

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, October 24, 2017 5:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Vojtko called the general meeting to order with Council Member Rypma, Council Member Vermillion, and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present. President Carter was absent. Council Member Budreau entered the meeting later.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, John Mrozinski, Jeff Roseboom, Jill Doll, Bob Middlebrook, Dave Doll, Brian Woodcox and Jim Trotter

Approval of Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2017 Work Session and October 16, 2017 General Meeting as written was made by Council Member Vermillion and seconded by Council Member Rypma. The motion passed 4-0.

Minutes of the October 10, 2017 Public Hearing were tabled.

Employee Reports

Public Works Director John Mrozinski

The walk-through of the 2017 Sidewalk Project was held yesterday and John reports that everything is complete and they did a very good job.

John made contract with Surf Air regarding our contract and will be meeting with them soon for discussion. Vice President Vojtko asked that John impress upon them that this is the last meeting that we will schedule with them. John explained that the original person that we were dealing with is no longer with the company. Andrea expressed that the contract was reviewed and is fine as far as the town is concerned but we were still awaiting a response from them. version of the contract for John.

John spoke with a representative of Wells Fargo regarding the property next to the bank building that could be used for several purposes and hopes to hear back soon.

New Prairie Middle School will be in town raking leaves on Friday as a part of their annual "Make a Difference Day."

The radius expansion needed on Walnut Road will be done soon.

Norfolk Southern has installed lumber above the viaduct to help prevent falling debris and, although not totally fixed, they are making progress.

Leaf pick-up continues.

Trick or Treat is next Tuesday from 5-7 PM.

Vice President Vojtko asked John if the sump pits have been scheduled to be pumped out? John responded that everything is working well and this will be done in spring after they take the stone along the wall out.

EMS Chief Josh Schweizer

Chief Josh reports that he attended the Redevelopment Commission meeting Monday and they approved the purchase of the new ladder truck. Details will be arranged between the attorneys for St. Joseph County and the Town.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea reports communication with Chief Schweizer regarding the ladder truck. She is also working on the fire agreements for 2018.

She and Jared had a comprehensive review of the SJEC agreement that was put into final form.

Council Member Budreau entered the meeting.

Engineer Jared Huss

Jared reports that the walk-through of the Front Street project went very well. He will have a Certificate of Substantial Completion, Final Change Order and Final Pay App ready for Council approval at the November 14th meeting.

Selge will be working on the radius at Walnut Road soon and will also be working with Carris Reels to provide taps and run waterlines.

Jared reports that he is working on the 2017 Community Crossings Project with Sue and John. He would like a work session for discussion on projects for the 2018 Community Crossings Grant so that we are ready for next year's call.

Jared contacted Cory Collins today because we have not received the updated plans. Cory will be emailing them tonight and delivering a hard copy tomorrow to the town hall.

A punch list created at the US 20 Project walk-through should be complete by November 30th.

Jared received no questions from Council Members regarding the SJEC Agreement following the last meeting and it is in front of the Council for approval tonight.

The Master Plan proposal is not on the agenda but has been discussed at length with Lehman and Lehman. This is part of the broader master plan and if there are questions or concerns we should address them now in order to move forward.

St. Joseph County wants to maintain a good relationship with the Town as they begin the process of preparing a larger, broader master plan. They have put together a steering committee that Council Member Vermillion will serve as the Council's liaison to, with Sue to serve as a back-up.

Chief Roseboom entered the meeting.

Vice President Vojtko suggests a work session to go over the Lehman and Lehman proposal. Council Member Vermillion said that he feels that it would benefit the Town and that we have discussed it at length and need to make a decision whether we move forward or not.

Jared stated that one of the benefits of updating the plan is that we would be engaging other individuals in the community and not just the same few.

Council Member Rypma feels that the \$50,000 price tag is awfully high and that further discussion is needed prior to making a decision.

Vice President Vojtko stated that the town itself cannot grow because our boundaries are basically locked. Having a master plan is good and he agrees that we should have one but ultimately, the TIF district expansion will not benefit us as a town.

Jared stated that he would disagree in that he feels we will get growth regardless of what happens and any growth we get in the area will change the town.

Council Member Rypma expressed concern about rushing a decision. He feels that, with no required deadline to update the master plan and a cost of \$50,000, further discussion is needed. Jared stated that there is no deadline other than Lehman and Lehman is currently doing the study for the county.

Council Member Budreau stated that he both agrees and disagrees. He feels we need to know where the town sees itself in 10 to 15 years. He stated that obviously there may be a big plant coming but how much more is going to happen inside the town itself. He does want to protect the small town image but questioned what that actually means.

After further discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting to review the Lehman and Lehman Master Plan Proposal.

New Business

- SJEC Agreement Approval

The general framework of the final agreement has not changed except that there has been wording to include the second phase added.

Following discussion, Council Member Vermillion stated that he is not comfortable approving the agreement at this point as there are questions that remain. The Council voiced a united concern that this will effect the Town for years and years to come and that all questions should be answered. In addition, they felt that all members should be present for the decision and vote.

No action on the SJEC Agreement was taken and this will be added to the special meeting agenda for November 2, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Vice President Vojtko asked that Pat Cummings be in attendance to address some of the questions. Because Pat is a contractor for SJEC, Jim Trotter will be in attendance as well.

- Purchased power authority to sign:

Council Member Vermillion explained that Jason has been working very hard on purchased power negotiations. Further discussion and negotiation is necessary and Council Member Vermillion proposes that John Mrozinski be given the authority to sign this agreement as the public works director when they are at the point.

Council Member Vermillion moved to allow John Mrozinski to sign the purchase power agreement at the optimum rate for the longest period of time. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 4-0. Council Member Budreau expressed that this is great and gives our homeowners the ability to plan long term.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- Ordinance #1351 – 2018 Budget

.Vice President Vojtko read Ordinance #1351 by caption only for the third and final reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance #1351 for the 2018 Budget was made by Council Member Vermillion and seconded by Council Member Rypma. The motion passed 4-0.

- Ordinance #1352 – An Ordinance creating a Local Road and Bridge Matching Fund

Vice President Vojtko read Ordinance #1352 in entirety for the second reading.

- Ordinance #1353 – An Ordinance to change certain intersections from two-way to four-way stops.

Council Member Vermillion read Ordinance #1353 in entirety for the second reading.

Council Reports

Council Member Budreau

Council Member Budreau will be meeting with the Park Board tomorrow.

Vice President Vojtko

Vice President Vojtko reports that the library has hired a new director, Stephanie Murphy, who is from LaPorte. She will begin the third week of November.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Budreau moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vermillion and passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Budreau and second by Council Member Rypma the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM

Ken Carter, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer