

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting, January 4, 2022, 6:30 PM**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Present were Council Member Rush, Council Member Budreau, Council Member Doll, Council Member Colanese and the Clerk-Treasurer. Council Member Kauffman was absent.

Also in attendance: Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Perry Hinton, Jill Doll, Tom Baker, Chris Deak, Brent Croymans, Bob Middlebrook

**Election of Officers**

The floor was opened to nominations for 2022 Council President.

Council Member Doll nominated Council Member Rush to serve as 2022 Council President. The motion was seconded by Council Member Colanese and carried 4-0.

Council Member Doll nominated Council Member Kauffman to serve as the 2022 Council Vice President. The motion was seconded by Council Member Budreau and carried 4-0.

**Appointment of Commissions**

Appointment of Commissions will be given at the January 18th meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Budreau moved to approve the minutes of the December 7th Public Hearing and General Meeting and two December 28th Special Meetings as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and carried. Council Member Colanese abstained.

**Employee Reports**

- Bob Middlebrook, Zoning Administrator

Bob reported that he had been contacted by a gentleman who wants to have zoning changed for his property on Bellevue so that he can put in rental units. The property is currently zoned Light Industrial and would require rezoning and additionally has no sewer to the property. Bob was told that he has plans for the buildings and has built a few down in Florida. Bob and Perry have had some discussion on this and Andrea said that the interested party needs to make a presentation to the Council.

- Chief Tom Baker

Tom presented the Police Department's December Report:

142 Calls for Service  
3 Criminal Investigations  
1 Crime Scene Processed  
Special interest Program had 6 alerts recovery of \$25,383 and 3 arrests, 1 drug 1 warrant  
Traffic calming devices are at 500 E. Michigan and 600 W Michigan currently

He reports that things are going well. Council Member Colanese asked if all of the investigations reported were solved and Tom responded that they were solved with the exception of recent catalytic converter thefts.

- Engineer Jared Huss

Working on the project for the January CCMG call which opened Monday as well as completing close-out of the 2021 projects.

### **New Business**

- Subcontractor Agreement for Services

The Subcontractor Agreement with Pat Cummings for with at the SJEC wtp is for a period of three months from Jan 1 through March 31m 2022. Any additional consulting would need to be by separate contract.

Council Member Doll moved to accept the Subcontractor Agreement for Services as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Budreau and carried 4-0.

### **Council Reports**

#### Council Member Doll

The crew was out early and the streets were plowed well during the recent snowfall.

#### Council Member Colanese

Council Member Colanese reported that regarding the spray pad, the prospective donor had a multitude of problems at year end including the purchase of a new business and the loss of a family member. He asked if the decision on the donation could be made after the spray pad work has begun or it is completed. There was brief discussion regarding the need to have funding in place prior to bidding the project and possibly using a future donation for expansion. President Rush explained that after further discussion with DLZ, the size of the spray pad being designed has changed the expansion idea previously discussed. Jared stated that he doesn't know of the financial intake of the Town but that the timing of a donation would impact some of the decisions regarding the project, including naming rights. He said that one concept being discussed includes boulders

with the names of donors. Council Member Colanese will get with the potential donors for further discussion.

Council Member Colanese reported that Robert has obtained a quote to install a security system at the water treatment plants as had been discussed and he distributed copies to the Council. The quote is from ADM, the same company that installed the newest security camera system for town hall. The Town has been very happy with the system as well as the service from ADM.

Council Member Budreau moved to approve the quote, at a cost not to exceed \$7,750.00, for security camera systems from both water treatment plants. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and carried 4-0.

Council Member Colanese reported that Robert has discussed issues with the fire protection well with Tek and they felt that we aren't able to tell without pulling the well to look at internal components. Robert would like to move forward with having the well pulled at a cost of \$2,000. Replacement cost would be approximately \$80,000. Council Member Colanese reported that he agreed with Robert and had authorized him to have the wells pulled.

The tree trimming project for the electric department stopped today due to an injury of one of the contractor's employees but Jason is excited the project is getting done.

Renovation at the FD is going nicely but he was unsure of whether they are still ahead of schedule and asked Bob who responded that it is still a little ahead of schedule at this time.

#### Council Member Budreau

With the most recent fire at the shredder using over a million gallons of water, Council Member Budreau has been approached by several taxpayers who question whether they were billed for that water since residents are billed for water usage. Perry reported that they were billed for water usage as well as the manpower hours and had paid that bill without question within a week.

#### Vice-President Kauffman

President Rush reported for Vice-President Kauffman that there are currently no updates on the website but she will be reaching out to them so she is able to provide an update at the next meeting.

Council Member Doll asked about the findings of the study commissioned by Cleveland Cliffs. Jared reported that the group they hired, Ramboll, has completed their review and have findings that he sent to all, but he would like to have a technical meeting with Ramboll prior to meeting with the Council to review them. He feels the findings are encouraging and give additional options to consider. Jared would like to have this done in January as the County has some money they would like to use to help with this project that need to be obligated by June.

Jared reminded everyone of the Holiday Celebration on Thursday evening at 6 PM.

**Bills to be Paid**

There were no bills presented for approval.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Council Member Budreau and second by Council Member Colanese the meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

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Samantha Rush, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer