**New Carlisle Town Council**

**124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana**

**General Meeting, January 2, 2024 , 6:30 PM**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

President Kauffman called the meeting to order with Vice President Doll, Council Member Short, Council Member Abbott, Council Member Colanese, and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Brown present.

Also in attendance: Jared Huss, Jill Doll, Brent Croymans, Dan Caruso, Sue Moffitt, Yvonne Hoffmaster, JJ Labounty, Ian from BakerTilly

**Election of Board Officers**

Council Member Colanese nominated Marcy Kauffman for Board President; motion carried 4-0.

Council Member Colanese nominated Davey Doll for Board Vice-President; motion carried 4-0.

**Appointment of Commissions**

Board President Kauffman recommended to keep all appointments the same.

Council Member Colanese motioned to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Davey Doll and carried 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Council Member Doll moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023, General Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Abbott and carried 4-0.

**Visitor Comments**

* Dan Caruso

Stated that the concrete plant will not be located at Tulip Rd., he feels this happened because of the number of people that spoke up against it. He stated he feels that the board members should be voicing their concerns to companies and other factions about things that may affect the town even if it isn’t in our area. Council Member Short spoke up and stated that the comment made said “can’t really do anything about it” had meant they have no authority after they speak up. Dan feels the whole council should be attending more meetings to voice objections/concerns, at the same time he understands that they aren’t retired and can’t always make those meetings. He feels the next thing to watch is Mini-Mountain Campground. They are applying for a temporary campground from a seasonal campground. His concern is the number of people that will be coming in for the new factories with their children that will be filling up our schools to capacity. Are we going to have to build new schools and if so, where will the town get the money? He feels we need to slow down the progress before it gets out of control. Board President Kauffman let Mr. Caruso know that the council is doing the work and there a lot of things going on and there are nuances and delicacies with everything going on with many considerations and they have to pick and choose about issues they speak up about and how they speak up. They are not ignoring the issues.

**Employee Reports**

* Engineer Jared Huss

Coordinating with Clerk-Treasurer Brown and Deputy Clerk Hoffmaster for the CCMG contract, of which the deadline is January 31, 2024. The amount has been increased from $1M to $1.5M. We will ask for the $1M because of the cost considerations. Town will need to match 25% towards the project.

Apologized to Council Member Abbott about not being able to attend Executive Session and offered to schedule a time with her to discuss details.

**New Business**

None

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

* Ordinance#1460 –Ordinance to Establish the Required Plan for Spending the ARP Funds

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1460 in its entirety for the 2nd reading.

Council Member Colanese questioned ordinance and Engineer Huss answered question.

* Ordinance #1461-Ordinance Amending Municipal Sewage Works Utility Rates

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1461 by caption only for the first reading.

* Ordinance #1462-Ordinance Amending Municipal Water Utility Rates

President Kauffman read Ordinance #1462 by caption only for the first reading.

Ian from BakerTilly explained new rates of 14.9% and how they came up with the proposed changes.

**Employee Reports**

* Chief Brent Croymans

Reported the car/deer accident on the bypass. Car is out of service.

Renovations of the police department are about complete.

**Council Reports**

Vice President Doll

The Wreaths Across America had more help than needed. Also let everyone know that they are taking donations for 2024 and matching contributions.

President Kauffman

Thanked everyone for everything they did in 2023 and looking forward to 2024 and doing their best.

Council Member Abbott

Walk-through was done with Perry. They will be having an upcoming meeting to elect a new Park Board President.

**Bills to be Paid**

No bills to pay at this time.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Vice President Doll and second by Council Member Short the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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Marcy Kauffman, Council President

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Julie Brown, Clerk-Treasurer