

**New Carlisle Town Council**  
**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**  
**General Meeting, September 9, 2014**

Vice President Higgins called the General Meeting to order at 5:04 PM with Council Member Gelow, Council Member Vojtko and Deputy Clerk Doll present. Also in attendance were Jason & Leslie Quirk, Chuck Leone, Davey Doll, Tonya McKee, Mary Ann Swope, and Cal Dittmar. Absent from the general meeting was Council President Colpitts, Council Member Carter, Clerk-Treasurer Moffitt and Town Manager Conley.

**Minutes**

Council Member Gelow moved to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2014 General Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed unanimously.

**Employee Reports**

Chuck Leone

They have been working on the Lineman Reimbursement Agreement for the Elec. Department.

Jason Quirk

He advised that the electrical service lines along Wintergreen and Dunn were being relocated due to their location and their interference with new construction in that area.

Tim Conley

He was not able to be present at the meeting so he sent in his printed report which was presented and read by Vice President Higgins.

Perry Hinton has begun working in the Elec. Dept. and Tim is asking for the Council to approve the wordage in the Lineman "Training Reimbursement and Pay Incentive Agreement". Attorney Leone advised that he did change the time line to pay back if contact, if broken, and added a penalty of 18%. After much discussion Council Member Vojtko motioned to table the wordage approval until the next meeting. Council Member Gelow seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

He also advised that he and supervisors will continue their weekly meeting.

Project Work: Sidewalk project- is nearly complete and will be doing a final walk through with Rieth-Riley and Lawson-Fisher before final payment.

Drainage issues- that are being looked into, that need some agreement from the council, to move forward on are on N. Bray St. - the drainage repair work at that location is estimated to be \$16,000. The other location in need is the Town parking lot with the estimated cost to repair at \$13,000. Tim would like to do a change order for the sidewalk project to add these two items along with additional funding from MVH and wastewater for these improvements. Several members of the Council voiced that they are disappointed with the sidewalk project work this year. Stating that things are not as timely, not the same quality or as clean as in past year's projects. Also that several issues have not been addressed that were brought to the project supervisors. Lastly Council Member Vojtko ask about the two line poles still in the project area. Jason advised that the phone company was notified a month before the start of the project to have them removed and that Jared is contacting the supervisor of the Company to get this done.

Boards-Park Board is looking into the repair of the merry-go-round at Memorial Park and the tennis court and fencing at Bourissa Hills. Also the board is moving forward with gathering information for an amphitheater at Bourissa Hills.

Cemetery board is looking into burial spaces for cremains around the war monument.

Miscellaneous items- had a meeting with county to discuss a new rail spur west of Walnut Rd. and were advised that nothing is final yet. The leaf vac is being readied for fall pick up and that a pick up plan is being developed and will be posted on our Town web site. Road salt bids are in and ready for delivery when needed and lastly a formal snow removal plan is in the works.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

- Ordinance #1297- An ordinance for the vacation of Larrison Ct.
- Vice President Higgins read Ordinance #1297 in its entirety for the second reading.

### **Council Reports**

Council Member Vojtko

Expressed concern on two change order requests for the sidewalk project that had not been followed up on. He is also hoping to get the drainage study information soon.

He also would like the Police Department to present an "Emergency Response Plan" outline by the next council meeting.

Area plan meeting coming up, but there is nothing on it in regards to New Carlisle.

Solid Waste had their budget meeting and a decision was made that recycling will no longer send out the pick-up date magnets, but will now send out postcards, to save on costs.

Vice President Higgins

Advised that the "Concerts in the Park" series was really enjoyable and well attended this year. She thanked Council Member Vojtko for all his work on the event.

She also advised that she and Mike McClaran had met with St. Joseph County Park Director Evie Kirkwood in regards to having a Park Foundation status for our parks and were informed of all of the steps to achieve that status.

**Bills to be Paid**

Council Member Gelow moved to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Vojtko and passed 3-0.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion by Council Member Vojtko and second by Council Member Gelow the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM.

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Carolyn Higgins, Council Vice President

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Jill A. Doll, Deputy Clerk