

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting – August 23, 2011

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Colpitts, Council Member Groves, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Vojtko and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance: Chuck Leone, Roger Nawrot, Jack Mell, Jason Quirk, Jill Doll, Davy Doll, Mary Countryman, Mary Ann Swope, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, Tim Kaminski, Mike Shilts, Ken Carter, Augie Mauer, Jason Quirk and Jeff Roseboom.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2011 General Meeting as written was made by Vice President Colpitts and seconded by Council Member Gelow. The motion passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Bob Middlebrook

- Inquired about the status of the drainage ordinance and regulation of fireworks businesses.

Ken Davis

- Reports that he has received the go ahead from Olive Township for the addition of the 4th EMT and he would like approval from the Council.

Vice President Colpitts moved that Ken begin the process to hire the 4th person that was previously approved. Council Member Groves seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- He had someone stop in his office who had nearly hit a town employee that stepped into traffic while inspecting the sidewalk project. With all of the construction going on, he feels that everyone in those areas should be wearing the safety vests and that perhaps we should pursue some kind of policy for town employees.

Augie stated that his crew does wear vests unless chipping. Roger stated that it is Abonmarche company policy to wear a safety vest if working in the right-of-way or on the road.

President Higgins stated that it is up to the individual supervisors to handle this.

Jeff stated that anyone who is visiting different sites could stop by the PD and borrow a vest if needed.

Chuck Leone

- Recently had a conversation about the offer extended in June. Mr. Cooreman apologized for not getting something in writing yet but will do that soon.
- Has responded to several recent Public Records Requests. The last one contained a very large request that will require a significant amount of time.

Sue reports that the request is for a copy of all ordinances in their entirety. There are seven volumes of ordinance books and because the original ordinance book is quite large, handwritten beginning in 1876 and bound, copying it will take time. Although the town code book is available on line and contains all ordinances currently in effect except for those passed in 2011, the person making the request wants paper copies of all ordinances.

President Higgins asks that the amount of time necessary to fulfill this request be recorded and reported back to the Council as the public should be made aware of the amount of time and money used for this.

Roger

- Has developed a draft of the body of the drainage ordinance for review by the Council and Chuck. If he has no input by next week he will forward to Sue to put in the proper ordinance format for the next meeting.
- The sidewalk project is proceeding very well.

New Business

- Restructuring of Code Enforcement.

At the work session approximately a month ago the restructuring of Code Enforcement was discussed. Bob is currently under contract until the end of the year. Following that, restructuring would give Bob someone to work with on a daily basis. Vice President Colpitts would like to move the Code Enforcement Bureau under the police department. As of the first of the year, following completion of Bob's contract, Vice President Colpitts would like Bob to become a part-time employee under the Marshal's Department Code Enforcement. Vice President Colpitts would like to proceed with moving his office now so that he would have a desk, a place to centralize his reference material, etc.

Vice President Colpitts motioned to move the Code Enforcement Bureau under the police department, effective tomorrow.

President Higgins asked for questions or discussions.

Council Member Vojtko stated that he spoke with both Jeff and Bob and feels this would be a good fit for everyone.

Council Member Groves stated that she feels this is a good idea as it gives residents a place to come in to meet with Bob for questions and concerns.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed unanimously.

Council Reports

Council Member Groves

- The Park Board will again hold the Summer in the Park Concert Series this year. Council Member Vojtko has set up and coordinated the performances beginning tomorrow and continuing for the next four weeks.

- Reports that the Farmer's Market banner was stolen from the Park.

Council Member Vojtko

- Recently spoke with Jeff and clarified a few things that he had concerns about.

Vice President Colpitts

- Augie and Pat are looking into quotes because we have at least one truck that has served its purpose. They will have something regarding a truck purchase in the next few weeks.
- Has asked Pat to get quotes for the water tower painting and would like this done and approved soon.
- Feels that we must make some hard decisions regarding the house on Zigler Street.

Following a brief discussion, Vice President Colpitts motioned that we give President Higgins the authority to move forward with disposition of the property following further research by Chuck. The motion was seconded by Council Member Groves.

Council Member Vojtko requests Pat obtain a demolition cost estimate. Roger stated that we may not want to be in the demolition business as it contains certain risks.

The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Gelow

- Reports that since last Saturday, there has been a sign donated to advertise the Farmer's Market.

Public Comments

Results of the recent Democratic Caucus were requested.

President Higgins reports that she, John Gelow and Ken Carter will be on the democratic ballot. Tracy Grimm and Dana did a wonderful job of organizing and holding the caucus.

Vice President Colpitts would like to see all people running get together as a group for a meet the candidates/question and answer session. President Higgins and Mike Shilts had discussed this previously and were thinking October.

Vice President Colpitts expressed the importance of candidates attending meetings now as there may be things discussed in current meetings that will be continuing after the first of the year.

Tim Kaminski

- Feels that if the town puts 125 Zigler out for bids there will be interest.

Bills to be Paid

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

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Gelow and seconded by Council Member Groves. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer