

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, September 22, 2015 5:00 PM

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Council Member Gelow, Council Member Rypma and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Vice President Vojtko and Council Member Carter were absent.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, Eric Walsh, Mary Ann Swope, Tim Kaminski, Josh Schweizer, Ron Colpitts, Jill Doll, Dave Doll, John Mrozinski, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, Cal Dittmar, Jacob Rypma, Wyatt Schweizer and Mike Shilts.

Minutes

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2015 General Meeting as written. Due to the absence of Council Member Carter and Vice President Vojtko there was not a majority present for the motion to pass and the minutes were tabled.

Visitors Comments

- **Mary Ann Swope**

Mary Ann stated that everyone would like to see a new town newspaper. She feels it is a valuable service to the community, keeps people informed and brings the community together. She questioned the possibility of the Town subsidizing a newspaper.

President Higgins expressed that it would probably not be appropriate for the Town to do this.

Council Member Rypma expressed that he feels the newspaper is a good thing but he would not vote to increase taxes or utilities to support it, partially due to the increase that was just adopted.

Employee Reports

Sgt. Cal Dittmar

- The police department is currently in the middle of renovations.

President Higgins questioned the necessity of obtaining three quotes for framing of the office space and storage room as renovations to the public safety building were approved as part of the General Obligation Bond.

Following a brief discussion, Council Member Rypma moved to proceed without official quotes being presented to the board on the police department renovations. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 3-0.

President Higgins asked Cemetery Board Member Dave Doll about the new cremation plots at the cemetery. Dave reports that the cost will be \$500 with 64 plots available in this phase.

Tim Kaminski

- Sent a response letter to the IDEM Sanitary Survey and has left a copy in the Clerk's Office.

- The new Extension on College Street did not pass because it didn't hold pressure. Walsh and Kelly will be testing again tomorrow.

Electric Superintendent Jason Quirk

- They are moving forward with second capital project for this year.
- He has had staff on site for the paving project and all has gone well so far.
- Will have outages on the east side of town for the completion of the first capital project
- Took delivery on the retrofit lighting for Town Hall.

Crew Supervisor John Mrozinski

- Walsh and Kelly set two dry wells and the project is moving ahead
- They have been working on replacing the roof on a small building at the garage. They will be replacing this in-house.

Attorney Andrea Halpin

- They have been in contact with the playground equipment manufacturer giving them an opportunity to inspect the equipment before removal.
- Prepared the resolution on the agenda this evening
- Working with Jared on an ordinance for the school zone speed limit and also one other issue.

Fire Chief Josh Schweizer

- The resolution on the agenda this evening is for the old department air packs that cannot be used for firefighting any longer. These are being donated to a teaching facility.
- South Bend Fire Department recently donated a fire training house to the New Carlisle Fire Department.

Ordinances and Resolutions

President Higgins read a Proclamation of the Town Council gratefully acknowledging the service and dedication of our police, fire and emergency medical service personnel and calling upon citizens to remember our own Assistant Chief Jamie Middlebrook and all fire and emergency personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and to pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes by lowering flags to half-staff on October 3rd, the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

Council Member Rypma moved to appropriate funds from the Council Promotional Fund to send Bob and Carol Middlebrook to the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial Service Weekend in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 3-0.

- Ordinances #1315 – A salary ordinance of town employees

President Higgins read Ordinance #1315 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Council Member Gelow moved to adopt Ordinance #1315 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 3-0.

- Resolution #15-09-22-01

President Higgins read Resolution #15-09-22-01 in entirety.

Council Member Rypma moved to adopt Resolution #15-09-22-01. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 3-0.

- Ordinance #1316 – An Ordinance of Appropriations and Tax Rates

President Higgins read Ordinance #1316 in entirety for the second reading.

Council Reports

Council Member Rypma

- East Dunn looks very good.
- It appears as though they are beginning work on East Ben Street.
- Questioned the status of the roof on the second shelter in Memorial Park

John Mrozinski reports that the shelter roof will be complete before winter.

- Has had discussion with John and Roger regarding changes for slip and slide next year.

President Higgins questioned making accommodations for a slip and slide at the Park.

Council Member Rypma reports that the slip and slide was a big success and there was discussion regarding making improvements to the hill that would be little to no cost for next year.

President Higgins asked that as Fire Department liaison, Council Member Carter be kept in the loop since this involves fire department members

- Council Member Rypma asked if there has been any additional discussion about doing a bonfire for Halloween at Bourissa Hills Park.

John Mrozinski reports that there has not been any further discussion.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Gelow moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rypma and passed 3-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Gelow and second by Council Member Rypma the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM.

Carolyn Higgins, President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer