

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting – October 28, 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, Pat Cummings, Candie Drake, Chris Covert, Augie Mauer, Mary Ann Swope, Ken Davis, Brian Thompson, Jill Doll, Davy Doll and Bill Gumm.

**Minutes**

Council Member Mell moved to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2008 Special Meeting and the October 14, 2008 General Meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed unanimously.

**Employee Reports**

Ken Davis

- Spoke with Olive Township Trustee John Michalski who will be out of town for the scheduled November 17<sup>th</sup> intergovernmental meeting.

This meeting was rescheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Chris Covert:

- One new car has arrived and the other is on the way.
- Final grade in front of the new building will be done soon. Currently obtaining quotes for asphalt and concrete.

Bill Gumm:

- Has submitted rough draft of the 2009 contract to the Clerk's Office with no changes made by the fire department.

Vice President Colpitts has given copies of this to the Olive and Hudson Township Trustees. One change that was discussed earlier was making the cell phones part of the contract and paying one lump sum to the fire department for cell phones. Bill reports that he is switching to Centennial and expects savings of approximately one-half.

- Thanked Jason for the quick response during the storm last week. The fire department had several calls and it was awesome to have Jason taking care of things in town.
- The fire department will be replacing lights on the businesses in town on Sunday and Bill asked for assistance with traffic from the police department.

Jason was asked about turning on Christmas lights in town Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> so that they will be easier to see while changing bulbs. He asked for Council approval to do this on Sunday morning before the fire department begins so that the lights will not have to

be left on from Halloween afternoon until Monday. The Council expressed approval for Jason to do this on Sunday.

Augie Mauer:

- Has gone to the homes of residents on East Michigan Street who were questioning drains being in their front yards and showed them that they are in place.
- Drains along North Race Street have been cleared and the Niespodziany Ditch will be cleaned by the end of the month.

President Higgins inquired about progress on the issue with the 20 houses that are pumping storm and ground water into the sanitary sewer. Augie reports that he has received several locate requests for drainage work to be done.

Council Member Gelow stated that he wants code enforcement to go to each house and tell them they must stop pumping ground and storm water into the sanitary sewer in ten days or they will be fined. President Higgins suggested that this be done by certified letter to each homeowner.

Pat stated that the flows remain at 180,000 and should be 80,000-90,000.

Following discussion, Vice President Colpitts asked that Pat put together a plan and bring it to the Council. A special meeting will be set up as soon as Pat has the information. Roger suggested that the additional cost these homes are creating be reported as well.

Augie stated that when the power was out the flows dropped and showed that houses north of the railroad tracks are pumping as much as the entire remainder of the Town.

Council Member Groves requested a copy of the addresses that have been determined to be causing the rise in sewer flows.

Pat will prepare a plan, identify the addresses, notify the Council and a special meeting will be called.

Pat Cummings:

- Meeting with John Byorni of Area Plan in reference to the subdivision ordinance that had been passed without AP recommendation.
- The truck route signs have been ordered and INDOT will be requesting locates soon for their installation.
- New playground equipment will be installed next week. All installation in being done by the company this time but usage of the derrick truck to drill holes will be needed.

- Gravity sewer for NPUSC and sanitary sewer at Airgas are both to be complete by the end of the year.

President Higgins requested that Pat look into the status of the I/N Tek project.

Bill Herrbach:

- The committee to update the code has completed the task and he will be sending everything in for codification in the next few weeks.

Roger Nawrot:

- Has approved the exterior and ADA portion of the NP Little League concession stand plans and Bob Middlebrook has approved the remainder of the plans.

Clerk-Treasurer:

- Has advertised for refuse removal bids. Opening of bids is scheduled for 7 PM on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

- Take home vehicles.

Council Member Gelow has discussed take home vehicles with Pat who does not have a problem with not having one. He feels that Augie and Jason should be allowed to keep theirs.

President Higgins stated that the issue is to save money.

Vice President Colpitts motioned that the Town Council revoke take home vehicles except those of the on-call electric lineman and the crew leader who have properly equipped vehicles, effective November 3, 2008.

Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

- Bales Villas

Roger requested that this be left on the agenda for the next meeting. The utilities have been inspected but Mr. Bales has not yet formally requested that we accept the improvements nor has a three year maintenance bond been supplied. Area Plan will not release the final plat until this is complete.

### **Council Reports**

Vice President Colpitts:

- Presented a conflict of interest statement as he has started a corporation for home inspections with Chris Covert.

Council Member Gelow asked if he will then abstain from voting on items regarding the Marshal's Department. Vice President Colpitts replied that he will not abstain.

President Higgins:

- Attended the INDOT review of our grant application. Although there is not a lot of money she feels we still stand a chance of receiving the grant.
- Feels that we can discontinue the monthly pest inspection by Rose Exterminator for the town hall. This would exclude termite inspection.

Council Member Groves moved to discontinue the monthly pest inspection at the town hall. Seconded by Vice President Colpitts and passed unanimously

Council Member Groves:

- Attended a park board meeting today. Plaques for Memorial Park will all be taken care of next year.
- Will present a cemetery board update at the next meeting with recommendations for fee changes.

### **Public Comment**

Mary Ann Swope:

- Expressed her pleasure with the truck route signage being installed.

Ken Davis:

- Inquired about records for memorial benches and tables at the park. Council Member Groves reported that there are records for some of these.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Mell and seconded by Council Member Groves. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer

