MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
April 24, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.  
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio Municipal Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 24, 2018 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. William Bicknell present
Mr. Randal Jewett present
Mr. Jonathan McEldowney present
Mr. Brad McIntosh present
Ms. Barb Tankersley present
Mr. Tim Humphries present
Mayor Randy Winkler present

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

Mayor Winkler announced that the Executive Session scheduled for this evening had been cancelled.

The minutes of April 10, 2018 were presented to Council for review. Ms. Tankersley made a motion to suspend the clerk from reading the minutes, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

Roll Call:

Ms. Tankersley yes
Mr. Humphries yes
Mr. Bicknell yes
Mr. McEldowney yes
Mr. McIntosh yes
Mr. Jewett yes
Mayor Winkler yes

Mr. McEldowney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Tankersley.

Roll Call:

Ms. Tankersley yes
Mr. McIntosh abstain
Mr. Jewett abstain
Mr. McEldowney yes
Mr. Humphries yes
Mr. Bicknell yes
Mayor Winkler yes
Public Forum:

Lucy Boyer of 449 Lomar approached Council. The last time she addressed Council, she had just received a copy of the Comprehensive Plan so she didn’t know too much about it. Over the past two weeks, she able to talk to some others about it. One person actually served on the original committee that worked on this document. She also found out that some of the current Council/Planning Commission also worked on putting this document together. She is not familiar with city government and she did not know this document even existed but this is the point of her comments this evening. Looking through the document she quoted from page 98, “the future land use map is an element of a comprehensive plan that illustrates the recommended future land uses for all property in the community over the term of this plan or roughly the next 20 years.” So this made her curious as to when this was adopted and realized it was adopted in 2011. It is a fairly new document. She believes it is a great plan and thanks those that worked on it. One of the people she spoke with said that there were surveys completed throughout the Village and she believes she even filled one out at the time. There were interviews conducted and money paid out for consultants. This was a big deal and she didn’t even know about it at the time. Her question for tonight is how did the Village get to this point with Casey’s because it seems so plainly described in this document. She is wondering if other people did not know this document existed. She even laughed as she was going through it because it is stated within the document on page 90, “a great deal of effort went into the formulation of this comprehensive plan and to simply place it on a shelf and forget about it would be a waste of time and effort. The Carlisle comprehensive plan is intended to be used on a daily basis by Council, Planning Commission, and staff as they fulfill their duties. They should continuously refer to the comprehensive plan to ensure their actions and projects they review are in keeping with the goals and recommendations outlined in the plan.” She realizes that Council is not the ones voting on this decision but feels that they were elected because people like and respect them. People listen to Council and think that they will do the right thing and have their finger on the heartbeat of Carlisle. She is hoping that Council can empathize with her and those that live in this area and understand that this is not just a business to them, it is their home and their lives. They don’t live in fancy homes but the love living here in Carlisle and she is asking for Council to do whatever they can to try and keep this from happening.

Inez Burgess of 460 Lomar approached Council. Once again she is asking Council to not let Casey’s locate where they have proposed. There was a reason why it was zoned the way it is to keep things like that from taking over Carlisle. She likes the bedroom community and it was studied a lot. Her husband was on Council when this was developed. It was meant to be for places like barber shops, ice cream shops and small restaurants, not a big place that will come in and take over the city. There are other locations that are better than this one if they have to be in Carlisle. It is too close to our churches and our schools. She is concerned about the children because they walk along Lomar to get to school. If Lomar is widened for the trucks and traffic that will destroy the neighborhood. It is just too close to the homes and schools. She loves where she lives and she doesn’t want to see intense traffic. There is already more because a lot of people don’t want to wait on the stop light. She is a mother that cares about her children, grandchildren and other people’s children. It is very important to have peace and the people located close to this place will never have peace again. If Council can do anything at all to keep these people from moving in, she will be eternally grateful.

Chuck Wiggins of 396 Lomar approached Council. He is here to speak on behalf of the neighborhood group. They have been working on providing the evidence for the points presented about the
conditional use. For letter “A” — harmonious and appropriate to the neighborhood; letter “B” — would not be detrimental to property values; letter “C” — that it wouldn’t restrict our existing use of our properties; letter “G” — for the public health, safety and welfare of the general community; letter “H” — hours of operation; letter “K” — ingress and egress to minimize traffic congestion — for all of these points, they have provided documentation to say that this conditional use does not meet the criteria. Casey’s and the presentation that they have made does not provide any data, they just say it meets the use. Finally, ending with the comprehensive plan which as Lucy stated, several members of this Council were on, the chairman of the Planning Commission was on, one of the property owners on the conditional use was on, he participated as an interviewee, this was a public use for Carlisle to put together that plan. It states very plainly that this is a source water protection area where they are projecting to put this gas station and that it is a part of Development Area 2 and, specifically says in the comprehensive plan, no gas station should be built.

**Council Report:**

Mr. Humphries commented that he attended the Area Progress Council of Warren County on April 17th at Shaker Run Golf Club. Warren County is one of three counties that has received a “Aaa” bond rating. He believes that is pretty prestigious to be able to get to that point. The new $50 million jail is about to break ground. We are the third fastest growing county in the state out of 88 counties. The fairgrounds are getting ready to break ground on a new event center that will have the capability of having up to 1,000 people in it. Our fairgrounds is actually self-sustainable compared to other fairgrounds in Ohio that have to be subsidized by the county commissioners. He also had an opportunity on Wednesday, April 18th to go to the Warren County Municipal League dinner and the guest speaker was Judge Peeler. He commented on the opioid and the drug court which gave insightful information about where we’re at with the communities trying to come together to fight this epidemic. He also asked if there has been any contact with the Dubois apartments. Mrs. Duffy stated that they have not been able to set up a meeting yet so the ball is still in her court to try and make contact with them. The reason he continues to bring this up is that he has community members contacting him about property maintenance and the need of yard work. Mrs. Duffy commented that the property owner had expressed interest a few years ago about rehabbing the facility. Obviously, that has not happened. Mr. Humphries would like to give the community direction on how to take care of this property.

Ms. Tankersley questioned if anyone knew where the Planning Commission stands on the issue of Casey’s. Mayor Winkler stated that he has not been to any of the meetings so perhaps one of the members representing Council on Planning Commission could answer that question. Mr. McEldowney stated that Planning Commission tabled their discussions at the April 5th meeting and their next meeting is scheduled for May 3rd where a vote is expected to take place. Ms. Tankersley understands that Council does not have a vote in this process but wanted to voice her opinion that she would like Casey’s in town but does not feel it should be located at the proposed site on Central Avenue. She asked Mr. McEldowney if a conversation of another location in town has occurred with Casey’s. He stated that all conversations with PC and Casey’s has occurred at their meetings so it is public record.

Mr. McIntosh thanked Council for excusing him from the last meeting. He was on a vacation to Disney World and appreciates being excused to allow him this time with his family. He reminded the community that there is still an open seat on Planning Commission. If any community member is interested in making a difference with their community, please apply. The position has been posted for a couple of months and no one has applied. He reminded the public of the upcoming election and to please get out and vote. He thanked the Lions Club for their annual Fish Fry. There was a great turnout for this event and he appreciates the Lions Club’s support throughout the community.
Mr. McEldowney commented that most of his points were already covered by Mr. McIntosh. He again reminded everyone of the upcoming election and encouraged all to get out and vote.

Mr. Jewett thanked Council for excusing him last week. While he did not have as much fun as Mr. McIntosh, he was required to be at work due to an emergency. He reminded the community that as everyone begins mowing their yards to please not place or blow their clippings into the streets. This can cause accidents for motorcycles while also causing back-ups in our storm sewers.

Mr. Bicknell congratulated the Fifth/Sixth grade cheerleaders competition team on their First place award at State competition. The girls also received State Grand Champs for their session.

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Winkler commented that all of his talking points had been covered by other Councilmembers. He did want to extend his thanks to the Lions Club for a great Fish Fry this past Saturday. There was a great turn out and the food was great!

**Manager’s Report:**

Mrs. Duffy gave details of several upcoming events. This Saturday, April 28th is opening day festivities for baseball and softball. There will be a parade that morning to include both the girls and boys teams. The parade will begin at Carlisle High School and travel South on Jamaica to Central, left on Central to Park, left on Park to Fairview and from here, the boys will turn right on Fairview ending at the baseball fields while the girls will turn left on Fairview then right on Jamaica back to the high school. The line-up for the parade will be 8:00am, parade will begin at 9:00am with the open ceremonies starting at 10:00am.

This weekend is also the High School musical, **Fiddler on the Roof**. Friday and Saturday the show times are 7:00pm and there will be an understudy piece on Sunday at 2:00pm. Tickets can be purchased online to reserve seats or at the door. Quentin Hammock, our IT contractor, is assisting with the musical which is why he is not assisting the meeting tonight.

Thursday, April 26th will be the public forum on the new school building. This will take place at the High School at 7:00 p.m. The Construction Manager, Developer and School Staff will be there to answer questions and release schedules on construction start/end dates.

Friday, May 4th is prom for Carlisle High School. The after prom activities will be held at the Chautauqua Community Center. Thursday, May 3rd there will be a mock crash. Carlisle police and fire along with JEMS try to emphasize for students to make good choices on that day and every day.

Tuesday, May 1st is the Well Water Testing Day at Carlisle High School. This event is free and will be held in the commons from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Water should be brought to the event in a clean bottle. There will be optional extended test will be available for $20. They regular test will screen for nitrates, nitrites and iron.

Tuesday, May 8th is Election Day. Carlisle Schools will have a renewal on the ballot for their operating levy. There is also one statewide issue on the ballot. Both Warren and Montgomery counties will have ballot language available on their websites.
Committee Report:
None

Old Business:
None

New Business:
None

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:
None

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:
None

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

Roll Call:
Mr. Jewett  yes
Mr. McIntosh  yes
Ms. Tankersley  yes
Mr. Bicknell  yes
Mr. Humphries  yes
Mr. McEldowney  yes
Mayor Winkler  yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Date: 5-8-18

Mayor

Attest: Clerk of Council