

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting – April 27, 2010

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Colpitts, Council Member Mell, Council Member Groves, Council Member Gelow and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Chuck Leone, Mark Adnson, Jill Doll, Davy Doll, Tom Baker, Ken Davis, Candie Drake, Tim Kaminski, Mary Ann Swope, Bob Middlebrook, Bill Gumm and Steve Vojtko.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Correction to the April 13th minutes: Andrea Halpin was in attendance.

Council Member Gelow motioned to accept the April 7th minutes as written and the April 13th minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Jason Quirk

- The Cherry Street rebuild is complete and they will begin work in Memorial Park soon.
- Nick Cody is doing very well at school

Tim Kaminski

- Has a leaking tank at the water treatment plant. The tank is 19 years old and replacement cost is estimated at \$9,000-\$10,000. He is considering use of a smaller tank for ease of placement.

Council Member Mell moved to authorize Tim to replace the leaking tank at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Motion seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

Bill Gumm

- He has issued a burn permit to Joe Kelley for a brush pile at the Golf Course following approval by the Health Department.
- Receive a question regarding burning in fire pits and will review the existing ordinance in South Bend for guidance.

Tom Baker

- Golf carts are out but registration compliance is very low.

Chuck Leone

- Continues negotiations with INDOT regarding the viaduct pumping station.

Roger Nawrot

- Attended the Planning Commission meeting and reports that they are sending the new subdivision ordinance to the Council with recommended changes. Roger will make the necessary changes.
- In reference to the Forest at Wintergreen, he has not received the proper paperwork to move forward.

Old Business

- Sidewalk Plan

Vice President Colpitts moved to accept the Sidewalk Plan as presented at the April 13th meeting. Council Member Gelow seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Council Member Gelow inquired about the status of the sidewalk installed on E. Michigan Street. He would like to see it removed and reseeded as at this time INDOT will not issue right-of-way permits in this area because of the 45 mph speed limit.

Concern was expressed about setting precedence if this were to be done. Mr. Leone reports that he feels it would not set precedence if the sidewalk were to be removed.

Council Member Gelow motioned to have the Town employees remove the sidewalk, reseed the area and reimburse the homeowner for the cost of the sidewalk if possible. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mell. A roll call vote was taken with 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- Poppy Days

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold the Annual Poppy Days on Saturday, May 29th this year.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1225 – An Salary Ordinance for Town Employees.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1225..

Vice President Colpitts moved to waive the rules for Ordinance #1225. Motion seconded by Council Member Groves and passed unanimously.

Council Member Mell motioned to adopt Ordinance #1225. Motion seconded by Council Member Groves and passed unanimously.

Council Reports

Council Member Gelow

- New signs are being installed and he asked that branches be cut back from around them for clear view.

Vice President Colpitts inquired about the signs salvaged during the project. Sue reports that Augie is addressing this with the contractor.

Vice President Colpitts

Community Days:

- Reports that Sue Jones and Mary Ann Swope put together a very nice ad in the New Carlisle News for Community Day.
- Volunteers are still needed to help with various projects.
- There will be two 30 yard dumpsters for Town residents use on May 15th. A pass will be required that will allow one car or truck load per family. The dumpsters are being donated by Waste Management. Council Member Groves continues looking into having a hazardous waste clean-up. President Higgins suggested a “pill drop” as well.
- Would like to appoint a committee soon for Community Day next year.

Viaduct Pumping Station

- Reports that he received a call from Angie Feragas, the Communications Director for INDOT in LaPorte, requesting a meeting. With the direction of Chuck Leone, he took President Higgins and Sue to the meeting.

INDOT would agree to purchase three new pumps and refurbish two pumps. Work to obtain the pumps would begin immediately. INDOT wants the panel installers to install the pumps as well. INDOT does not want to accept responsibility for any future maintenance.

INDOT further reported that they will be redoing the road under the viaduct in the near future and will install drywells at that time.

Vice President Colpitts confirmed with the representatives in attendance at this meeting that INDOT could revoke the TE Grant. Vice President Colpitts expressed his feeling that this is an intimidation tactic. President Higgins stated that she feels that, if this were to be done, it could be taken over the heads of the local INDOT officials. Chuck stated that he is in agreement.

Chuck Leone had communication with the INDOT attorney and expressed concern with the Town taking on an open-ended agreement with no caps, etc. Chuck discussed sharing of maintenance and he and the INDOT attorney each felt that getting both engineers together to come up with the watershed was a good idea.

INDOT would like a final decision by the end of this week.

President Higgins asked if Jason would be able to handle the routine maintenance of the panel and pump. Jason reports that he would, to a certain extent. President Higgins stated that additional training for Jason would be beneficial.

Roger reports that pump makers, such as Flight, often offer training on their product and suggests that Pat and Jason determine what kind of training would be necessary. Roger reports that a wet well chamber will require more maintenance.

Roger recommends that Pat review information and establish and implement a maintenance schedule.

Chuck stated that timing is very important. He feels that he and Andrea have a good concept, based on previous meetings and conversations that will allow them to put together an agreement. He suggests that the Council designate one or two people to have the authority to execute the completed document on behalf of the Council.

Vice President Colpitts motioned that the Town of New Carlisle enter into an agreement with INDOT to repair and upgrade the lift station, consistent with terms previously discussed at meetings and that the President and Vice President of the Council be empowered to enter into the agreement with INDOT with final ratification to come to the entire Council.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Groves and President Higgins called for a roll call vote as follows:

Jack Mell	Aye	Dana Groves	Aye
John Gelow	Aye	Ronald Colpitts	Aye
Carolyn Higgins	Aye		

The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Colpitts requested that a discussion on what funding will be used for future maintenance and upgrades to this system be held at the next meeting.

Public Comments

Bill Gumm

The viaduct remains a safety issue until complete. Mr. McPhillips of INDOT said at their meeting he will bring in a pump when the agreement is finalized. Vice President Colpitts will contact Angie Feragas of INDOT tomorrow reference tonight's meeting and ask about the pumps.

Mary Ann Swope

- Asked if the Council has made a determination on a donation for the historic marker proposed as a memorial to the children of town founder Richard Risley Carlisle.

The Council will research available funds and make a determination at the May 11th meeting.

Council Member Groves will research further monument options and report at the May 11th meeting as well.

Steve Vojtko

- Appreciates Council concern regarding the viaduct issues but feels they need to address detour signs.

Roger suggests a "no outlet" sign be installed for Zigler Street.

Mr. Vojtko questioned the Town's involvement in the viaduct issue. Roger stated that the Town became involved in the 1980s and our position has been that there is no agreement.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Mell motioned to pay all bills as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Groves and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Council Member Mell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Groves, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer