

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting – October 12, 2010**

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 Andrea Halpin, Roger Nawrot, Pat Cummings, Mary Ann Swope, Tom Baker, Jill Doll, Davy Doll, Ken Davis, Mike Shilts, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook and Jason Quirk.

**Minutes**

Council Member Groves motioned to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2010 Public Hearing and General Meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

**Employee Reports**

Andrea Halpin

- Attended the October 6<sup>th</sup> ABZA Meeting regarding the property at 117 S. Arch Street and reports that it worked well for everyone. The ABZA voted to grandfather the property and allow the upstairs apartment although rezoning may have been a better option.
- Recently received the fifth public records request this year.

Roger Nawrot

- Abonmarche began surveying Monday for the TE Grant Project.
- Reports that he received a call Monday from the Plan Commission in reference to the New Carlisle Villas and needs to make the Council aware of a problem as the Town has never officially accepted the improvements and the final plat has not been approved. Developer Bart Bales has been informed that he must provide the town with a maintenance bond.
- The foundation that was installed on the lot adjacent to the existing villa has been left with no protection other than a snow fence and Roger feels this is a safety issue.

Bob Middlebrook spoke with Bart Bales numerous times regarding this issue as the fences continues to fall over. He feels that it is a safety hazard as it is open excavation. A snow fence is not secure enough for this type of situation and something else must be done. Bob will speak with Bart again and ask for cooperation in securing the area properly before this issue is turned over to Andrea.

Pat Cummings

- Reports the Park Board approved the purchase of a zero-turn commercial mower at a cost of \$8,633 from Rigg of LaPorte.

Vice President Colpitts moved to accept the Park Board recommendation and approve the purchase of a zero-turn mower at a cost of \$8,633.00. Motion seconded by Council Member Mell and passed unanimously.

- The 2010 Sidewalk Project is complete and replacement trees have been planted.

President Higgins complimented Selge Construction on an excellent job.

### **New Business**

- The 2010 Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The Lion's Club will be collecting donations at various businesses for "White Cane Days".

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

- Resolution #10-10-12-01 – A Resolution for Transfers within the General, Cemetery and MVH Funds.

President Higgins read Resolution #10-10-12-01. Vice President Colpitts moved to adopt Resolution #10-10-12-01. Seconded by Council Member Groves and passed unanimously.

### **Council Reports**

Vice President Colpitts

- Recently attended the Annual IACT Conference and felt it was excellent. He suggested that other council members and Pat could benefit from some of the seminars offered.
- He and John Gelow are co-chairing a committee that includes Mike VanLue, Bob Palm, John Michalski, Augie Mauer and Kelly Bloode to review options following Hudson Township's proposed withdrawal from joint ownership of fire and ambulance services.

The committee would like to see services continue to be provided as they are now but several things need to be reviewed. They would like to hold a public meeting for residents of the Town and Olive and Hudson Townships.

Council Member Mell requested that we be certain the meeting space is handicap accessible. Andrea stated that we must remember that budgets for next year have already been approved and that we will need to keep in mind upkeep and purchase of new equipment.

Vice President Colpitts would like to hold the meeting in November with facts available in a handout for those in attendance. The committee will set a date and get it advertised to get as much public input as possible.

- He has officially graduated to MM Level 1 as part of the Municipal Management Institute.

Council Member Gelow

- Reports a problem at the municipal parking lot with people driving over the island between the entrance and exit and would like to put a tree and/or boulders to discourage this.

Roger recommends a tree in place of boulders and Sue suggested that the flowering pears quoted for the tree replacements possibly be used.

Council Member Gelow moved to pursue the purchase of two appropriate trees for this area. Seconded by Council Member Colpitts, the motion passed unanimously.

**Clerk-Treasurer Report**

- Will be attend C-T School October 13<sup>th</sup> and State Board of Accounts School October 14<sup>th</sup> in Middlebury.

**Public Comment**

- Mary Ann Swope asked if the Council will still pursue the donation of trees.

Vice President Colpitts reports that he has information from the DNR on tree replacement that Council Member Groves will review. The DNR will come to the town and inventory trees and their health. They then make recommendations on when to replace and trees to be used. Dana will let Mary Ann know when to put something in the paper.

**Bills to be Paid**

Council Member Mell motioned to pay all bills as presented. Council Member Groves seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Council Member Mell moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Groves and the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

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Carolyn Higgins, Council President

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer