

New Carlisle Town Council  
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana  
General Meeting, February 11, 2014

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Colpitts called the meeting to order with Vice President Higgins, Council Member Gelow, Council Member Vojtko and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Moffitt present. Council Member Carter was absent. Also in attendance were Pat Cummings, Chuck Leone, Jamie Middlebrook, Mike McClaran, Jeff Roseboom, Cal Dittmar, Chris Deak, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook, Mary Ann Swope, Jared Huss, Ben

Minutes

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2014 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

Visitors Comments

Mary Ann Swope

Mary Ann expressed appreciation for the outstanding work done by the town employees.

Employee Reports

Chief Jeff Roseboom

Chief Roseboom introduced Chris Deak, the newest member of the police department. Chris is currently in the FTO program and will be starting on the midnight shift soon.

Engineer Jared Huss

Jared reports that, under Pat's direction, he has begun work on the 2014 sidewalk project. He will have information prepared for preliminary review by the end of February.

He has spoken with Jason about the electrical grid in town.

He met with a member of Rep. Walorski's staff today regarding additional representation for the Town and some of the issues with US 20.

Attorney Chuck Leone

Mr. Leone has reviewed statute regarding a council member attending council meetings electronically. State statute allows council member to participate via computer or telephone although they would not be able to vote.

Public Works Director Pat Cummings

Pat was contacted by the real estate manager for I/N Tek. They have requested that I/N Tek be allowed to acquire Larrison Court (Edison Road to the guard shack) from the Town and he recommends that the Council allow.

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Pat believes that originally Larrison Court was built with TIF monies and made a county road from Edison to the guard shack. When I/N Tek was annexed it became a town road. He feels that Larrison Court is of no benefit to the Town as it is a dead end into the steel plant and would be extremely costly to maintain.

Council Member Vojtko requested that we be certain there are no easements involved. Pat stated that we will let I/N Tek prepare the proper paperwork as it is their request and they should bear the costs involved. The agreement would then be reviewed by our attorneys.

Council Member Vojtko moved that we move forward with starting the process to vacate Larrison Court. The motion was seconded by Vice President Higgins and passed 4-0.

Pat informed the board of the necessity to issue a town wide notice regarding freezing water services. Notices will be delivered to homes and businesses as well as sent to the media. The flyer will advise residents to let their water run continuously until further notice. He recommends that those who do so have a credit applied following the next billing. The credit will be the difference between the water usage for this period of time and each resident's November 2013 billing for water and wastewater.

Pat asked approval from the Council to credit the accounts determined by Pat, the utility department and the Clerk.

Council Member Gelow motioned to move forward with notifying the residents to keep water running until further notice and to make adjustments to the water and sewer charges, on those accounts requested by the residents and approved by Pat and Sue, back to the November 2013 charges. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed 4-0.

Vice President Higgins expressed concern regarding the report on the news last evening regarding the utility expansion proposed by the City of South Bend.

#### Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #1288 – A Salary Ordinance for employees of the town

Council Member Vojtko moved to waive the rules to allow for the adoption of Ordinance #1288 on the day of introduction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1288 by caption only for the first reading.

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1288 in its entirety for the second reading.

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1288 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Council Member Vojtko moved to adopt Ordinance #1288 as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

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Council Reports

Council Member Gelow

Council Member Gelow reports that the guys are doing a good job trying to stay ahead of the freeze problems and the streets look good.

Council Member Vojtko

Council Member Vojtko recently attended the annual fireman's appreciation dinner and reports that Bob Middlebrook was honored for his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the department. Council Member Vojtko thanked Bob for his dedication to the fire department and to the community.

Vice President Higgins

Vice President Higgins reports that she was not able to talk to Marcy Kauffman about the map hanging in the council room as she has been out of town but will meet with her as soon as she returns.

President Colpitts

President Colpitts presented the annual Humane Society Contract for approval.

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the Humane Society Contract for 2014 as written. The motion was seconded by Vice President Higgins and passed 4-0.

Bills to be Paid

Council Member Gelow moved to pay all bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Upon a motion to adjourn by Council Member Vojtko and second by Council Member Gelow the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM.

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Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer