9 AM. A preconstruction meeting for the Ada Street Reconstruction was held. Adjustments for the Filbert Street water repair will need to be added as a change order to this project which is expected to begin the end of August. In reference to sanitary sewer items, Jared will assist Perry as needed.

- Jason Quirk, Electric Department

Jason reported that he hit the brakes on a couple of capital projects due to cost. He recently attended a grounding webinar for updates and has held safety trainings for the crew. Jason met recently with Wolverine regarding purchased power and solar and continues to work on insurance claims.

### **New Business**

- Approval of Bryan's Landscaping invoice and payment

The Council received the invoice for \$4,477.00 from Bryan's Landscaping for the recently completed work around the gazebo at Memorial Park that was previously approved by the Park Board.

Vice President Kauffman voted to pay the invoice from Bryan's Landscaping for work at Memorial Park at a cost of \$4,477. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed 4-0.

### **Council Reports**

#### **Council Member Doll**

Council Member Doll reported that during the pre-con meeting with HRP, he and Perry requested that we get the grindings for use in the cemetery which should save some funds on that project. Door hangers will be placed prior to the start of the Ada Street project and Sue will send out a Reach Alert to keep residents informed.

#### **Council Member Colanese**

Reported that the Fire Territory will move to one meeting a month now since the station renovation is underway. He also asked about legalities of the old water well house. Jared responded that this is an IDEM action item that requires further discussion as several options are available. Council Member Colanese asked about the possibility of fencing the area in for use as a dog park. Jared said that we should continue to plan appropriately for these types of things. Vice President Kauffman asked if it is correct that this wouldn't be possible until a decision is made regarding that property and the old well equipment is removed, if that is what is decided? Jared responded that yes, all of that would need to be accomplished first.

### **Bills to be Paid**

A motion to pay all bills as presented on the Claim Docket was made by Council Member Colanese and seconded by Council Member Doll. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Vice President Kauffman and second by Council Member Doll the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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Samantha Rush, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer