

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, October 8, 2013

President Colpitts called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM with Vice President Higgins, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Vojtko and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Council Member Carter was absent. Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Pat Cummings, Jeff Roseboom, Jill Doll, Dave Doll, Tanya McKee, Jack Mell, Mary Ann Swope, Jamie Middlebrook, Matt O'Donnel, Carol Middlebrook, Bob Middlebrook, Tim Kaminski, Mike Shilts, Mary Countryman and Jared Huss.

Minutes

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2013 Public Safety Board Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Vice president Higgins and passed 4-0.

Vice President Higgins moved to accept the minutes of the September 24th General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed 3-0. President Colpitts abstained.

Employee Reports

Jamie Middlebrook

Reports everything is going well with both the Ambulance and Fire Departments.

Tim Kaminski

They pulled well #9 today for cleaning and it that the casing will need to be replaced.

Andrea Halpin

They have recently handled several Public Records requests.

Chuck has worked on building code issues and they recommend that we update the Town building code to include the most recent updates to Indiana Code. President Colpitts stated that we need to adopt the Indiana Building Code by ordinance.

Bob Middlebrook

The Property Maintenance Code (international unsafe building code) needs to be adopted and the Town also needs to have a hearing officer.

Pat Cummings

Reports that both the 2013 Sidewalk Project and the Potawatomi Drainage Project are complete.

The TE Project is moving along very well.

Approximately 2000 bricks will be available for engraving and placement in front of the gazebo in Memorial Park. The bricks were recovered from Michigan Street during the TE Project and will be

available for a donation of \$50. The donation will include the brick, engraving of up to three lines and installation at the park and will be receipted into the Park Gift Fund.

Ordinance and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1277

Council Member Vojtko moved to table Ordinance 1277 until written commitments have been received. The motion was seconded by Vice President Higgins and passed 4-0.

President Colpitts read the letter from APC concerning the Special Use Exception to Allow Food Products at 713 W. Michigan Street. He reports that the APC recommended the addition of the written commitments and the property owners were told to contact John Byorni following the meeting regarding the requirements for the written commitments.

Ordinance #1278 – An Ordinance of Compensation

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1278 by caption only and in its entirety.

Council Member Gelow moved to allow for the adoption of Ordinance #1278 on the day of its introduction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed 4-0.

Council Member Gelow moved to adopt Ordinance 1278 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed 4-0.

Council Reports

Engineer Jared Huss of Lawson Fisher and Associates reports that the trench drains will be delivered by the third week of October with TE Project completion remaining on schedule.

Council Member Gelow

Recently attended a K-9 demonstration at I/N Tek by Officer Szuba and his K-9 partner Mo. He reports that Josh did a very good job of explaining the training the dog has received and felt they did a fantastic job both searching for drugs and tracking. He was very impressed and feels that the K-9 Program is an asset to the Town and Department. I/N Tek donated funding for the purchase and training of the dog and Dr. Hans office has donated vet services. Dog food has also been donated by Eagle.

Council Member Vojtko

Several Council Members attended the Annual IACT Conference recently. He came away with a lot of good ideas. Hearing much discussion regarding budgets and circuit breaker, he feels the Town is very fortunate to have the budget we have to enable us to do fiscally responsible projects. President Colpitts acknowledged previous councils who had the foresight to look into the future and annexed I/N Tek and Kote.

Council Member Vojtko asks that we get new flowers, perhaps mums for fall, placed by the park bench along the new walkway.

Vice President Higgins

Reports that she truly appreciated the opportunity to attend the IACT conference and was very pleased with the seminars offered. She had the opportunity to discuss grants for park land and trails with a gentleman from the DNR and gained valuable information regarding the importance of a good fiscal plan for annexations as well.

Vice President Higgins acknowledged Council Member Gelow and his son, Russ, for their hard work on the new bike trail at Bourissa Hills Park. Council Member Gelow informed the Council that a reporter from the South Bend Tribune was coming to Bourissa Hills Park tonight to look at the new disc golf course and bike trails.

President Colpitts

Attended the recent IACT Conference and feels that so much valuable information is presented including the changes that are going on. He explained that IACT is basically a group of lobbyists for Towns that keep us very informed about what is going on in the legislature.

Scheduled a work session for October 22nd, immediately following the general meeting.

President Colpitts read a letter received from IDEM with a Notice of Decision of Approval effective immediately regarding the Air Quality Permit for St. Joseph Energy. The letter will be on file in the Clerk's Office.

Bills to be Paid

A motion to pay all bills as presented was made by Council Member Gelow and seconded by Council Member Vojtko, The motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Vojtko and second by Council Member Gelow the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM.

Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer