

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting – February 24, 2009**

President Higgins called the meeting to order with Vice President Groves, Council Member Mell, Council Member Colpitts, Council Member Gelow and the Clerk-Treasurer present. Also in attendance were Roger Nawrot, Tom Baker, Shayne Landry, Mary Ann Swope, Jamie Middlebrook, Chris Antonucci, Ken Davis, Tony Bellegante, Carrie Bellegante, Bart Bales, Jason Quirk, Marcy Kauffman, Tim Kaminski, Deb Adnson, Randy Rodriguez and Bob Middlebrook.

**Minutes:**

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and the February 17<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting as written. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell, passed unanimously.

**Employee Reports:**

Ken Davis:

- After extensive testing, the full time EMT position was offered to Tony Bellegante.

Tony and his wife Carrie were in attendance and welcomed by the Council.

Tom Baker:

- Reports no additional liability for the Town with Operation Pull-Over or Click it or Ticket.
- Currently two officers interested in taking part in this program.
- Both officers have been trained for this program.

Shayne Landry stated that there are grants available to all departments statewide that participate in this program. All paperwork is handled by Lt. Williams of Mishawaka.

President Higgins stated that she is concerned that this would be added stress to an already stressful job. Other concerns included Town police cars traveling all around the county and gasoline usage.

Benefits would be:

- Removing impaired drivers from the road
- Money from issued tickets received by the Town of New Carlisle
- Eligibility for various grants through participation in the program
- Officers can choose the hours of participation

Following further discussion it was decided that Shayne and Randy would put together a press release asking for public input on the program. A final decision on program participation will be made at the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Council Member Colpitts will be out of town on that date but stated for the record that he is in favor of this project. Council Member Mell stated that he is all for it as well.

Roger Nawrot:

- Received a call from John Law of the Drainage Board. Phase II of the Niespodziany Ditch cleaning will begin following the completion of cleaning of the Taylor Ditch.
- Will be out of town for the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Committee met for two hours and has prepared recommendations regarding the Cooreman property proposals. These will be presented at the next meeting.

President Higgins asked that the Council receive this information by March 5<sup>th</sup> for review prior to the meeting.

Pat Cummings:

- The uniform contract has been renegotiated at less than our current uniform rental. The renewal is three years with no auto renewal.

Council Member Mell moved to approve the uniform contract with Aramark. Motion seconded by Council Member Colpitts, approved unanimously.

- Has a new cell phone agreement including six new cell phones. Tim Kaminski removed 2 WTP cell phones he feels unnecessary. The remainder of the phones will be kept on the plan. All but supervisor phones will be preprogrammed with town numbers only for incoming and outgoing calls.

President Higgins asked Sue if she felt this plan met the IRS requirements. Sue stated that an employee cell phone policy prohibiting personal calls and stating requirements would be necessary.

Council Member Colpitts moved to proceed with the cell phone plan pending adoption of a town cell phone policy. Motion seconded by Jack Mell, passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

- 748 E. Michigan Street

Bart Bales informed the Council that although his lot remains vacant, with the development plans on hold, he will be seeding and planting trees on this property in the spring.

Roger reports that an Erosion Control Permit was requested in 2007 with the end date for all land disturbing activity to be 10-1-08.

Bart informed the Council that he does not own the property next to his.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Ordinance #1207 – An ordinance regarding cemetery charges was read in its entirety for the third and final reading by President Higgins.

Council Member Mell moved to adopt Ordinance #1207. Motion seconded by Council Member Groves, passed unanimously.

**Council Reports:**

Council Member Colpitts:

- Marshal's Department has been reviewing current policies and procedures. Officer Shayne Landry suggested that the Town explore the possibility of writing town ordinance tickets for violations on town streets. This would result in less expensive tickets for the driver with no points on their license and the fine collected for the ticket remain in Town. This would be for town streets only, not county or state roads. The offender would be given a number of days to pay the ticket and if it would remain unpaid after that time the ticket is vacated and a citation is issued. This procedure would be applicable for speeding, no turn signals and running a stop sign.

President Higgins asked that information be put together for Council review prior to the next meeting.

- There are stimulus funds available for hiring additional officers through the federal government. He will put together information for the council packets.

President Higgins:

- Reviewed information that Sue forwarded regarding economic stimulus. She would like the State to put in storm sewers along Michigan Street.

Roger reports that we will need to make contact with the state regarding this issue.

- Council Member Mell will be the new representative on the Area Plan Commission.

**Public Comment:**

Marcy Kauffman:

- Was asked to announce the HNC Rummage & Bake Sale at the Feeney building this Friday and Saturday from 8 to 4 with lunch being served.

Mary Ann Swope:

- Inquired about additional directional signage for SR 2 and US 20.

Deb Adnson:

- Inquired about the sewer flows since most homes have disconnected their sump pumps from the sanitary sewer.

Pat replied that there are more homes to disconnect and there is another issue that he has spoken with President Higgins about. A special meeting may be necessary soon.

Council Member Gelow moved to pay all bills presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and unanimously passed.

Council Member Mell moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Groves, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Carolyn Higgins, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer