

- New Carlisle Town Council

**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting, September 24, 2012**

President Colpitts called the meeting to order with Vice President Higgins, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Carter and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Council Member Vojtko was absent. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Chuck Leone, Pat Cummings, Mark Adnson, Deb Adnson, Jack Mell, John Mrozinski, Mary Countryman, Jeff Roseboom, Mike McClaran, Jamie Middlebrook, Cal Dittmar, Ken Davis and Josh Schweizer.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Colpitts thanked water treatment plant employee Mark Adnson for seventeen years of dedicated service with the Town of New Carlisle. Mark is retiring on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The purchase of new park land along Meridian Street at Bourissa Hills Park was announced. The public is encouraged to give input on what they would like to see happen with this land. President Colpitts thanked Pat Cummings and Chuck Leone for their work on the acquisition of the park land. This new park land will be invaluable in solving the drainage problem on Potawatomi Drive.

President Colpitts read a letter from Olive Twp. Elementary School thanking the NCPD for their continued valuable service to the school and community. He read the letter because there has been much discussion recently about police presence at the school and this letter was written last week.

### **Minutes**

Vice President Higgins moved to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2012 General Meeting with the noted correction on page one, paragraph 5 to read Vice President Higgins. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

### **Employee Reports**

Ken Davis

- Presented information on a new program being introduced by St. Joseph County. The “Vial of Life” contains all the forms necessary for an emergency situation. Information on the program and where to obtain a “vial of life” is available from the EMS Administrative Building as well as the Clerk’s Office.
- Announced the promotion of Brian Countryman to EMS Captain.
- Emergency Services did a joint emergency exercise last night involving police, fire and EMS.

President Colpitts expressed that it is a pleasure to see all the departments working together to give continuity and feels proud of all of them for working collectively.

Chuck Leone

- Continued working with Pat to wrap up purchase of the park land.

Roger Nawrot

- Received the categorical exclusion approval for the TE Project. This release is a major step forward as this has been holding up the project.

Pat Cummings

- We now have a new project engineer from INDOT, our fourth to date and Pat will be meeting with them on Thursday. In the next couple of weeks he will get the TE project committee together.
- Asked Discover New Carlisle for input on the way-finder signs discussed at the last meeting.
- Reports he and Sue have been working on website design and administration and expects much progress in the next few weeks.
- Expressed his thanks to Mark Adnson for his service to the Town, He had the pleasure of working with Mark, who was always very dependable and always set a good example for others, for ten years.

### **Visitor Comments**

Jack Mell

- Stated that he was very unhappy with the way the last meeting went. He would have walked out had he been on the board and feels that it should have been at an executive meeting.

Dawn Krueger

- Feels that the Police Fire and EMS work together well in the community doing a wonderful job. She was in attendance because a few months ago the NCBCA had Jeff Roseboom speak and he gave an overview of the calls that New Carlisle has. Last month they were here for their monthly NCBCA meeting, toured the department and they were very impressed. During the tour they talked and following this several of them got together for lunch and felt that a canine would be a good addition for the town and schools. They thought it would be good to raise money to get the canine and plan to hold fund raisers and set up canisters at the businesses. They have researched grants and have set up an account at Wells Fargo with one to be established at 1<sup>st</sup> Source as well. They will kick off the fund raising at Hamilton Grove's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 29<sup>th</sup>. They will raise the money, approximately \$10,000 and will present the funds to the Town.

Becky Jose stated that people in Town have been very excited about this project and she hasn't seen an outpouring like this in some time. She also feels that we are very fortunate to have someone like Josh Szuba on the department.

Council Member Carter suggested that we might want to look at down-the-road costs for care and upkeep of a canine.

President Colpitts thanked Dawn and Becky for their work.

Becky Jose

- On behalf of the library, she reports that there is a lot of support for the canine. They feel very blessed to have the support of the police department and development of a relationship between the PD and young people at the library.
- She reports that there are 13 trees being planted around the Library as a continuation of the Town's replanting of trees that were removed during the sidewalk project. Some of the trees they planted have been donated as memorials.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

- Ordinance #1261 – A Salary Ordinance for Town Employees

Vice President Higgins moves to waive the rules to allow the adoption of Ordinance 1261 on the date of its introduction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed 4-0

President Colpitts read Ordinance 1261 by caption and in its entirety.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 1261 was made by Council Member Gelow and seconded by Council Member Carter. Motion passed 4-0

### **Council Reports**

Council Member Carter

- Received the quote to have the WWII Memorial cleaned by a company in Ohio. Two names were misspelled and they would be able to correct those as well as clean the memorial for a total cost of \$2,200.00.

Sue was asked to review where funding for this project could come from.

President Colpitts

- October 20<sup>th</sup> Community Days is coming up. He would like to see participation from everyone. There will be two dumpsters at the wastewater garage for Town as well as Olive Twp. residents. Each resident will be allowed one truck load. There will also be a document shredder available

at the Community Reserve Building at Michigan and Jon Streets. Advertising will be coming out soon to provide more information for individuals as well as organized groups.

The Council would like to hold a work session to discuss the 2013 budget and a storm water utility. The work session will be held on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Sue was asked to check with Umbaugh to see if Eric would be available on that date to attend the workshop and present information on storm water utilities.

**Bills to be Paid**

Council Member Carter moved to pay all bills as presented. Seconded by Vice President Higgins, the motion passed 4-0.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion from Council Member Gelow and second from Council Member Carter the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.

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Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer