

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, October 25, 2011

President Higgins called the Public Hearing to order. Vice President Colpitts, Council Member Groves, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Vojtko and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt were present. Also in attendance: Chuck Leone, Roger Nawrot, Pat Cummings, Andy Spite, Jack Mell, Mary Ann Swope, Carol Middlebrook, Ken Carter, Mike Shilts, Mary Countryman, Davy Doll, Jill Doll, Jeff Roseboom, Ken Davis, Chris Antonucci, Aleta Mauer, Augie Mauer, Jason Quirk, Mike McClaran, Andy Spite, Mike Wilhelm and Andy Spite.

Minutes

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2011 Public Hearing and the October 11, 2011 General Meeting as written. Council Member Groves seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Chuck Leone

- They have been working on real estate and employment related issues

Pat Cummings

- Reports that the water tower is empty and work on the inside is being completed today. Drying time for the inside is approximately seven days and work on the outside will be completed during that time. Completion of the water tower is expected by Sunday.

New business

Ordinances:

- Ordinance #1249 - An ordinance regarding employee clothing allowances

President Higgins read Ordinance #1249 by caption only for the first reading.

- Ordinance #1251 – An ordinance amending Ordinance #1170 regarding parking on North Arch Street

President Higgins read Ordinance #1251 in its entirety for the second reading.

- Resolution 11-10-25-01 – A resolution to accept a gift to the cemetery

President Higgins read Resolution 11-10-25-01 in its entirety.

A motion to adopt Resolution # 11-10-25-01 was made Vice President Colpitts and seconded by Council Member Gelow. Resolution #11-10-25-01 was adopted unanimously.

Council Reports

Vice President Colpitts

- Attended the Main Street Conference with Council Member Groves last week.
- Reminded everyone that the NC Business & Community Association is holding a Jail & Bail Fund Raiser on November 10th from 12 Noon to 6 PM.

Council Member Groves

- Attended Indiana Main Street Conference with Ron, Cindy Miller of Home Cafe and Henry Timm of Phantom Technologies. This is an organization that uses a four point approach to help with revitalization. They are looking at this as a tool to support existing businesses and attract new businesses. A Main Street presentation is planned for November 9th at Bruno's upstairs and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

- Sue reported that she and Jill attended both the district meeting/training day as well as the State called meeting that featured State Board of Accounts and Department of Local Government Finance training sessions last week.

Public Comments

Andy Spite

- Suggested that full names be used throughout the minutes for those who are not familiar with everyone and reports that the June 14th minutes were not included on the website.

President Higgins thanked Andy for his input and stated that we are looking for someone to work on our website

- Stated that he does not appreciate someone giving out false information regarding budget amounts and inquired about how to obtain a copy of the Town budget.

He was informed that he could submit a public records request for a copy and that could be handled easily.

Mary Countryman

- Inquired about whether the town received any response from IDEM regarding the letter sent by President Higgins asking about extra permitting for the shredder plant.

President Higgins stated that the letter was sent the next day but no reply has been received. She sent a copy of her letter to Mr. Jack Daly as requested.

Pat Cummings stated that I/N Tek monitors all air activity around their plant for air quality. Mary requested that Pat check to see what exactly is being monitored.

- Mary informed the Council that the group meeting to discuss the shredder issue is looking at possible legal action and asked if the Council would be able to make a donation toward legal fees.

Vice President Colpitts stated that this would be spending town taxpayer dollars on something not within the town.

Mary responded that she thought that since the Town Council supported a resolution we would support monetarily as well.

President Higgins stated that we have been very careful with donating to not-for-profits.

Vice President Colpitts recommends that Mary speak with Olive Township Trustee John Michalski

Andy Spite stated that if money is given to support the anti-shredder group then those in town who support the shredder would have to be given the same amount of money to fight for it.

Mary Ann Swope stated that she feels they can fundraise to help with legal expenses because she feels that the shredder will affect the community in an adverse way

Council Member Gelow asked for Attorney Chuck Leone's input. Chuck stated that although he has not looked at this issue specifically it is difficult for government to fund an advocacy group as it mixes the governmental and political aspects.

Bills to be Paid

Vice President Colpitts moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed unanimously

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Vice President Colpitts and second by Council Member Gelow the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer