

**TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING**  
**124 E. MICHIGAN STREET, NEW CARLISLE, INDIANA**  
**OCTOBER 7, 2008, 2:00 P.M.**

President Higgins called the Special 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 Ken Davis, Jerry Chapman, Drew Adams, Steve Brooks and Joseph Milan.

Pat Cummings reports that sewer flows are currently running at approximately 200,000 gallons per day.

President Higgins stated that our sewer bills are up from between 4,000 and 5,000 to 12,000 to 15,000 for this month.

Pat stated that the issue is we can't afford to treat ground water and the solution is to disconnect sump pumps pumping storm water into the sanitary sewer.

We currently have an ordinance in place prohibiting ground or storm water from being pumped into the sanitary sewer, allowing a fine of \$2,500 - \$7,500 for non-compliance.

Steve Brooks, owner of Kate O'Connor's Irish Pub asked where he could pump the water because he has very limited space and pumping into the parking lot is not a viable option. Pat explained that he could pump out into the parking lot. Vice President Colpitts asked if they could pump into the sanitary sewer. Pat stated they could but our storm sewer is under water.

Jerry Chapman, a property owner on Marvel Lane, feels that storm sewers are needed as is a retention pond.

Vice President Colpitts stated that there is a problem but we must look at the whole town and the town should not be in the plumbing business. He does not feel the cost estimates are correct and there are too many variables involved in each house; liability is a big concern if the Town does the work and further feels that we are setting precedence.

Council Member Gelow stated that the work would not be done for free as we would require reimbursement for each resident.

Vice President Colpitts stated that this issue was addressed last spring and should have been finished. He feels that we now have three options: 1) enforcement of the ordinance; 2) the Town could assist by facilitating bids; 3) waive permit fees to help offset the costs to each resident but provide inspection service.

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President Higgins stated that we must be very careful of setting precedence and incurring liability.

Following much discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. President Higgins stated that she wants Pat to do a bullet list for this meeting including all flows and facts as well as quotes from companies in this type of business. All residents in effected areas are to be notified immediately of the meeting date and time.

Tim Kaminski asked that if these 20 homes are responsible for the additional 120,000 gallons per month and disconnects are made and flows remain high, what would be done next. Pat stated that these homes disconnecting will make the difference, guaranteed.

Council Member Gelow expressed concern about homes currently pump washing machines into the sump pump requiring an additional sump pump.

The October 14<sup>th</sup> special meeting will begin with council discussion followed by public comments.

Council Member Mell moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Groves, meeting adjourned.

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Carolyn Higgins, Council President

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer