MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 25, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio Municipal Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 25, 2020 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:

Ms. Debbie Kemper present
Mr. Randal Jewett present
Mr. William Bicknell present
Mr. Brad McIntosh present
Mr. Chris Stivers present
Mr. Tim Humphries present
Mayor Randy Winkler present

Staff members present: Village Manager Julie Duffy
Clerk of Council Jennifer Harover

The special meeting minutes of February 8, 2020 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Jewett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

Mr. McIntosh yes
Mr. Jewett yes
Mrs. Kemper yes
Mr. Stivers yes
Mr. Humphries yes
Mr. Bicknell abstain
Mayor Winkler yes

The regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2020 were presented to Council for review. Mr. McIntosh made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Kemper yes
Mr. Stivers yes
Mr. McIntosh yes
Mr. Jewett yes
Mr. Bicknell yes
Mr. Humphries yes
Mayor Winkler yes
Public Forum:

Mrs. Duffy came to the podium to address Council. She formally introduced Carlisle’s new Police Chief, Will Rogers. He officially started with the Village on January 20th. Unfortunately, due to several conflicts, his introduction to Council has been a bit delayed. He has been active and hit the ground running from his first day of service. Chief Rogers graduated from Carlisle High School, he started with Carlisle in the police force and then obtained a full-time police career with City of Middletown where he spent 30 years rising to the rank of Sergeant. He retired from public service but did not retire from police work. He went from the City of Middletown to Atrium Medical Center where he was a supervisor and lieutenant of the Atrium Campus Police. Luckily, we have been able to entice him to come back home to Carlisle. She is happy to introduce him to the community. Retire Chief Bruck once said that policing is a family profession. It takes the support of one’s family to make it work. Chief Rogers is not the only police officer in his family, they are all by default part of the police family. He clearly has plenty of support from his family and friends judging by the standing room only in the chambers tonight. He has a wonderful support system behind him. Mayor Winkler conducted Chief Rogers’ oath of office. Chief Rogers thanked Council as well as the friends and family that were there to support him. Mrs. Shawn Rogers pinned her husband with the Carlisle Police badge and son, Ryan Rogers, placed his eagle pins on his lapel. Council welcomed Chief Rogers.

Mayor Winkler welcomed Major Steve Arrasmith with the Warren County Drug Task Force to present the 2019 annual report. Major Arrasmith thanked Council for allowing him to return. He commented that Chief Rogers has already been to the Drug Task Force policy meeting last month and he has expressed interest in becoming an official member of the Policy Board. The Policy Board did vote unanimously to bring Chief Rogers on board. They welcome his experience and the Task Force does a lot of work the City of Middletown so Chief knows what is going on there and how it impacts this area. Major Arrasmith holds 27 of these types of visits around the County to thank each community. The Task Force remains to be a multi-jurisdiction force. The structure has remained the same for 20+ years but has grown incredibly. The primary area remains to be Warren County but they also have the City of Wilmington as part of the Drug Task Force due to their connection with State Route 73 and how it flows from the City of Middletown through Warren County and into Wilmington. They remain to be an initiative of the Ohio HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) which is a federal program that requires the collaboration of local, State and federal law enforcement to target drug offenses within our jurisdiction. It puts everyone’s resources on the table and you cannot find a more effective way to target drug trafficking. There is no perfect way to target but they have quite a team out there working every day. They have 22 full-time employees that work out of their office each day in some sort of special drug force investigation. He reports to the Policy Board once a month. They provide oversight as well as direction. It gives them a level playing field as the Sheriff is on the Board as well as the Prosecutor not to mention just about every Police Chief from communities within the county. He briefs them on all investigations. Most of their cases will run for months at a time but all of this information is confidential. Twelve different law enforcement agencies make up their force coming from the Sherriff’s office, Springboro, Lebanon, Franklin, Wilmington, and Monroe. They also have one agent from the BCI assigned to their unit. Their federal partners are the FBI and DEA. They have a uniform interdiction team provided by the Ohio State Patrol; 6 troopers, a lieutenant, a sergeant and 4 troopers with canines. Roadways in Warren County get a lot of extra attention as a result of this collaboration. They can also use their aviation support for surveillance when necessary. There were 479 detective
investigation cases, 314 uniform trooper investigation cases, conducted 2,008 traffic stops, deployed canines 288 times, 308 felony arrests and 149 misdemeanor arrests. Drug trends for 2018 and 2019 were methamphetamines and it looks to continue for 2020. It is still readily available and extremely inexpensive. It is cheaper now than it was 15 years ago. It is not exclusive to Warren County nor Ohio. The Drug Task Forces in Ohio have report seizure data to the Ohio Department of Public Safety on a weekly basis. Each unit also gets reports about what is being collected around the State. Warren County ranks 11th highest in the State of Ohio for methamphetamine seizures in 2019. There is a lot of activity in Southwest Ohio that goes back to being very close to two resource cities that continue to feed counties like ours. Heroin and fentanyl are still major problems and contributing to deaths. Overdose deaths in Warren County in 2019 were 48. That was the exact same as 2018. They would love to see this number continue to go down. In 2017, there were 102 overdose deaths. There was a significant spike in LSD which was unusual. Warren County had the highest seizure of LSD in the State that came from the southern portions of our County. Nothing has changed in their funding. They operate off of grants, financial contributions from County Commissioners, HIDTA programs and local contributions from around the County. Community contributions cover about 30% of their overall operating budget for the year. It costs them a little over $1 million to operate their Drug Task Force each year but they feel that it is definitely worth it and they have a great relationship with every community in the County. He thanked Carlisle for their contribution and he was happy to answer any questions that Council may have and he plans on returning next year. They are doing their best to disrupt those that feed on other’s addictions.

Mayor Winkler appreciates everything that he and all the members of the Drug Task Force do in this community in trying to keep our citizens safe and drug off the streets and away from our children. Major Arrasmith thanked him for kind words and noted that he will be taking that information back to his team as their jobs are frustrating and they don’t often hear from the communities directly. Mr. Jewett asked that he also thank the undercover officers as the community obviously never gets a chance to thank them. Council thanked Major Arrasmith for all of his information.

No other public approached Council.

**Council Report:**

Mrs. Kemper congratulated Chief Rogers. It is apparent by the amount of people present this evening that he has quite the crew behind him. She thanked Major Arrasmith for his annual report. She sent prayers out to the families of the house fires in Castlebrook over the weekend. She knows there are several fundraisers taking place for these families and she encourages everyone to help out where they can.

Mr. Jewett congratulated Chief Rogers and thanked his family and friends for their attendance this evening. He thanked Major Arrasmith for his drug task report. His prayers are also with the families of the fires. He would like to work on improving the areas of the Village that do not yet have water service and hopes this can be changed in the coming years.

Mr. Bicknell welcomed Chief Rogers. He appreciates Major Arrasmith coming this evening with his annual report. There is a lot of work that gets done behind the scenes of our community and these officers deal with this on a daily basis. He congratulated the Varsity wrestling team for all of their
hardwork this year and winning the SWBL championship. He was at the 5th grade practice on Saturday and was able to see the Varsity team come in and talk with them.

Mr. McIntosh welcomed Chief Rogers and thanked Major Arrasmith. He appreciates the drug task force and all of the work they do on issues that we don't know about to keep our communities safe. He would like to continue with the email chain on developing a Council workshop/retreat. He thanked all of the local fire departments that were dispatched to the house fires. Carlisle was the first on the scene. Fire Departments are something that no one wants to think about or pay for until they need it. He encourages everyone to remember that as they plan the future of the community's fire department.

Mr. Stivers congratulated Chief Rogers and thanked Major Arrasmith. He also thanked the fire departments and all of their hard work. With no fire hydrants in the area, these crews had to haul water which was very time consuming. He congratulated the Carlisle wrestling team for winning the SWBL tournament. They have a very strong team this year and hopes that they make it through sectionals, Districts and State.

Mr. Humphries was able to attend the Warren County Municipal League dinner along with Mayor Winkler and Mrs. Kemper. It was a fruitful meeting with discussions of House Bills. He brought back literature to each of the Council Members. He recently visited Liberty Station Apartments (formerly Carlisle Crossing) on Dubois Road. They are clearing the area for a new clubhouse that will house a swimming pool, fitness center and recreation room for their residents. He is hoping that these renovations give the apartments a strong foothold in the community.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Winkler congratulated Chief Rogers. He has been friends with the Rogers family for many years and he is happy to welcome him back to Carlisle. He is a great man and he knows he will do a great job for Carlisle. He thanked Major Arrasmith and appreciates the updates on the drug task force as it makes all Warren County communities safer.

**Manager's Report:**

Mrs. Duffy reminded citizens that the Census will be making their counts on April 1st. This count is very important to all citizens and communities. There are billions of dollars that get dispersed to schools, counties, and agencies based on these counts. There will be mailings coming to each household soon. She encourages every home to complete the count and return it as soon as possible. She also reminded citizens of the need to now dial the area code with every phone number. Beginning March 8th, the new area code overlay of (326) will begin for any new numbers being issued in our area. She thanked Major Arrasmith for his report. On the topic of drugs, she also reminded citizens on how to properly dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. The City of Franklin and the City of Miamisburg have drug drop boxes in their lobbies. These boxes need to be available 24 hours in a monitored area so these are the two closest areas to the Village where citizens can make drops with no questions asked. Please do not flush prescription drugs into our sewer systems. This can disrupt the quality of our water system and all drugs need to be properly disposed of to help the environment.
Committee Report:

Mr. McIntosh commented on the Finance Committee meeting that was held just prior to tonight’s meeting. Mr. Rushing presented to them the 4th quarter report of 2019. It was a very good year for both revenues and expenses. Income tax receipts were up by 15% over 2018 which shows the economy is doing well. Year-to-date income tax receipts were 116% collected which was more than projected. On the revenue side, all funds covered their projected amounts and were higher. This shows that we do budget conservatively and that we are doing well on collecting all that is due to us. Expenses were 79% of what was budgeted. We budget and spend conservatively. There is some investment activity going on and we were able to invest in what we are allowed to and we are projected to receive $80,000 in interest in 2020. This shows Mr. Rushing’s leadership and ability to think outside of the box.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Res. 3-20  A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MUNICIPAL OWNED PROPERTY AND DEDICATING IT AS A PARK – (1ST READING)

Mrs. Duffy thanked Mr. Rushing for helping to clean-up some items they have been meaning to for quite some time. The Village owns property on Baker Lane since 2003. It is an open, vacant lot. They are asking that Council formally adopt this property into Carlisle’s parks system with the intended use to remain an active green space for general play area for citizens. The importance of adding this to our parks system is that it does give us the ability to do something with it in the future. It could now be declared with the County as public use which would allow the claim of property tax exemption saving taxpayer’s dollars. This would be on for a first reading to formally bring it under the parks system umbrella.

With no further discussion by Council, this Resolution will be on for a second reading on March 10th.

Ord. 1-20  AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING TRADE-IN OF SAID PROPERTY AND ON AS A SINGLE READING.

Mrs. Duffy explained that items owned by the Municipality that have a value of $5,000 or greater and a useful life of three years or greater are part of our capital portfolio for equipment. In order to officially remove items either through donation, sale or trade-in, they would need to remove the item from our inventory. The request tonight is to trade-in a 2015 Ferris zero-turn mower from the Service Department as it is time for it to be upgraded. This piece of equipment was approved as part of the 2020 budget and has been part of the planned roll-out schedule of department equipment. The estimated trade-in value is $5,000 which will directly offset the purchase price of $11,000. With the
trade-in value, the Village will pay $6,000 for a brand new piece of equipment. This trade-in value speaks volumes to our Service Department and their upkeep/care of maintenance to their equipment.

Mr. Stivers made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, and have one reading by title only, and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. McIntosh.

**Roll Call:**
- Mr. Humphries  yes
- Mrs. Kemper  yes
- Mr. Bicknell  yes
- Mr. Jewett  yes
- Mr. Stivers  yes
- Mr. McIntosh  yes
- Mayor Winkler  yes

With no further discussion, Mr. Bicknell made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

**Roll Call:**
- Mr. Jewett  yes
- Mr. Humphries  yes
- Mr. Bicknell  yes
- Mr. Stivers  yes
- Mrs. Kemper  yes
- Mr. McIntosh  yes
- Mayor Winkler  yes

Ordinance passed on this day will be entered into Ordinance Record Book as Ord.1-20.

Res. 4-20  A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE WARREN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND MONTGOMERY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY’S SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM GENERAL PERMIT (MS4) AND ON AS AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Duffy explained that the purpose of this Resolution is to enter into an agreement with both Warren County and Montgomery County Soil and Water Districts is because of the complexities of complying with the EPA regulations. As a public entity, one of our requirements is to maintain a permit for the allowable discharge of run-off water (storm water). Most people think of pipes in the ground and the official flow into creeks and rivers but it is also much bigger than that. Earmarked drainage ditches and paths to properly discharge the water away from our properties is also part of that system. Annual reporting is also a part of this permit. Over the years, staff has had this as an add-on duty to them and we have complied to the regulations. The EPA has gone through some changes to the requirements of complying which has led to our staff not having enough expertise to comply as it now involves such things as construction site inspections. Many other entities have gone this direction and we believe it is now time for us to do the same in entering into a contractual obligation with the county agencies to
complete these tasks. They have the staff dedicated to keep up to date with the EPA regulations and to keep us compliant. This would allow us to enter into an agreement with each of Warren County and Montgomery County. The cost of entering into this agreement is $7,800 for one year and this would cover the six different elements that are required for the reporting. It is on for an emergency because we are almost finished with the first quarter of 2020 and we need to get them onboard so they can begin compiling the data to stay compliant.

Mr. Stivers made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, and have one reading by title only, and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. McIntosh.

**Roll Call:**
- Mr. McIntosh: yes
- Mrs. Kemper: yes
- Mr. Stivers: yes
- Mr. Jewett: yes
- Mr. Bicknell: yes
- Mr. Humphries: yes
- Mayor Winkler: yes

With no further discussion, Mr. Bicknell made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Stivers.

**Roll Call:**
- Mr. Stivers: yes
- Mr. Humphries: yes
- Mr. Bicknell: yes
- Mr. Jewett: yes
- Mrs. Kemper: yes
- Mr. McIntosh: yes
- Mayor Winkler: yes

Resolution passed on this day will be entered into Resolution Record Book as Res. 4-20.

**Res. 5-20**  A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WARREN COUNTY ENGINEER’S OFFICE FOR PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Duffy explained that for several years the Village has joined Warren County and other jurisdictions to do a cooperative bid of our salt purchases. In order to enter into another cooperative agreement to maximize our collective bargaining power to hopefully get the best rate for the salt purchase, we do need to let the county know by March 2nd. That is why it is on as an emergency. This is for the 2021 winter season. Prior to this, the Village did purchase salt on our own and we were at the will of whatever company would actually bid on our very low quantity of salt.
Mrs. Kemper made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, and have one reading by title only, and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. McIntosh.

**Roll Call:**
- Mr. McIntosh  yes
- Mr. Bicknell  yes
- Mr. Humphries  yes
- Mr. Stivers  yes
- Mr. Jewett  yes
- Mrs. Kemper  yes
- Mayor Winkler  yes

Mr. Bicknell asked if they have the option to do a set schedule for this approval versus doing it as an emergency. Are they able to say that for a period of so many years, Council is good with going into agreements with Warren County for salt purchase which would allow us to get it as soon as possible. Mrs. Duffy said she would ask the agency to see if they need a yearly approval as well as with our law director to confirm the legalities of that before Council makes a decision.

With no further discussion, Mr. Jewett made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Stivers.

**Roll Call:**
- Mr. Humphries  yes
- Mrs. Kemper  yes
- Mr. Bicknell  yes
- Mr. Jewett  yes
- Mr. Stivers  yes
- Mr. McIntosh  yes
- Mayor Winkler  yes

Resolution passed on this day will be entered into Resolution Record Book as Res. 5-20.

**Res. 6-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE PURSUIT AND USE OF POTENTIAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Rushing gave acknowledgment to Mr. Humphries for bringing back the OML newsletter. This is an effort by the Ohio Municipal League. There is currently a various amount of legal action against pharmaceutical companies in regards to the opioid epidemic and addiction. Several municipalities in northeast Ohio have joined and have been fighting for settlement. A settlement is very near and there are three different pots of monies. The pot of monies for municipalities could be near $1 Billion and the State of Ohio would be the distributor. OML just sent out this newsletter on Friday. This is an effort by Governor Dewine to have all municipalities, townships and other jurisdictions that have drug enforcement activities to sign on to this Memorandum of Understanding. The actual MOU will be signed by the Governor and Attorney General Dave Yost. They are encouraging and asking municipalities to join on. If a settlement does occur, this would be our mechanism to receive any...
dollars from that settlement. This does not mean a guarantee of receiving any portion of the settlement but, without this action, we would not have an opportunity to receive any of those dollars. There is a deadline of March 6th which is why it is on as an emergency. By adopting this Resolution, it does not obligate us for anything and there are no legal fees associated with this MOU. It allows us to be a part of the settlement with no financial commitments. Any monies that may trickle down from a settlement would be used for drug enforcement in our Village which would be the Drug Task Force.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, and have one reading by title only, and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Kemper       yes
Mr. Stivers       yes
Mr. Humphries     yes
Mr. Bicknell      yes
Mr. Jewett        yes
Mr. McIntosh      yes
Mayor Winkler     yes

With no further discussion, Mr. Bicknell made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Stivers.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bicknell      yes
Mr. McIntosh      yes
Mr. Jewett        yes
Mr. Stivers       yes
Mr. Humphries     yes
Mrs. Kemper       yes
Mayor Winkler     yes

Resolution passed on this day will be entered into Resolution Record Book as Res. 6-20.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:

None

Mayor Winkler announced that Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss two separate issues; to discuss the possible appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals, with possible action to follow, and to discuss possible purchase or sale of property. Council will also be having a Work Session immediately following their regular meeting to review the Zoning Code. All public will be welcome to stay for the Work Session.
Mr. McIntosh made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

Mr. McIntosh       yes
Mr. Jewett         yes
Mr. Humphries      yes
Mr. Bicknell       yes
Mrs. Kemper        yes
Mr. Stivers        yes
Mayor Winkler      yes

Council entered into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Bicknell made a motion to enter back into regular session; seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jewett         yes
Mr. McIntosh       yes
Mrs. Kemper        yes
Mr. Bicknell       yes
Mr. Humphries      yes
Mr. Stivers        yes
Mayor Winkler      yes

Council entered back into regular session at 9:49 p.m.

Mayor Winkler announced that Council will not be making an appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals tonight. Council would like to have the appointment added to their next meeting agenda on March 10th.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion to reschedule tonight’s Work Session until March 10th, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bicknell       yes
Mr. McIntosh       yes
Mr. Jewett         yes
Mr. Stivers        yes
Mr. Humphries      yes
Mrs. Kemper        yes
Mayor Winkler      yes

The Work Session to discuss Zoning Code Review has been postponed until the March 10th meeting.
With no further business, Mr. McIntosh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stivers.

**Roll Call:**
- Mr. Jewett yes
- Mr. McIntosh yes
- Mrs. Kemper yes
- Mr. Bicknell yes
- Mr. Humphries yes
- Mr. Stivers yes
- Mayor Winkler yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Date: 3-10-2020

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council