

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting, April 15, 2025, 6:30 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Marcy Kauffman called the meeting to order with Vice-President Jerry Colanese, Council Member Nancy Pemberton, Council Member Will Short, Public Works Director John Mrozinski, Special Projects Assistant Susan Moffitt, Deputy Clerk Yvonne Hoffmaster, Attorney Andrea Halpin and Town Engineer Jared Huss were present.

Also in attendance: Marshal Brian Cook, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook and Vince Vojtko.

Absent: Council Member Abbott

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Short moved to approve the minutes of the following : April 1, 2025, General Meeting, April 3, 2025, Executive Session, and April 11, 2025, Executive Session, as written. The motion was seconded to accept the minutes as written by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 4-0.

Visitor Comments

- None

Employee Reports

- **Marshal Brian Cook**
-Waiting to hear on when to pick up the 3 new outfitted cars and hoping to get a check to go pick up the newly ordered car.
- **Attorney Andrea Halpin**
-Will be attending AIM for attorneys in June.
- **Engineer Jared Huss**
-Public meeting for the CCMG project was held today and went well. He felt there was a good turnout, more than usual. Advertisement will be done in May and bid opening in June.
-Met with new owners of SJEC and they are going to want to meet the council. It was purchased by Hoosier and Wabash in a joint venture. A rate increase was introduced against their existing agreement and also will negotiate some amendments to the current water agreement.
-Additional meetings and agreements with Cleveland Cliffs are still moving forward. Working with them for a temporary and a permanent easement for the newly constructed sanitary sewer metering station.

-VP Colanese asked Jared what percentage the Town pays for the CCMG. Jared explained our portion is 25% of the 75/25 split. Jared also explained that the future of the CCMG may be cut by more than half, but we will have to continue to watch for any new developments.

-Jared spoke again towards the end of the meeting stating that the CCMG opening bids and awarding the bid at the same meeting will be May 6th.

-Would like to present the proposal related to the inspection to the metering station on the May 6th meeting.

-Informed the council that the SB1 bill has been passed, and it will need to be addressed for budgeting purposes, etc. and need to stay up to date. Short discussion pursued on the topic.

- **Public Works Director John Mrozinski**

-He feels it is a struggle for all the employees to finish the survey for the PAQ questionnaire for the wage study, but they will work through it, and it may be a day or two late.

-New dog signs are now up in the park, to clean up after their dogs (bags are included on the sign).

-Underground sonar locating was done by a company out of Illinois last week at the old well and still figuring out a few things there. He will be using them for another day to help locate some things in the alley and a few other spots.

-Closed on Paul Loop's property and the alley.

-He and Robert will be gone next week for the American Water Works seminar.

-VP Colanese brought up Paul Loop and now with him closing his business, there is no one to tow in town and it would be a great opportunity for someone to start a towing business.

Old Business

- **Pickleball Court**

-PWD Mrozinski stated he received 3 proposals for the pickleball court (Ardnt Asphalt out of Benton Harbor is at \$83,600, another for \$98,750 and one at \$124,000). He recommends the cheapest quote because it is the best at \$83,600, this is from Ardnt Asphalt. VP Colanese asked if that cost included the repairs to the tennis court, but it does not. John did state that there will be more costs because there will be trees taken down. VP Colanese also asked about lights in the court area. John stated that since the park closes at dusk/sunset we will decline the lighting for now. VP Colanese made a motion to accept the proposal from Ardnt not to exceed \$84,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Short. Motion carried 4-0.

- **Tree removal**

-PWD Mrozinski brought up the tree removal where the pickleball courts will be constructed. He received two quotes, one from KC Tree for \$4375 and one from TNL Tree for \$4200. John stated the difference between the two quotes is that KC Tree will dig out the stumps as well. Council Member Short stated that an acquaintance of his used TNL Tree and they removed the stump, but it wasn't on the quote. CM Short asked John to give TNL a call to verify if they will include the stump removal or not at the price quoted. Tree removal has been tabled until John gets an answer.

New Business

- **Resident Sewage adjustment request**
 - Letter was presented to the council. President Kauffman stated that a sewage adjustment was requested by a resident. She stated that PWD John and Mike McClaran (MVH) were working on this together. It was an elderly couple who had a major leak in the crawl space, and they didn't realize it. John did state that it did not go through the sewer. The total adjustment will be \$640.58. A motion was made to accept the sewage adjustment by Council Member Short and was seconded by Council Member Colanese. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions

- **Ordinance #1488 : PS Lit Additional Appropriations**
 - President Kauffman opened the Public Hearing. She proceeded in reading the Ordinance in full. President Kauffman asked for any public or council comments or questions (three times). She then closed the Public Hearing. President Kauffman read the Ordinance by title only for the 3rd and final reading. Council Member Short made a motion to adopt Ordinance #1488 and motion was seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 4-0.
- **Ordinance #1489 : Salary Amendment for Crew Leader**
 - President Kauffman read "An Ordinance for all 3 readings by title only unless anyone objects". No objections were made. She then asked for a motion to waive the rules to adopt the ordinance in one meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Short and seconded by VP Colanese. Motion carried 4-0. President Kauffman proceeded to read the Ordinance by title only for all 3 readings. A motion was made by Council Member Pemberton to adopt Ordinance #1489. Council Member Short seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Council Reports

- **Council Member Pemberton**
 - Had a cemetery meeting earlier today. They will be picking headstones for repair and will reconvene on the 22nd of the month to discuss it further.
 - Cemetery board agreed to have Kathy Matuszak upload the cemetery information onto the cloud.
- **Council Member Short**
 - None
- **Council Member Colanese**
 - He asked PWD Mrozinski what happened last night with the power. John explained that AEP had a line that went down on Timothy.
 - Fire Territory has a program which gives and install Smoke Detectors to residents in town. PWD Mrozinski asked if it would help to do a Reach Alert? It was agreed to do a Reach Alert to remind people that the service is available. Also, there is training on how to install car seats at the Fire Department.
 - Fire Territory has hired a Fire Marshal.

- **Council Member Abbott**
-Absent
- **President Kauffman**
-Attended the AIM conference. Towns from the middle of the state upward North attended. A lot of pickleball courts are going in. Two or three water towers are going up at other towns. Just a lot going on in a lot of towns and was surprised by how much is happening.

Clerk-Treasurer Report

- Made the council aware that I will be out of the office from Monday-Wednesday next week for vacation.
- Town now has a FB page up and running and it will be information only, no comments are allowed on the site.

Bills to be Paid

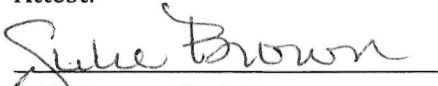
A motion to pay all bills as presented on the Claim Docket and the Payroll Allowance Docket was made by Council Member Short and seconded by Council Member Pemberton. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Council Member Pemberton and second by Council Member Short, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.


Marcy Kauffman, Council President

Attest:


Julie Brown, Clerk-Treasurer