

**New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, March 1, 2022, 6:30 PM**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Rush called the meeting to order with Vice President Kauffman, Council Member Doll, Council Member Colanese and the Clerk-Treasurer present. Council Member Budreau was absent.

Also in attendance: Andrea Halpin, Jared Huss, Perry Hinton, Jill Doll, Robert Hollingsworth, Tom Baker, Brent Croymans, Melinda Antell

OPENING OF BIDS

This being the advertised date for opening of Garbage and Rubbish Removal Bids, President Rush opened the two bids received:

Waste Management:	2 Year Term: Year 1 - \$145,805.40 Annual Cost Year 2 - \$156,048.36 Annual Cost	3 Year Term: Year 1 - \$138,489.00 Annual Cost Year 2 - \$145,387.32 Annual Cost Year 3 - \$152,703.72 Annual Cost
	4 Year Term Year 1 - \$133,263.00 Annual Cost Year 2 - \$139,952.28 Annual Cost Year 3 - \$146,955.12 Annual Cost Year 4 - \$154,271.52 Annual Cost	

Borden Waste Away Service, Inc.:	2 Year Term: \$160,960.80 Annual Cost
	3 Year Term: \$162,842.16 Annual Cost
	4 Year Term: \$166,918.44 Annual Cost

The bids were taken under advisement and will be awarded at the March 15 meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Doll moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Special Meeting, February 15, 2022 General Meeting and February 24, 2022 Public Hearing as written. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kauffman and passed. President Rush abstained from the February 24, 2022 Public Hearing.

Employee Reports

- Chief Tom Baker

Presented the February 2022 end of month statistics report as follows:

154 Calls for Service

4 Criminal Investigations

5 Criminal Cases Prior Month Closed due to investigation – 2 felony, 3 misdemeanor

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Special Interest Program – 6 Alerts resulting in \$25,343 recovery, 3 arrests including 1 gun, 1 drugs, 1 warrant

Traffic Calming Devices placed in 500 block of E. Michigan Street and 400 block of W. Michigan

Council Member Doll asked if the total number of calls last year was available. Tom responded that the current reporting period is 154 but he doesn't have last year's number tonight. He reported that during the snow storm they had a request from SJC for one of our officers to stay over for an hour to assist with calls and that they assist both St. Joseph County and LA Porte County as well as occasionally assisting ISP.

- Town Crew Supervisor Perry Hinton

They have started taking picnic tables and benches apart to stain and reseal them. He has scheduled the Spring Cemetery Clean-Up for March 28 with an alternate date of March 29. This date is three weeks before Easter to give plenty of time for everyone.

- Attorney Andrea Halpin

Andrea sent out a policy and ordinance for Council review and she asked if there were any comments or questions on those. Further review is needed for later discussion.

Prepared bid specs for trash removal.

Reported that although originally she had a conflict with the meeting this Thursday but now due to changes in the court schedule, she is fairly certain she can attend.

- Engineer Jared Huss

Reported that he won't be able to attend the March 15 meeting as he will be out of town for Road School.

Was made aware of a funding opportunity that became potentially available through WRDA by Rep. Walorski's office.

Regarding the pervious pavers previously discussed, INDOT said that everything between the curbs is INDOT responsibility and anything outside of that area is not theirs to maintain. So, we can maintain those pavers even though we were told previously we could not. We will save some money on these by not reinstalling the pavers at Meridian during the upcoming project.

Through research on Bray and Meridian we have discovered some right-of-way issues with Front Street and will need to hold a public informational meeting. He and Andrea will work together on this.

New Business

- Fire Pump Discussion

Robert reported issues with the fire pump flow test. It is thirty years old and was recently cleaned up for better flow but it won't keep the pressure and he feels it is time to replace the fire pump and all of the electronics inside the pump. This pump services Tek and Kote and is still working but not as well as we would want. They run the pump every Monday and there is also a diesel backup. Insurance wants to insure it is in top working order.

Following brief discussion, Council Member Doll moved to approve the fire pump quote of \$79,000 as presented plus the cost of electronics required. The motion was seconded by Vice President Kauffman and passed 4-0.

Council Member Colanese asked about the email received by Council Members regarding Wintergreen Road. Vice President Kauffman contacted the sender and feels that she is referencing an outdated map but is looking into it and Jared will review it as well.

Council Reports

Vice President Kauffman

She and Council Member Doll recently attended a dinner by the County Commissioners and were recognized along with Bob & Carol Middlebrook and Gary Lawson for painting the viaduct wall. Vice President Kauffman said this is a nice program to recognize all kinds of people throughout the county including citizens, groups and businesses.

Recently spoke with Sera Group and reported that they continue working on the new website. They have a few logistic type questions and will be getting in touch again soon.

The Comp Plan meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, March 7 at 6:30 PM at the Library.

Reported that Chief Baker shared with her that four of our officers attended training in Valpo recently and the Chief received two calls about how well they did and how professional they were.

Council Member Doll

The Cemetery Board will hold their first meeting this year on the 15th to go over the presentation by Wreaths Across America. Council Member Colanese noted that cremations have gone up 60 or 70 percent and asked about the number of spots available.

Council Member Doll complimented the crew on the great job taking care of the roads.

President Rush

The Town got the cutest letter from a small school in Carlisle, Massachusetts. It is a small school, preschool through 8th grade and they are building a new playground. They want to surround the playground with a fence containing pickets from other Carlisle towns around the country. Each picket will have the name of a town engraved for a cost of \$250 which includes engraving. They have a website available to look at what they are planning and would like our Town to participate. Andrea said that conceptually the Council can do this since it is public school but we will double check and it can be included on the agenda for next time.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Sue presented the Annual Financial Report that was submitted through Gateway on February 24. The report contains the information that she previously emailed to each Council Member and that was subsequently advertised in the South Bend Tribune.

Bills to be Paid

Vice President Kauffman moved to pay all bills as presented on the Claim Docket. The motion was seconded by Council Member Doll and passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Doll and second by Vice President Kauffman the meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Attest:

Samantha Rush, Council President

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer