

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting, April 22, 2014**

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 Pat Cummings, Andrea Halpin, Mary Ann Swope, Carol Middlebrook, Josh Schweizer, John Mrozinski, Dave Doll, Jill Doll, Cal Dittmar, Jeff Roseboom, Mike McClaran, Jack Mell, Jason Quirk, Bob Middlebrook and Craig Langhofer.

**Minutes**

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2014 General Meeting Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

**Visitor Comments**

Jack Mell

Mr. Mell inquired about the portable radar trailer the police department purchased years ago. Chief Jeff Roseboom reports that it is currently in storage at Walnut Road as they don't use it during winter months but that it will be in use again soon.

**Employee Reports**

Chief Jeff Roseboom

Chief Roseboom asked that Sgt. Dittmar present information on the upcoming "St. Joseph County Beat the Heat".

Sgt. Dittmar reports that "Beat the Heat" will take place on Sunday June 1 beginning at 10 AM with all proceeds going to the Special Olympics. Andy's Furniture and Phantom Technologies will sponsor a town team. Volunteers are needed and those interested in helping or for additional information should speak with Cal.

The National Night Against Crime will take place on Tuesday, August 5 at Memorial Park. A crowd of approximately 2-3 thousand people is expected and event details will be announced soon.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

They are working on completion of the ordinance for snow removal as well as requested paperwork for the Air Gas tax abatement.

Public Works Director Pat Cummings

Pat, Council Member Vojtko and Jared Huss met recently to discuss drainage issues. Because the Council has asked that current as well as future drainage issues be addressed, Pat stated they decided to request a proposal from Lawson Fisher for a complete drainage plan, including options and long

term solutions. They also decided to delay the street project until some of the drainage information is gathered.

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**General Meeting – April 22, 2014**

**Page 2**

Bob Middlebrook and Langhofer entered the meeting.

Changes in the sidewalk project were also made because the Council has asked that drainage be addressed. The project will now stop at Ada Street until a solution for the drainage issue is found.

President Colpitts asked Jared if the proposed study would include Michigan Street drainage issues as well.

Jared explained that there are drainage issues throughout the town and the study will encompass all of them.

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the contract with Lawson Fisher at a not to exceed amount of \$29,828 for the drainage study. The motion was seconded by Vice President Higgins and passed unanimously.

Pat informed the Council that the cemetery board will be advertising for at least one new member. The current ordinance states that persons serving on the board must own a lot at the cemetery and he would like to have that changed to allow town residents to serve without the requirement of owning a lot in the cemetery.

President Colpitts feels that the ordinance should also include wording requiring a percentage of meetings be attended.

Pat will prepare the ordinance revisions for the next meeting.

At the last meeting a tractor belonging to the Library was discussed. Pat asked for permission to purchase the tractor directly from the Library with the snow blower and leaf bagger for a total cost of \$4,999.

Vice President Higgins moved to purchase the tractor, snow blower and leaf bagger for a total cost of \$4,999.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed 4-0. Council Member Vojtko abstained.

Pat met again recently with JPR, the company doing the wastewater study for Hudson Lake and Saugany Lake.

**Council Reports**

Vice President Higgins

Vice President Higgins feels that a grant writer could be advantageous to all departments of the Town. She would like permission to look into aspects of a grant writing position possibly including parameters and a job description.

Vice President Higgins moved that she and Sue research grant writing positions and job descriptions for review by the Council. Council Member Gelow seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Council Member Vojtko

Attended the recent Area Plan Commission meeting with nothing from the Town to report.

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**General Meeting – April 22, 2014**

**Page 3**

President Colpitts

The Council has received the Special Event Permit Application for Little League Dugout Dash to be held on Memorial Day, May 26<sup>th</sup>. President Colpitts stated that this would include the closing of Michigan Street for a 45 minute period.

Vice President Higgins stated that two business owners attended a council meeting following the last Dugout Dash to ask that Michigan Street not be closed for future races as it negatively impacts their business that day. She feels that their business is here every day and it is not right to close Michigan Street and interfere with their business but will recuse herself from the vote pending an opinion from Andrea. Andrea stated that the decision to recuse herself or vote is up to her.

Council Member Carter expressed that it was his understanding that the race was approved last year but the route would be changed to stay south of Michigan Street for future races.

Council Member Gelow suggested they use Bourissa Hills Park for a part of the race in place of crossing Michigan Street.

Vice President Higgins moved to deny the Special Event Permit Application and asked that a revised proposal be brought to the Council at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carter and passed unanimously.

President Colpitts received a letter from Midwest High Speed Rail Association requesting donations to bring attention to their cause. No action was taken.

Sen. Jim Arnold and his wife Lauren entered the meeting and were introduced by President Colpitts.

Sen. Arnold distributed copies of the Session Summary from the 118th General Assembly and gave a brief overview of the recent session, addressing several items that directly effect our area.

A list of surplus items was prepared and distributed to the Council from the various departments of the Town.

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the list of surplus items for auction. Seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

**Bills to be Paid**

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

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Council Member Carter and second by Council Member Vojtko the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

---

Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

---

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer