

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting – December 16, 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, Tim Kaminski, Ken Davis, Jill Doll, Davy Doll, Jim Ford, Mary Ann Swope, Chris Antonucci, Bill Gumm, Jason Quirk, Candie Drake, Al Kaminski, Tim Chodzinski, Bob Middlebrook, Missy Ryder, Tom Baker, Sue Baker, Chris Baker, Thomas Baker, and Randy Rodriguez.

**Minutes:**

Council Member Gelow motioned to accept the minutes of the November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 General Meeting, December 1, 2008 Special Meeting, December 5, 2008 Executive Session and December 5, 2008 Special Meeting as written. Seconded by Council Member Mell, passed unanimously.

**Employee Reports:**

Bill Herrbach:

- Has reviewed and written legal letters for the Marshal's Department Vehicle Leases.
- Has reviewed the Refuse Bids and given his written recommendation.

Pat Cummings:

- Presented quotes for the replacement of dump truck beds. He asked for Council approval to encumber approximately \$25,000 to replace the beds and get each truck to DOT requirements.

Vice President Colpitts moved to allow the encumbrance of \$25,000 per the quotes presented, for dump truck repairs. Motioned seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

President Higgins commended Augie and Pat for their work on this.

Roger Nawrot:

- Presented the Abonmarche proposal for engineering services for 2009.

Vice President Colpitts introduced Tom Baker as the new Town Marshal. Tom comes to the Town with 30 years of police experience, most recently as a detective for St. Joseph County.

President Higgins stated that we are delighted to have Tom join the Town as he comes to us with outstanding recommendations and training. She invited everyone to attend a reception to welcome Tom, his wife Sue and their children Christopher and Thomas following the meeting tonight.

Bill Gumm:

- 2009 Fire Dept. Officers are: Bill Gumm, Chief; Chris Antonucci Assistant Chief; Andy Meyer, Captain, Josh Schweizer, Lieutenant; and John Cobitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant.
- Has worked to schedule a “Town Hall Meeting” to be held this Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. at the Fire Station. Scheduled to speak are former Governor Joe Kernan, Senator Jim Arnold as well as the president of the Indiana Trustee Association. The meeting will be in a question and answer forum regarding the Kernan-Shepherd Report.

Vice President Colpitts expressed thanks to Bill for all of his work coordinating this important meeting.

### **Old Business**

Awarding of Refuse Contract:

President Higgins read a letter of legal recommendation from Attorney Bill Herrbach to accept the bid of Waste Management as the most responsible and responsive bid.

A motion to accept the bid of Waste Management for a four year contract was made by Council Member Groves and seconded by Council Member Mell. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

- Ordinance #1202 - an ordinance amending the Town Code regarding Sump Pump and Groundwater Standards.

Pat Cummings recommends changing the surcharge to \$500 for residences and \$1500 for business.

Council Member Gelow moved to change the surcharges as recommended by Pat Cummings to \$500 for residences and \$1500 for businesses. Council Member Mell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1202 in its entirety for the second reading.

A letter will be sent to each property owner that will include information on the metered usages, the surcharges for non-compliance and a copy of the code allowing entrance to the homes for metering.

- Ordinance #1203 – an ordinance of compensation of employees of the Town of New Carlisle.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1203 by caption only for the first reading.

Vice President Colpitts moved to waive the rules and pass Ordinance #1203 this evening. Council Member seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Higgins read Ordinance #1203 in its entirety for the second reading.

Ordinance #1203 was read by caption only for the third and final reading. Vice President Colpitts motioned to pass Ordinance #1203. Council Member Mell seconded, passed unanimously.

**Council Reports:**

President Higgins

- The I/N Tek expansion project has been placed on indefinite hold.
- Offered a clarification of the process for establishing an agenda. After consulting with an attorney and other council members it was determined that the Council will sent the agenda and others wishing to address the Council may speak under public comments. This is necessary to allow business to be conducted at these meetings.

Vice President Colpitts:

- A meeting was held on December 1<sup>st</sup> to review the 2009 Fire and Ambulance Contracts. One change made in the Fire Contract agreement is that cell phone service will be obtained by the fire department with the entities providing an established amount of \$350 per month by contract.

Vice President Colpitts moved to accept the Fire and Ambulance Contracts for 2009. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

- President Higgins accepted the Conflict of Interest Statement presented by Vice President Colpitts. This is for his licensed home inspection business.
- President Higgins would like to start monthly budget meetings with each supervisor on the third Wednesday of each month at 4 PM.

Council Member Mell:

- Asks that everyone who is able please attend the meeting on Thursday evening at the Fire Station.

Clerk-Treasurer:

- Presented two purchase orders for the Marshal's Department totaling \$799.73 to be encumbered. There sufficient funds remaining from this years budget.

Vice President Colpitts moved to allow \$799.73 to be encumbered for Marshal's Department uniforms and firearms. Seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Ken Davis: Asked if Waste Management will provide containers when their contract begins. 96 gallon containers will be provided.

Al Kaminski: Questioned items that Waste Management will not pick up.

Jim Ford: Inquired whether all homes will receive a letter regarding the pumping of storm and/or groundwater. Pat replied that they have narrowed down those involved to approximately 14 homes and one business and only they will receive letters.

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

Council Member Mell moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Gelow the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer