

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting – December 20, 2010

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Colpitts, Council Member Mell, Council Member Groves and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt. Absent was Council Member Gelow. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Andrea Halpin, Chuck Leone, Pat Cummings, Jon Hollinger, Rob Kring, Randy Jaurigue, Larry Tabor, Tim Kaminski, John Mrozinski, Chris Antonucci, Josh Schweizer, Bill Gumm, Candie Drake, Jason Quirk, Davy Doll, Cal Dittmar and Jeff Roseboom. Ken Davis and Kris Piesyk arrived at 5:45.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bid Openings

Two bids were received for the Viaduct Pumping Station Control Panel. The bids were reviewed by Chuck Leone and read by President Higgins.

HRP Construction	\$141,725.00
H & G Inc.	\$113,794.50

The Engineer's estimate for the project based on bid specs was \$114,000. Copies of the bids will be sent to the state for review by the OCRA Office before awarding of the contract.

Vice President Colpitts moved to take the bids from HRP and H&G under advisement. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed 4-0.

Minutes

Council Member Mell moved to accept the minutes of the November 23, 2010 General Meeting and November 23, 2010 Special Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council Member Groves and passed 4-0.

Employee Reports

Chuck Leone

- Reports that he received a message from the Attorney General's Office regarding the bids.

Andrea Halpin

- Has addressed correspondence received from the former Clerk-Treasurer.
- Continues work on the Inter-local agreement for fire and ambulance services with Hudson Township.

Vice President Colpitts questioned Item 15 on page 4. #943 is no longer in service and needs to be removed from the agreement.

Roger Nawrot

- Continues work on the future grant.

Pat Cummings

- We will need to hold a public hearing prior to the next regular meeting.

The Council scheduled a special meeting for January 4 at 6 PM to elect officers with a public hearing to follow at 6:15 PM for adoption of the OCRA Grant Application Resolution.

- Requested Council approval to encumber \$6,610.00 from the current budget for the gazebo roof.

Vice President Colpitts inquired about the number of quotes obtained for this project. Pat stated that they requested several quotes but received only one from Mike Balanow of Metro Contracting.

Vice President Colpitts questioned whether the cedar roof will need to be treated following its installation and periodically afterward.

A motion to allow the encumbrance of \$6,610.00 for roof replacement on the gazebo in Memorial Park, PO #7703 to Metro Contracting was made by Vice President Colpitts and seconded by Council Member Mell. Motion passed 4-0.

Bill Gumm

- He has been working on a project and apologizes if anyone was kept out of the loop. He also apologizes for the encumbrance questions.

The Fire Department would like to replace the 1988 Chevy Silverado that is currently used to run errands, for off-site training and as a personnel hauler. It has extensive rust and is extremely unreliable with the four wheel drive no longer working at all. He presented pictures of the 1988 Silverado for Council review. This was the former command vehicle until it was replaced with the 2000 Excursion.

Estimated cost for a replacement vehicle is \$65,000. Bill reports that Olive Township has committed \$25,000 and the Fire Department has \$15,000 to put toward the cost as well. He would like to encumber \$25,000 from the current budget for the Town's share of the purchase in 2011.

Vice President Colpitts expressed his concern regarding this issue.

First, at the Town Council not being given the same courtesy to be informed about this proposed project as Olive Township was.

Second, of further concern is Gov. Daniels' local government reform and the possible removal of township trustees. What would happen to the jointly owned fire station and equipment should that occur is definitely a concern.

Third, he expressed great concern that the members of the Fire Department were told that he had reneged on his support for the purchase of this vehicle. He stated that he had never given his support for this purchase as it had not been brought to him or discussed with him.

He also reported that he did receive a copy of the email to Josh Schweizer and copied to Bill Gumm explaining the exact process necessary for encumbrances that was sent by the Clerk in November in response to Josh's question about the necessary steps to encumber funds for a truck purchase.

Chuck Leone stated that regarding the loss of township government, we would still have the equipment but the question would be who we would partner with. Also, the approval of the encumbrance would still not be approval of the actual purchase of the command vehicle which could be given at a later date. Discussion was held on waiting until results of the vote on local government reform in April are received before ordering the vehicle.

Council Member Groves asked what vehicle is proposed for the replacement. Josh Schweizer explained that he obtained the required three quotes for a 2011 GMC Yukon XL.

Vice President Colpitts stated that he now has a much clearer picture of the need for the new truck.

President Higgins asked for Vice President Colpitts input and recommendation. The encumbrance request was tabled until the end of the meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution #10-12-20-01, A Resolution for the Transfer of Appropriations within the General Fund, Motor Vehicle Highway Fund and Cemetery Fund.

President Higgins read Resolution #10-12-20-01 in its entirety. Council Member Groves moved to adopt Resolution #10-12-20-01. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell and passed 4-0.

Ordinance #1232 – An Ordinance Regulating the Discharge of Firearms, Weapons Within the Town of New Carlisle (2nd Reading)

Vice President Colpitts received a question from a resident regarding the discharge of a firearm for protection or self defense during a crime in progress. It was explained previously that this ordinance would not have an effect in that instance.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1232 in its entirety for the second reading.

Ordinance #1234 – An Ordinance of Compensation for the Elected Officials of the Town of New Carlisle.

Vice President Colpitts moved to waive the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance #1234 on the day of its introduction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell and passed 3-0. Vice President Colpitts abstained.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1234 by caption only and in its entirety.

Council Member Groves moved to adopt Ordinance #1234. Seconded by Council Member Mell, the motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance #1235 – An Salary Ordinance for Employees of the Town of New Carlisle.

Vice President Colpitts moved to waive the rules to allow for the passage of Ordinance #1235 on the day of its introduction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell and passed 4-0.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1235 in its entirety.

Council Member Groves moved to adopt Ordinance #1235. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell and passed 4-0.

Council Reports

Vice President Colpitts

- Has received the preliminary agreements for both Fire and Ambulance and have forwarded them on to Chuck and Andrea for review. He asked that they be put on the January 4th Special Meeting Agenda.
- Requested that discussion of the addition of a 7th police officer be added to the Jan. 4th agenda as well. Tom Baker is not in attendance but information regarding this addition was included in the Council packets.
- Marshal Baker has submitted a salary increase proposal for 2011 for all full-time officers.

President Higgins requested that both of these items be tabled for review and further discussion.

Regarding the encumbrance of \$25,000 for the purchase of a new command vehicle, Vice President Colpitts suggests that the Fire Department bring these types of things to the Council sooner and that more discussion take place between the Fire Department and their Council liaison. He stated that he felt that there had been significant progress made over the last few years with communication between the Fire Department and the Council and was disappointed to hear of the comments regarding this issue.

Vice President Colpitts moved to approve the encumbrance of \$25,000 from the current budget for the purchase of a new Fire Department Command Vehicle, PO #7711 to Goshen GMC. Council Member Mell seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

Bill Gumm stated that he waited because he understood he needed to wait until this meeting. He also wanted to clarify that at the Fire Department meeting he said that there would be problems with the Council on this issue and that nothing malicious was said. He feels that headway made with the Council has been good.

Bill introduced incoming Fire Chief, Chris Antonucci and Assistant Chief, Josh Schweizer.

Council Member Mell

- Thanked everyone, stating that it has been a pleasure to serve on the Council for the last eight years. He still plans to be at all the meetings.

- Suggested that the Council look into microphones for the Council and public at the meetings.

Council Member Groves

- Thanked Council Member Jack Mell for his eight years of service on the Town Council.

President Higgins invited everyone to a reception honoring Jack Mell's eight years of service on the Town Council following the meeting.

Bills to be Paid

Vice President Colpitts moved to pay all bills as presented. Seconded by Council Member Groves, the motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Council Member Groves motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Mell seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer