

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting – June 28, 2011

President Higgins called the meeting to order with. Council Member Gelow, Council Member Vojtko and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Vice President Colpitts and Council Member Groves were absent. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Pat Cummings, Mary Countryman, Ken Davis, Mike McClaran, Mike Shilts, Tim Kaminski, Mary Ann Swope, Jack Mell, Jason Quirk, Doug Glon, Augie Mauer, Fred Sikorski and Bob Middlebrook.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2011 General Meeting as written was made by Council Member Vojtko and seconded by Council Member Gelow. The motion passed 3-0.

Employee Reports

Roger Nawrot

- Roger presented copies of the Sidewalk Bid Tabulation. After reviewing each bid, Roger recommends that the Council accept the bid and award the project to Selge Construction. Council Member Gelow moved that we accept the Selge Construction bid. Council Member Gelow seconded the motion which passed 3-0.
- Recently spoke with John Byorni of Area Plan regarding the Council's request to develop a drainage ordinance for parking lots. Roger reports that Mr. Byorni was not keen on adding this to the zoning ordinance. St. Joseph County has a drainage ordinance that is 60 pages long and quite extensive. Roger would like to simply add a few paragraphs to the existing zoning ordinance. Area Plan would review the ordinance and make a recommendation back to the Council. Roger will prepare a rough draft ordinance for the next meeting for Council review. He feels that something written is necessary and it gives something to enforce as we currently have situations where water is draining off of one property onto another.

President Higgins expressed concern with the drainage situation behind the Town Hall and in the Municipal Lot. Roger and Pat will look into this.

- Roger has received the plat of Badder's Minor Subdivision for review. He reports they are just trying to clean up some legal issues by creating a single legal lot of record for the house and garage that are currently on two lots.

Augie Mauer

- Has been on the phone with Reith Riley and Walsh and Kelly trying to get blacktop to patch but it is impossible due to the current strike.

President Higgins asked about the home on Ben Street that is having trouble with sewer smell. Pat and Augie will go over there tomorrow to look into this again.

Old Business

- Satellite Dishes

Bob would like restrictions on where satellite dishes are placed for aesthetics. He also feels that permits should be required as well as contractor registration.

Augie reports that he looked this up following the discussion at the last meeting and quoted federal law that governs satellite dishes and the restrictions that may be placed on them.

Sue reminded everyone that Andrea was looking into allowable restrictions and would be in attendance at the next meeting.

Bob stated that the last time he dealt with this, the company refused initially to place the satellite in the back yard but after Bob's insistence did agree and said they could do it but it is more difficult.

President Higgins agrees that this could be good but we must be careful of restricting the rights of the residents to have these services and will wait until Andrea's research is complete. Bob reported that Andrea does have the information that Augie was quoting as Dawn researched it and sent it to her a few weeks ago.

Council Member Vojtko expressed concern about the rights of property owners as well.

- TWINRIX (Hep A/B)

The draft policy will be changed to allow all employees to receive the vaccination and prepared in final form for the next meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Resolution 11-06-28-01, A Resolution Regarding Vehicle Leases for two Chevy Impalas, was read in its entirety by President Higgins.

A motion to adopt Resolution 11-06-28-01 was made by Council Member Vojtko and seconded by Council Member Gelow. Motion passed 3-0.

Council Reports

Council Member Vojtko

- Would like a letter to be written by Andrea to the State Fire Marshal regarding the Fire Works in a store that is not properly zoned. President Higgins and Council Member Gelow were in agreement.
- Thanked the Fire, EMS and Police Departments for their service during the recent tragedy in Town. This was a very hard thing for them to have to go through.

Public Comments

Fred Sikorski

- The Town has a limit on pets. He has multiple cats in his backyard. The neighbor claims that they are not hers but he does know them by name from that family. Two of the cats have been removed.

Bob reports that no one will claim that they own the cats and he suggests that perhaps we capture the cats and take them to the Humane Society.

Mr. Sikorski stated that there was an article regarding feral cats recently in the SB Tribune. He also spoke with Dr. Hans who stated that bats are the number one cause of rabies and cats do mingle with bats so this is another reason for concern.

President Higgins thanked Mr. Sikorski for his input and stated that the Council will look into this.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Vojtko moved to pay bills as presented. Council Member Gelow seconded the motion which passed 3-0.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Vojtko, seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 3-0. President Higgins adjourned the meeting at 5:30.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer