

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
Special Meeting December 1, 2008 4:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting was called to order by Vice President Colpitts. Present were President Higgins, Council Member Mell, Council Member Groves and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt. Also in attendance were John Michalski, Richard Gray, Ken Davis, Bill Gumm and Jack DeGroot.

Ken Davis presented the proposed Ambulance Contract for 2009.

Mr. Gray stated that he believes that Hudson Township will be able to continue funding the ambulance service.

Ken reported that numbers in the contract were changed to reflect possible staffing changes. This could include two additional full time EMTs at an additional cost of approximately \$80,000 including benefits. Both the Council and Olive Township agreed with these possible changes but Hudson Township is unsure until he has more information regarding funding.

Ken stated that he would like to expedite the hiring of the new EMTs, hiring at least one as soon as possible. This would allow coverage with two employees from 7 AM to 11 PM. One volunteer would then be on call from 11 PM to 7 AM Monday through Friday with volunteers on the weekends. Ken feels confident of 95% coverage.

Revenues would increase to help support the additional staffing and Ken estimates an increase in return to the three entities from 25% to 35%.

Bill Gumm distributed copies of the proposed 2008 Fire Contract. This contract would remain exactly the same as the 2008 contract.

Vice President Colpitts stated that we would like to make the department cell phones a part of the contract instead of a line item in the budget. The amounts would need to be reviewed by the governing bodies.

Vice President Colpitts stated that because it appears the Trustee positions will be gone soon he would like to set up a meeting with the three entities and Paige Gregory from Umbaugh to discuss fire territories. He feels that further research is necessary to prevent our fire and ambulance services from being diminished. Both the Olive and Hudson Township Trustees feel that fire territories are not currently being approved and that upcoming legislation will set up fire districts.

Bill Gumm suggested that we be proactive and set up a community meeting to hear information on the Kernan-Shepherd Proposal. Bill will try to organize a meeting with area government representatives and inform the council and trustees.

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Vice President Colpitts would like to see up preserve what we currently have.

A motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Colpitts and seconded by Council Member Groves. Meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer