

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting, May 28, 2013**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Colpitts called the meeting to order with Vice President Higgins, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Vojtko, Council Member Carter and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Chuck Leone, Jack Mell, Jessica Varga, Debbie Higgins, Braden Varga, Mary Countryman, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, Mike McClaran, Ken Davis, Jeff Roseboom, Kathy Aurenz and Jason Quirk.

**Minutes**

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2013 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

**Visitor Comments**

Debbie Higgins  
Owner of The Diner

Mrs. Higgins expressed her concern that the Little League change the route of their annual fundraiser walk/run next year as the closing of Michigan Street to allow for crossing is detrimental to their business and costs her hundreds of dollars. She does not have a problem with closing Michigan Street for the parade as it brings in business for them.

The Council suggested that more discussion should take place with the Little League prior to next year's event regarding rerouting of the run/walk so that the closing of Michigan Street would not be necessary.

Kathy Aurenz  
Yarn and More/Discover New Carlisle

Mrs. Aurenz was in attendance to update the Council on Discover New Carlisle. They are planning three events this summer including:

- help with "Taste of New Carlisle",
- participation in Home Town Days, promoting the downtown area and businesses and providing a shuttle service between downtown and Memorial Park
- a beer and wine walk in August

Kathy also reports the following:

- they continue to work on obtaining not-for-profit status.
- recently received a \$2000 grant for production of a New Carlisle brochure.
- new members are always welcome and they would love to have volunteers for the upcoming events.

President Colpitts stated that Discover New Carlisle would like to close one block of Filbert Street between Michigan and Chestnut on the Saturday of Home Town Days. They have submitted a Special Event Permit Application for review.

President Higgins questioned the financial status of Discover New Carlisle following the \$12,500 start-up funding from the Town in 2012. Kathy explained that the financial reports will be forwarded monthly.

President Colpitts stated that he has been attending meetings and feels that they have been very frugal with funding. He stated that the Town spoke very loudly in support of existing businesses as well as attracting new businesses and that it was decided that a Main Street group was the best instrument to help achieve that goal. He is very impressed by the way Kathy has been handling the business of Discover New Carlisle.

### **Employee Reports**

Jason Quirk

The Electric Department continues work on rebuilding power lines.

Mike McClaran

The water fountain and bench have been installed on the West Michigan Street walkway and they are waiting for the 2013 sidewalk project to begin.

Jeff Roseboom

Despite bad weather, the Little League Dugout Dash and Memorial Day Parade turned out well.

Bob Middlebrook

Larry Magliozzi of Area Plan is using our code book as a model for Osceola and recently found a couple of sentences under Non-Conforming Use that need to be amended. If anyone has additional please let him know and they will address those at the same time.

Chuck Leone

They are working on the update to the Town Purchasing Policy.

Worked with Sue on initial language in preparation of Ordinance #1274.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

- Ordinance #1274 – An ordinance amending regulations for town parks.

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1274 by caption only for the first reading.

Chuck explained that this is to begin the process of amending the Park Ordinance with possible changes prior to the second reading at the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Council Reports**

Council Member Gelow

Work at Bourissa Hills Park has gone well with the new disc golf installed and the bike trail nearly complete.

Council Member Carter

Taste of New Carlisle will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 at Memorial Park. Mike Miles' Down by the Dock Band will be performing during the festival.

The Veteran's Memorial Plaque is in and a dedication ceremony will be held when installation is complete with the date and time to be announced.

Vice President Higgins

She represented the Town Council at the Memorial Day Ceremony and presented a wreath from the Town.

Vice President Higgins reports noticing many tombstones that are old and weathered and would like to find funding specifically for repairing/replacing those stones. We spend a great deal of money on many things and she feels that appropriate care of the stones is very important. She would like the cemetery board to look into this further.

Reports that the Park Board will be asking for more money for park projects in the future.

President Colpitts

Attended the Area Plan Commission meeting last week and reports nothing pertaining to New Carlisle. He has turned in the packet from the meeting at the Clerk's Office.

### **Clerk-Treasurer's Report**

We will hold the Public Hearing for re-establishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund rate at 5 pm prior to the general meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bills to be Paid**

Council Member Gelow moved to pay all bills as presented. Seconded by Council Member Carter the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

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

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Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer