
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 23, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio Municipal Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 23, 2016 to order in Council Chambers at the Carlisle Town Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio. The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Mr. Randy Jewett	present
Mr. Jake Fryman	present
Mr. James Licklitter	present
Mr. Brad McIntosh	present
Mr. Jonathan McEldowney	present
Ms. Barb Tankersley	present
Mayor Randy Winkler	present

Staff members present: Village Manager Sherry Callahan
Police Chief Michael Bruck
Zoning Administrator Greg Wallace
Clerk of Council Amy Brown

The minutes of February 9, 2016 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Licklitter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. McEldowney.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jewett	yes
Mr. Fryman	yes
Mr. Licklitter	yes
Mr. McIntosh	yes
Mr. McEldowney	yes
Ms. Tankersley	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Public Forum:

Mark Boy, 7855 Sheri Lane, stated that he resides in Franklin Township, but he also associates himself with Carlisle because of his connections with Carlisle residents and the school district. Mr. Boy said that he has been attending Franklin Township Trustee meetings and wanted Carlisle Council to know how certain money is being spent. Mr. Boy remarked that a friend went to join the Franklin City pool last summer, but since they live in Franklin Township, they were required to pay a non-resident fee. Mr. Boy said that the Township pays a portion to help operate the Franklin City pool, but Township residents do not get the same benefits as someone who lives in the City. Mr. Boy talked about how money from property taxes is going to support the pool and wanted Carlisle Council to be informed so they can make educated decisions about how money is being spent. Mayor Winkler thanked Mr. Boy for his comments.

Chet Miles, 621 Meadowview Court, reported that he read the article that was in the Journal News that Ed Richter wrote about the Carlisle Police Department and stated that it was a good article. Mr. Miles said that the article gave a better understanding of what is happening and he wishes that citizens would show a greater interest so they can also be informed. Mr. Miles stated that the Village is doing the best with what they have to work with and he believes that citizens have the problem in not realizing that we can only have the protection that we can afford. Mr. Licklitter asked Mr. Miles if his neighbors understood what Council is trying to do. Mr. Miles remarked that the residents that he has spoken with understand. Mr. McIntosh thanked Mr. Miles and appreciated his efforts for helping to spread the word in his neighborhood. Mr. McIntosh wanted to make it clear that Council is not voting to let an officer go, but are voting to be fully staffed at 6 officers. Mayor Winkler thanked Mr. Miles for his comments and for being a cheerleader for the community.

Mr. Scott Lipps, Park Drive, introduced himself and stated that he is running for District 62 State Representative. Mr. Lipps stated that he formerly served on Franklin City Council and is excited about the possibility of a Representative from this side of Warren County. Mr. Lipps informed Council that there has not been a Representative from Franklin or Carlisle on 50 years, but because of district lines being redrawn, Lebanon is now a part of Mason and Deerfield Township, and the northern part of Warren County will be represented separately. Mr. Lipps sees this as his chance to be a voice for the western portion of Warren County. Mayor Winkler thanked Mr. Lipps for attending the meeting tonight and wished him luck in his campaign.

Chief Andy Riddiough, 601 E. 6th Street, JEMS Chief, reported that since the passage of the levy, they are looking at updating equipment and have reached out to Carlisle and Franklin Township's Fire Departments to see if there are items that could benefit those departments. Chief Riddiough stated that each ambulance has a heart defibrillator/monitor that has become out of date, and needs to be replaced, but it is not financially feasible to trade in those devices. Chief Riddiough is looking into placing these devices at the fire stations and providing training to use those devices. Chief Riddiough stated that these devices are identical to what you see in public places that a lay person can use, but it is giving a tool that can be used to improve an outcome and it increases the ability to serve the community. Chief Riddiough is looking forward to working with Carlisle Fire Chief Holbrook to improve the delivery of service to the community. Chief Riddiough has been looking at response times on this side of the river, and he has made some adjustments to help reduce response times, but he will continue to monitor those times. Mayor Winkler thanked Chief Riddiough for attending tonight and for his report.

Council Report:

Mr. Licklitter introduced Mr. Mark Townsley, Carlisle Athletic Director, who stated that he nominated Mayor Winkler for his volunteer service to Carlisle Local Schools for over 25 years. Mr. Townsley reported that Mayor Winkler will be awarded the "Friends of the Athletic Award" at the Division I District Championship Basketball game at Wright State University on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Mr. Licklitter presented Mayor Winkler with a plaque from Village Council and Staff commemorating his achievement. Mayor Winkler remarked that he will be going into his 38th season and he will continue as long as the Lord lets him. Mr. Licklitter thanked Chief Riddiough for speaking about JEMS tonight and thinks it's a good idea to replace the heart monitors in the ambulances and hopes we can get a

discount to provide AED's to our community. Mrs. Callahan stated that she will be submitting something to Council and has checked to see if it is something that our insurance will cover.

Mr. Fryman congratulated Mayor Winkler on his award.

Mr. Jewett congratulated Mayor Winkler on his award. Mr. Jewett wanted to give clarification regarding the Police. Mr. Jewett stated that we are not cutting Police officers, but we are not replacing an officer who has left for another department, and we won't be rehiring for that position.

Mr. McIntosh congratulated Mayor Winkler on his award, stated that it is a time commitment, and wanted to thank him for his service to the schools. Mr. McIntosh said that Ed Richter did a good job in his recent article regarding our Police situation. Mr. McIntosh reiterated that we are not eliminating anyone because we are working within the vacancies that we already have. Mr. McIntosh remarked that he would rather have 6 well-paid officers who are better trained providing a better quality of service than 4 to 5 officers that we are struggling to keep here. Mr. McIntosh stated that the officers deserve to be compensated accordingly. Mr. McIntosh said that the Park Board and other Boards still have vacancies, and we still need volunteers to help in those areas.

Mr. McEldowney congratulated Mayor Winkler on his award. Mr. McEldowney stated that officers today are under a high degree of scrutiny. Mr. McEldowney said that the officers are important to our community and if we value our community, we should value their service.

Ms. Tankersley thanked Mr. Miles for his remarks. Ms. Tankersley congratulated Mayor Winkler for his award.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Winkler thanked Mr. Townsley for coming tonight and thanked Council for the surprise. Mayor Winkler thanked Mr. Miles for his comments and hoped someday that we can afford 8 officers. Mayor Winkler remarked that he doesn't feel it is safe to have only one officer on a shift. Mayor Winkler mentioned that there are currently 9 or 10 officers from other police departments living in our community and it is good to know that they feel safe enough here even though they may work in other jurisdictions. Mayor Winkler stated that he stands behind our officers and they help keep our community safe.

Manager's Report:

Mrs. Callahan had nothing this evening.

Committee Report:

Mr. Jewett, Chairman of the Lands and Streets Committee, reported that they met before tonight's meeting and stated that they discussed what project may be possible to submit for an OPWC grant application. Mr. Jewett explained that they were looking at a resurfacing project for Beachler and Dubois, then Jamaica to the Montgomery County line, then Dayton Oxford to the city limits. Mr. Jewett said that then they would be concentrating on the neighborhood streets that need attention. Mr. Jewett reported that they also discussed the status of the Tapscott building. Mr. Jewett explained that the roof

has developed a major water leak that has seeped into the electrical box, therefore, the electric has been turned off to the building. Mr. Jewett said that direction is needed about whether they need to move forward to try and salvage the building by replacing the roof, or if the building needs to be torn down. Service Director Dan Casson informed the committee that the building has a good foundation and is structurally sound. Council questioned Mrs. Callahan regarding the cost to replace the roof. Mrs. Callahan explained that they received an estimate last spring for \$18,000. Mrs. Callahan said that we received a grant to replace the roof a few years back, but the grant required the Village to find a contractor who pays prevailing wages, and the Village was not able to get a contractor to bid on it. Mrs. Callahan informed Council that if they wanted to explore CDBG funds, the grant deadline is in May. Mr. Lickliter questioned what we would be doing with the building after it gets fixed. Mrs. Callahan noted that the building would be slated to become a community/senior center, as described in the Master Park Plan. Mrs. Callahan stated that the Village owns the building and the surrounding land, but it needs to be a Council decision to decide how they want to proceed. Mayor Winkler stated that he was contacted by Baptist Tabernacle Church, who would like to help with a project in the community, and they are interested in looking at Tapscott to see if there is work that they could do to help. Ms. Tankersley agreed that members of Baptist Tabernacle can come to see if they are able to do any of the work that needs to be done. Mrs. Callahan reiterated that the roof needs to be the first step to be repaired, and there needs to be qualified people who can do those repairs. Mr. McIntosh expressed that he is not willing to spend city funds on repairing the roof. Mr. McIntosh questioned if the building is really needed in a town of 5,000 people when there are other buildings available in the area, such as the Lions Club building, or the building in Chatauqua. Mr. McIntosh remarked that he would be more interested in making improvements to Roscoe Roof Park, and understands that Tapscott is part of the Parks Master Plan, but he would like to see something for the community that can be used now. Mayor Winkler reminded Council that the building has been around for many years and used to be a church, and a decision needs to be made regarding the roof, but there will also be costs associated with tearing it down. Mr. Fryman indicated that he is not ready to give up on the building, and he would like to see what the cost would be to replace the roof. Mr. McEldowney questioned how much the building would be used and wondered if the leak coming from the roof could be contained with a tarp. Mrs. Callahan said that in order to apply for a CDBG grant, legislation would have to be brought to Council before May 10th. There was a consensus among Council to table the discussion regarding the Tapscott roof until members of the Baptist Tabernacle are able to tour the property to see what help they may be able to provide.

Mr. McIntosh, Chairman of the Housing Reinvestment Board, reported that they had their annual meeting and discussed the business abatements in the CRA district. Mr. McIntosh stated that they had not had any abatements in a couple of years and they will be submitting that report to the state.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Mayor Winkler stated that at the last Council meeting, there was discussion regarding maintaining 6 Police officers by not replacing one officer, and increasing the wages 20%. Mr. McIntosh remarked that since the last meeting, he has changed his mind. Mr. McIntosh stated that he is not against raising wages for the non FOP staff, but he would like to have that as a separate discussion regarding those positions. Mr. McIntosh explained that he would not be opposed to having 6 officers and 1 part-time

position in the Police department. Mayor Winkler agreed and said that he would also be ok with keeping the part-time position as long as we are not working in a deficit. Mayor Winkler observed that the part-time position is very valuable to our department because they bring years of experience to help guide the newer officers. Mr. Fryman stated that he was in favor of keeping the part-time position because that person can be useful in helping with new recruits. Mr. McEldowney said that Council needs to be fiscally responsible and the Police put their lives on the line on a daily basis, and he commended Chief Bruck and the Carlisle officers. Mr. Licklitter agreed with the discussion. Mrs. Callahan remarked that Council wouldn't have to make the part-time position part of a motion because that position is not part of the FOP.

After no further comments, Mr. Licklitter made a motion to authorize the Village Manager to negotiate and sign a memorandum of understanding with the FOP to adjust the pay steps in the contract by 20%, with the understanding that the 7th police officer position authorized in the budget is not to be filled in order to give the pay adjustments, seconded by Ms. Tankersley.

Before the roll call, Mr. McIntosh asked Chief Bruck if he would like to give any input.

Chief Bruck thanked Council and stated that he understood this is a tough decision and appreciated Council for all of their hard work. Chief Bruck remarked that it takes 1.5 policemen to staff a shift and right now, we have 4 healthy officers. Chief Bruck stated that he is here on the day shift and it helps to have the part-time position also. Chief Bruck said that he believed this will help recruit a larger pool of applicants in the future so that we can get the very best talent that we can find. Mr. Jewett questioned if there would be another part-time person that he would be interested in to fill that position. Chief Bruck answered that he is very picky and it would have to be someone who is the right fit. Mayor Winkler thanked Chief Bruck for his hard work and his ability to maintain the department during this difficult time. Mr. McEldowney asked if this motion will help with the morale and help to keep people here. Chief Bruck answered that it will help the officers a lot financially and it might encourage officers to remain here.

There was no further discussion.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jewett	yes
Mr. Fryman	yes
Mr. Licklitter	yes
Mr. McIntosh	yes
Mr. McEldowney	yes
Ms. Tankersley	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Motion to authorize the Village Manager to negotiate and sign a memorandum of understanding with the FOP to adjust the pay steps in the contract by 20%, with the understanding that the 7th police officer position authorized in the budget is not to be filled in order to give the pay adjustments passed.

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:

ORD. 5-16: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,475,000 RENEWAL BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF MAKING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY.

Mrs. Callahan explained that this ordinance is on for a first reading and is the first payment on the new debt for the road improvements for Union Road/Fairview Drive. Mrs. Callahan said that it is a \$125,000 reduction and is serviced with Timber Ridge TIF money. Mrs. Callahan informed Council that next year's payment will reflect the OPWC grant reimbursement for Fairview Drive, which is approximately \$331,000 plus one regular Village payment of \$125,000.

With no further discussion, Mayor Winkler stated that this legislation would be on at the March 8th Council meeting for a second reading.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions: none

Mayor Winkler announced that there will be a Work Session regarding Goal Setting immediately following the Council meeting, and the public is invited to stay.

With no further business, Mr. Jewett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Tankersley.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jewett	yes
Mr. Fryman	yes
Mr. Lickliter	yes
Mr. McIntosh	yes
Mr. McEldowney	yes
Ms. Tankersley	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Date: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council