

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting, January 31, 2014, 8:00 AM**

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, Tim Kaminski and Jeff Roseboom.

**Minutes**

Council Member Vojtko moved to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2014 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gelow and passed 4-0.

**Employee Reports**

Chief Jeff Roseboom

Chief Roseboom reports that Christopher Deak has been hired as the newest member of the police department. Chris is currently working 10 AM to 6 PM to allow training time on two shifts and is working well.

The ambulance service had an all-time high call volume of over 100 calls for the month of January. Council Member Vojtko asked about the percentage of calls being answered. Chief Roseboom reports that 100 percent of calls have been answered.

Attorney Chuck Leone

Mr. Leone reports that he is working with Sue on the preparation of refuse removal bids.

Public Works Director Pat Cummings

Pat reports that they have been unable to perform a street survey in preparation of upcoming projects due to weather.

Although there is a shortage of road salt, Pat was able to order an additional 75 tons last week, leaving the town in good shape for the remainder of the winter.

President Colpitts stated that all departments of the town have done a very good job with the many weather related issues. Pat expressed that it was a team effort that included everyone this year.

Pat will be meeting with Chief Roseboom, engineer Jared Huss and an architectural engineer from Lawson Fisher next week to look at options for the police garage.

Vice President Higgins expressed thanks to all who continue to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and encouraged everyone to try to do so.

- Ordinance #1287 – A Salary Ordinance for employees of the town

Council Member Vojtko moved to waive the rules to allow for the adoption of Ordinance #1287 on the day of introduction. The motion was seconded by Vice President Higgins and passed 4-0.

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1287 by caption only for the first reading.

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1287 in its entirety for the second reading.

President Colpitts read Ordinance #1287 by caption only for the third and final reading.

Vice President Higgins inquired about the change included in the ordinance for Joshua Szuba's salary. Chief Roseboom explained that this was canine pay established in the rank and salary structure.

Council Member Gelow moved to adopt Ordinance #1287. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed 4-0.

## **Council Reports**

### Council Member Vojtko

The Library Board has made an offer to someone for the position of library director.

### Vice President Higgins

Many of the civil war monuments at the cemetery are in very poor condition and Vice President Higgins would like to explore options for preserving them. She feels earmarking funds in the cemetery budget for monument preservation should be made a priority. Other options will be discussed with the cemetery board including offering people the opportunity to sponsor restoration of a stone for one of our veterans.

### President Colpitts

President Colpitts expressed great concern regarding current legislation that would take away business personal property tax. He asks that each council member look very closely at what is being proposed and the impact it may have. IACT has been sending out very informative emails and is offering a phone conference later today as well.

President Colpitts stated that there has been a push by a group of people to get appointing bodies to remove their respective appointees from the Library Board. He cautions that the majority of this group is non-town residents and that we have, in fact, received comments from only one town resident. He feels that some very much liked the last director and this has become a popularity

issue. President Colpitts stated that no public hearing regarding the library board appointment will be held unless something is brought to the council that shows a reason to do so.

Vice President Higgins stated that she is appalled that a board would hold a public hearing such as this as a board should be sacrosanct and supported.

President Colpitts stated that the decision made by the Library Board was a very difficult decision and that people must understand that.

**Bills to be Paid**

Vice President Higgins 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 Gelow and second by Vice President Higgins the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM.

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Ronald Colpitts, Council President

Attest:

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Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer