

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
General Meeting – October 14, 2008

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Colpitts, Council Member Mell, Council Member Groves, Council Member Gelow and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Bill Herrbach, Amy Moore, Jill Doll, Brian Thompson, Jim Ford, Tim Kaminski, Chris Antonucci, Theresa Barnes, Donna Zigler, Steve Vojtko, Jason Quirk, Nick Cody, Candie Drake, Joseph Milan, Bill Gumm, Mary Ann Swope, Bob Middlebrook, Joel Taylor, Chris Covert and Ken Davis.

Bid Openings

President Higgins opened the three sealed bids received for the remaining piece of used playground equipment:

Pat Cummings	\$ 1.00
Augie Mauer	\$ 5.01
Wee Care	\$30.00

Vice President Colpitts moved to accept the bid from Wee Care for \$30.00. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Minutes

Council Member Mell moved to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2008 Public Hearing, the September 23, 2008 General Meeting and the October 7, 2008 Special Meeting as written. Seconded by Council Member Groves the motion passed unanimously.

Employee Reports

Jason Quirk

- Brakes have been repaired on the bucket truck and it is back in service.

Chris Covert:

- The new police cars are in transit
- Framing of the new building is complete.

President Higgins asked that the doors be painted.

Pat Cummings:

- Met with NPUSC and reports the gravity sewer has been resolved and work should resume soon.
- Has applied for right-of-way permits on East Michigan Street where we acquired electric territory.

Bill Herrbach:

- Suggests a letter be sent to Olive and Hudson Townships asking that the November 17th meeting be the date to approve the 2009 contracts.

Following much discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting on November 17th at 5:00 p.m. Bill Gumm stated that he anticipates no changes to the fire contract while Ken Davis will have changes for the ambulance contract.

- Is caught up on changes to the codification

Roger Nawrot:

- Bids have been received by the County for the Walnut Road water main extension. The contract will be awarded at the next County Commissioners meeting.
- Has been working with New Prairie Little League reviewing their plans. There are four small changes he is requesting prior to issuance of the building permit.

Clerk-Treasurer:

- Sue asked the Council if they would like refuse bid specs to include containers as a mandatory part of the contract. Council Members voiced unanimously that they should be made a part of the contract requirements.

Recognition of Visitors:

- President Higgins recognized the two reporters in attendance, Marti Heline of the South Bend Tribune and Joseph Malin of the LaPorte Herald Argus.

Old Business

In review of several ordinances it was discovered that Ordinance #1163, although passed in February of 2007, was never sent to Area Plan for review and professional recommendation. It was decided that a letter would be sent to John Byorni, Area Plan Director, requesting review of Ordinance #1163 by Area Plan.

New Business

- Discussion on the General Laborer Position

Discussion Tabled

Ordinances, Resolutions

- Ordinance #1201, a Salary Ordinance of Town Employees

President Higgins read Ordinance #1201 by caption only for the first reading.

Vice President Colpitts moved to waive the rules for Ordinance #1201. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1201 in its entirety for the second reading.

Council Member Gelow moved to adopt Ordinance #1201. Seconded by Council Member Mell and passed. Vice President Colpitts voted nay.

Council Reports

Council Member Groves

- Thanked everyone who assisted with the Lincoln Highway Kiosk Dedication.

Public Comment

Theresa Barnes:

Inquired about permit fees being waived for homeowners having work done to correct sump pumps that are pumping ground and or storm water into the sanitary sewer. The Council will waive permit fees for licensed and bonded contractors for this one instance.

Steve Vojtko:

Questioned where the standing water under the viaduct is coming from. Augie stated that this is ground water.

Inquired about the work that was to be done on Marvel Lane and Zigler Street. It was reported that although monies were budgeted for road work this year we have not received all of our tax money and will not be able to complete any projects this year unless it is received soon.

Vice President Colpitts motioned to pay all bills as presented. Seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

Council Member Mell moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Colpitts the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer