

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**Special Meeting April 26, 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 Carter and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Council Member Vojtko was absent. Also in attendance were Jeff Roseboom, Sue Nowicki, Marcy Kauffman, Keith Kauffman, Amy Neuman, Jessica Varga, Braydon Varga, Mike McClaran, Pam Gray, Shannon Daniels, Laura Skornog and Amy Curl.

President Colpitts welcomed everyone and stated that he believes there is some confusion regarding the Dugout Dash Special Event Permit Application as the permit application was denied only to ask for an alternate route. That being said, there are a few things that have come to light and some have had time to review and reflect on the issue.

Tuesday evening the Council was presented with the Special Event Permit Application following review by the various departments. At that time, the Council then takes a final look at it.

President Colpitts opened the floor for input from Council Members.

Council Member Carter stated that he has discussed his concerns with Chief Roseboom and he has assured him that there will be access to the Diner for the entire 45 minutes of the race.

Vice President Higgins stated that she takes responsibility as she had not reviewed the packet and read that the race would be only 45 minutes and that customers would be able to access the restaurant. Given that, she also supports the modified 45 minute closing pending Jeff's reassurance that everyone will have appropriate access.

Council Member Gelow stated that one of his main concerns is the street condition and he feels that using the sidewalk would be better but if they want to take that chance. He doesn't feel that the closing for one hour will hurt any business.

President Colpitts stated that as members of the Council they represent the whole town. He feels that the letter from Shannon Robinson brought up a very valid points, especially in that we do not eliminate the closing of Michigan Street or make the other organizations go through the same thing for their events.

Sue Nowicki of the Little League presented the Council with letters from several businesses in support of the Dugout Dash and their route through downtown. Letters from Robinson Financial, Natalie Goforth of Hometown Hair and Nails, Cheryl Thomas of Photos by Studio C and Leslie Monroe of Monroe Crossing in support of the Dugout Dash and the closing of Michigan Street were read by President Colpitts.

Chief Jeff Roseboom was asked to give a description of the proposed route.

Sue Nowicki asked that they approve the route with the shortened closing of Michigan Street. She feels that the race has a very big economic impact on the community as was evident by the full parking lot at

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Manny's Restaurant following the race last year and feels that the race benefits the entire Town. The race is getting national attention and had people from as far south as Indy and as far west as Iowa last year. She thanked the Council for their reconsideration.

President Colpitts suggested that they work with Discover New Carlisle in the future. Sue stated that they are working together again this year and Discover New Carlisle also help promote the race.

Keith Kauffman feels that everything has been said about the businesses but nothing about the kids. The Little League is comprised of all volunteers and it is very hard to get volunteers at times. He feels that anything you can do to get kids involved in sports is good and anything the Town can do to help is very much appreciated.

Jessica Varga stated that many of those in attendance are friends and although the four hour closing of Michigan Street was way too long, the proposed 45 minute closing this year will be good.

Shannon Daniels was in attendance representing her husband who is serving as NP Little League President this year and unable to attend as he is in Huntsville for Space Camp. Shannon thanked the Council for their time and for reconsidering the Dugout Dash permit application today

Council Member Gelow asked Mike McClaran, as an avid runner, if he has anything to add. Mike stated that he did look at alternate routes that took everyone's issues into consideration. He did find one that keeps everyone off of Michigan Street but takes everyone through the town.

Council Member Carter moved to accept the Little League Dugout Dash Permit Application as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Higgins and President Colpitts called for a roll call vote as follows:

Council Member Carter	Aye	Council Member Gelow	Aye
Vice President Higgins	Aye	President Colpitts	Aye

Upon a motion from Council Member Gelow and second by Council Member Carter, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

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Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer