

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting – June 22, 2010, 5:00 PM**

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 Chuck Leone, Roger Nawrot, Pat Cummings, Bill Gumm, Mary Ann Swope, Carol Middlebrook, Augie Mauer, Cal Dittmar, Jason Quirk, Jill Doll, Davy Doll and Chris Antonucci.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2010 General Meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

**Employee Reports**

Tom Baker

- Reports that Deputy Cal Dittmar was uninjured on June 10<sup>th</sup> when his squad car was struck by a stolen vehicle being pursued by Elkhart County. The squad car was totaled but they were able to salvage all of the interior equipment.
- Has located a 2010 Dodge Charger that would fit the needs of the department that he would like to obtain as a replacement for the totaled squad car. The approximate cost is \$22,000. He reports that the expected insurance payment on the totaled vehicle is \$19,084.

President Higgins stated that the only important thing is that Cal was not hurt. She commended Tom and Chris Covert for their effort in securing a new car so quickly.

Vice President Colpitts motioned to enter into a lease agreement for the 2010 Dodge Charge as a replacement for the car that was totaled. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

- The department has several pieces of obsolete equipment. Roseland is in financial difficulty and would like to purchase the old equipment but would need to do so in small monthly payments.

Discussion followed regarding the sale of the used equipment or the option of donating the equipment.

Vice President Colpitts moved to transfer the surplus equipment to the Town of Roseland Police Department without compensation, subject to legal review.

President Higgins called for a role call vote as follows:

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| Council Member Groves   | Aye | Council Member Mell  | Aye |
| Vice President Colpitts | Aye | Council Member Gelow | Nay |
| President Higgins       | Aye |                      |     |

Motion passed 4-1.

Augie Mauer

- Most of the storm damage has been taken care of.

Jason Quirk

- Still assessing storm damage from Friday.

Vice President Colpitts expressed much appreciation for Jason, Augie and the town crew.

Council Member Gelow also expressed much appreciation and stated that our electric service was returned much sooner than others.

Bill Gumm

- Thanked everyone for attending the Intergovernmental Meeting.
- Has received no word on the status of the grant for the fire station exhaust system.
- The Fireman's Ball was very successful with approximately 1500 people in attendance.

Chuck Leone

- The Resolution on Zigler Street has been delivered to Mitch Heppenheimer.
- Is working on the Apprenticeship Agreement for Nick Cody.

Roger Nawrot

- Hopes to have bids for the Sidewalk Improvement Project for the next meeting, depending on the ability to have the legal ad published in time.

Vice President Colpitts motioned that we advertise for bids for the Sidewalk Improvement Project. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Pat Cummings

- The Public Hearing for the OCRA Grant will be held on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM. at the Town Hall.
- Thanked the Town Crew for their hard work during the recent storms.
- Has decided to separate out the Chestnut Street Project and the Sidewalk Improvement Project to open up the bidding to more contractors.
- Several large trees will require removal for the sidewalk project.

Reports that an employee took a pay cut to move from the water plant into town two years ago. Pat recommends a raise for George Bladecki with the additional money coming from MVH, Parks and **New**

- Cemetery and no additional money coming from the utilities. George meets the qualifications for Utility III with starting pay of \$18.00 per hour.

Augie Mauer voiced his support of this raise, stating that it is well deserved.

Pat stated that this is not a merit raise but a next level step-up.

President Higgins stated that she believes George is an excellent employee but we must keep in mind he made the choice to move into town.

Council Member Gelow stated that he agrees with Pat.

Council Member Gelow motioned to move George Bladecki to Utility III at \$18.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

- The City of South Bend will hold a Public Hearing on June 28, 2010 at 7 PM regarding sewer rate increases. Pat suggests a sit down meeting with the City to try to negotiate the Town rate. He will try to set up a meeting with Gary Gilot. Roger will attend this meeting as well.

Chuck Leone informed the Council that there is a Utilities Committee Hearing Wed., June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 PM that Pat may want to consider attending. President Higgins stated that we must be actively involved in this.

### **New Business**

Dave Thompson of Hamilton Grove was not in attendance.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

- Ordinance #1226 – An Ordinance Regulating Fireworks within the Town of New Carlisle.

Bill Gumm expressed a concern that this ordinance limits use of fireworks on streets and sidewalks but not in yards. He also asked if approval by the Fire Chief could be required for the sale of fireworks. Chuck stated that this could be part of the licensing procedure and include the police department.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1226 by caption only.

Vice President Colpitts motioned to waive the rules and allow Ordinance #1226 to be adopted tonight.. Council Member Groves seconded the motion which passed 3-2. Council Member Mell and Council Member Gelow voted nay.

Vice President Colpitts moved to adopt Ordinance #1226. Motion seconded by Council Member Groves and passed 4-1. Council Member Mell voted nay.

- Ordinance #1227 – A Salary Ordinance for Town Employees.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1227 by caption only for the first reading.

Vice President Colpitts moved to waive the rules and allow Ordinance #1227 to be adopted tonight. Motion seconded by Council Member Groves and passed unanimously.

Vice President Colpitts moved to adopt Ordinance #1227. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

### **Council Reports**

Council Member Gelow

- Attended the Intergovernmental Meeting and was concerned about Fire & EMS Dispatch Fees. Some calls are unnecessary as Fire and EMS are both dispatched and he feels that some type of agreement would be beneficial.

Bill Gumm explained that we are billed on a per call basis. Because of the outstanding job done by EMS, the Fire Department is not needed as much. Currently, the fire department is dispatched for all calls “Charlie” and above. Bill feels that a protocol for possibly dispatching Fire for “Delta” and above calls, unless requested by the ambulance could be implemented, possibly eliminating significant cost.

- Requested that we use the radar trailer somewhere besides Bray Street.

Council Member Groves

- Expressed thanks to the Electric Department and Town Crew for all of their work.

### **Clerk-Treasurer Report**

The Council voted on April 27, 2010, to remove the sidewalk at 708 E. Michigan, reseed the grass and reimburse Christine Taulbee for the cost of the sidewalk. An invoice was received this week from Christine for \$1264.00 for the cost of concrete and supplies and Sue requested Council permission to pay this invoice.

Council Member Gelow motioned to reimburse Christine Taulbee \$1264.00 for the cost of the concrete and supplies. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed 3-2. Vice President Colpitts and Council Member Groves voted nay.

### **Public Comment**

Augie Mauer thanked the Council for George Bladecki’s raise.

### **Bills to be Paid**

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

**Adjournment**

Council Member Mell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Gelow and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer