

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting, March 10, 2015**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Vojtko, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Rypma and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Council Member Carter was absent. Also in attendance were Chuck Leone, Jason Quirk, John Mrozinski, Mary Ann Swope, Carol Middlebrook, Tim Kaminski, Mike Shilts, Tonya McKee, Dave Doll, Cal Dittmar, Sandy Colpitts, Ron Colpitts, Jill Doll, Trent Doll and Bob Middlebrook.

**Minutes**

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2015 and March 5, 2015 Executive Sessions as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2015 General Meeting as written. Seconded by Council Member Gelow, the motion passed 4-0.

**Employee Reports**

Town Crew Supervisor John Mrozinski

John reports the following:

The new truck is now fully equipped and in service.

They continue street patching throughout the town with Front Street scheduled for tomorrow.

He will be obtaining a quote for the lift station on Bray that went out in February.

Electric Superintendant Jason Quirk

Jason presented the Council with information regarding the electric utility, including the electric tracker that is currently being reviewed. Also included was a summary of charges for street lighting, private security lighting, municipal and governmental electric charges and needed infrastructure improvements including the charge for KWH for each customer type. The Towns charge for residential electric is comparable to that charged by other electric utility companies throughout the state.

Attorney Chuck Leone

Chuck reports the following:

They are completing review of the fire truck contract and purchasing.

They have assisted with personnel issues

They have completed review of the electric tracker ordinance and made several changes

**Old Business**

- Sidewalk Café Permit Application

Vice President Vojtko questioned wording of Section 10 and moved to table approval of the sidewalk café permit application pending clarification.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

- Ordinance #1306 – An ordinance to amend the purchased power cost adjustment tracking factor

President Higgins read Ordinance #1306 by caption only for the first reading.

### **Council Reports**

#### Council Member Gelow

Council Member Gelow complemented Jason's preparation of information on the electric tracking factor and electric rates.

#### Vice President Vojtko

Vice President Vojtko reports that he attended a Solid Waste District meeting yesterday with nothing to report.

#### Council Member Rypma

Council Member Rypma reports that the Cemetery Board has received a bid from Outdoor Enterprises for cemetery mowing for 2015, 2016 and 2017 remaining at the 2014 rate of \$885.00 per mowing.

Council Member Rypma moved to accept the Outdoor Enterprises contract for 2015, 2016, and 2017 cemetery mowing at a cost of \$885.00 per mowing. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

Council Member Rypma would like to address parking at Memorial Park. There is currently an ordinance in place that addresses semi parking but nothing that restricts overnight parking which provides a variety of problems for law enforcement and the town in general. He would like to explore amending the ordinance to prevent any overnight parking in all town owned parking lots. New signage would be required as well.

He feels that this must be done by ordinance revision, addressing all vehicles and not just commercial vehicles. New signage would be required as well.

#### President Higgins

A work session for discussion of the electric utility is needed and was scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the general meeting.

**Clerk-Treasurer's Report**

Sue reports that she has published Ordinance #1305 regarding delinquent accounts and non-owner occupied homes in the South Bend Tribune. Although not required, publication in the Trib, in addition to posting on the town website, is currently the best option for disseminating information to our residents.

Cemetery Clean-Up will be held on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. With no local paper to be able to advertise the information, we have put the dates on the town website and cemetery board president, Rich Kopkowski, has placed flyers in various places throughout the town.

Eric Walsh of Umbaugh will be here for the work session on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

We will need to move forward with several additional appropriations in the near future. An additional appropriation will be needed for the fire truck purchase. We will use approximately \$105,000 of Cumulative Fire Funds that are available with the balance funded through a lease/purchase. An additional appropriation will also be necessary for the project proposed by the cemetery board and approved by the council last year.

An additional appropriation for CEDIT may be necessary as well depending on the final bid amount for the sidewalk project this year.

**Bills to be Paid**

Council Member Gelow moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice President Vojtko and passed 4-0.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Council Member Rypma and second by Council Member Gelow the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.

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Carolyn Higgins, President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer