
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
APRIL 9, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio Municipal Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 9, 2019 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. Nic Lamb	present
Mr. Randal Jewett	present
Mr. William Bicknell	present
Mr. Brad McIntosh	present
Ms. Barb Tankersley	present
Mr. Tim Humphries	present
Mayor Randy Winkler	present

Staff members present: Village Manager Julie Duffy

The minutes of March 26, 2019 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to suspend the clerk from reading the minutes, seconded by Ms. Tankersley.

Roll Call:

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

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

Roll Call:

Mr. McIntosh	abstain
Mr. Jewett	yes
Ms. Tankersley	yes
Mr. Lamb	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Public Forum:

Mike Bruck, Chief of Carlisle Police, addressed Council. He apologized for not attending more frequently but let Council know that he is more than willing to be at any meeting that they request. Chief Bruck wanted to update Council on the department. During 2018, one of the big issues was heroin overdoses and deaths. There was a large reduction from 2017 which he attributes to enforcement through the Franklin drug court that has been offering treatment options versus incarceration. In addition, there is a lot of public education regarding fentanyl and the dangers. Unfortunately, the problem is still out there and they have experienced two overdoses within the past few days. The down side is that quite a few drug users have switched to meth which presents a whole different set of issues. Almost all of the crime in Carlisle is related to drugs or alcohol. The more success we have in enforcement and helping people's problems, the safer it is in all of our neighborhoods. In 2018, the department tried to be more in touch with the community and spend more time being involved. They reinstated National Night Out in 2018 and it was a big success. They will be participating again in 2019 which is the 1st Tuesday in August. It is celebrated across the nation as a time for police and communities to come together. The department did self-defense for women at the school as a test program. This went over very well and they are looking at putting on another class and opening it up to the public. He did some ALICE training for several businesses here in town and they continue to work with the schools on their safety plans. Training of officers was a big item in 2018. Officers were scheduled for firearms training where they can then train other officers. Warren County Chiefs put on training as well for all officers. This kept our training costs down for the year. The Ohio Collaborative was also big. It was put together in response to police shootings in Ohio and across the country. They were looking at police practices across Ohio and it showed that there are some key police standards. Carlisle completed their Collaborative process last year which includes hiring, use of force and community relations. The department has continued their partnership with the schools and have a very good work relationship with the Superintendent. Officers go through the schools periodically and try to keep a presence within the buildings. In the future, he is hoping that the department and the schools partner together for a resource officer. He believes that school safety is a priority for everyone. All in all, 2018 was a very successful year for the department. This year, the goal is much of the same. Drug enforcement will need to have tactics changed just a bit to incorporate meth issues. One thing that the department would like to try is following up with people of drug overdoses. Officers will make visits to their home to verify if they have gotten into some type of treatment program or make sure they know how to get into a program. Franklin has tried this approach and it has been successful. The department's biggest challenge is staffing. He has met with Mrs. Duffy regarding this issue several times. In his nine years with the department, retaining officers has always been a problem. The hiring pool is drying up currently for law enforcement and everyone is having issues finding qualified candidates. The department has an offer out to an individual currently and should be starting within a couple of weeks. They are trying new tactics for recruitment. Several other cities are hiring recruits and then sending them to the Police Academy but that costs approximately \$7,000. For years, there have been more applicants than jobs but the market has turned. It continues to be a challenge to recruit officers and retain their employment. Locally, the department has been very busy. There was a bank robbery recently in the Village and he is very proud of how the department handled the situation. The department obtained several good photos of the suspect as he was casing other local banks days prior. The pictures were put on Facebook and there were 91,000 hits on the department's page. Within hours, they had received four phone calls of people who had identified the

suspect. He was playing cards at the casino in Lawrenceburg and the dealer at this particular table had seen the suspect's photo earlier on our Facebook page. In this circumstance, Facebook was a great tool for their department.

Mayor Winkler thanked Chief Bruck for the information and he hopes that they can get hiring on track to get new officers in the Village. Mr. Humphries thanked Chief for all of the information. Mr. Lamb asked if there has been any recent discussions with the school on obtaining a resource officer. Chief said there have been past discussions and it was decided it would be officially looked at when the new school building is completed. He believes there will be better funding for the schools at that point. Most cities share the cost of an officer with the school. Chief was asked by audience member if the new daycare in town was permitted to drop students in front of the building to run up to the doors. This would need to be looked into by officers as they have not received any complaints. He will have officers observe the situation and discuss any problems with daycare staff. He knows this area becomes quite congested during drop-off and pick-up times.

Council Report:

Mr. Humphries announced that the Lions Club Fish Fry will be held on April 13th from 4:00pm – 6:30pm and the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 20th at Roscoe Roof Park at 10:00am for ages 1-12 years of age. This location is different from year's past due to construction. He also thanked Mrs. Duffy for beginning the department head report. Chief Bruck's report was very informative.

Ms. Tankersley had no comments.

Mr. McIntosh thanked Council for excusing him from the last meeting. He also thanked Council for their cooperation in rescheduling the retreat. The closer they got to the date, the more he questioned what he really wanted to accomplish and he wasn't seeing a clear picture for discussions. He believes the Village is in a very pivotal place and they need to put some effort into what they see for the Village's future. He thanked Chief Bruck for his information this evening as well the time and effort that he puts in. It is hard to be a revolving door but it is a compliment that our officers are sought after. With warmer weather approaching, crime always follows especially in the parks. If you see something, please call Warren County Dispatch immediately. Don't be an easy target, lock your doors and windows!

Mr. Bicknell thanked Chief Bruck for speaking this evening. Being an officer is one of the hardest jobs in the world. He appreciates all of the officers that take care of our community. He does agree with Mr. McIntosh that the Village is in a very critical spot as to its future. He believes they owe it to themselves and the community to hone in on what can take them to that next level.

Mr. Jewett thanked Chief Bruck and the officers for the job they do.

Mr. Lamb thanked Chief Bruck and he would love to see the open positions be filled as quickly as possible. Spring and grass mowing is upon us. Crews are going to be out soon for roadside mowing. He would like to remind the public to be aware of those crews when they are out.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Winkler reminded residents about blowing grass onto the streets. This has been an issue in the past and really creates a problem with motorcycles. This creates a situation similar to ice from what he has been told and he definitely does not want anyone injured because of this. Also with warmer

weather, people are outside later so please don't forget to lock your vehicles and keep valuables out of sight or in your home.

Manager's Report:

Mrs. Duffy reminded citizens that JEMS will be offering their next free CPR class. This is scheduled for April 20th. You can register for this class by calling JEMS at 937-746-3471. If you get voicemail, please leave your name, address, telephone number, email address and the date of the class. Franklin Township will offering a volunteer head stone cleaning on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00am – 12:00pm at Woodhill Cemetery. This something they do every year to help spruce up the head stones in preparation of Memorial Day. This would be a good opportunity for a youth program looking for volunteer time. Monday, April 15th is tax day! Town Hall will be open with longer hours on Friday, April 12th as well as Monday. The tax office will stay open until 6:00pm to assist citizens with their tax returns. As a reminder, the Village only has once tax administrator and the lines do fill up.

Mr. Humphries noted that the State of County Address was on social media live today. He will provide the web address to Mrs. Duffy so that it can be connected to our webpage. He believes our citizens will like having the County information.

Committee Report:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:

RES 8-19 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE TO SECTION 1282.07 LIGHTING GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING CODE FOR THE CARLISLE PK-12 BUILDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Duffy explained that the schools are building a new building. The process goes through Planning Commission and it is being presented for approval in phases. One of the items that has come up for approval has to do with the lighting of the exterior of the building. Given the zoning of the school property, it is zoned residential, the school is an approved use of the property. However, there is a restriction on the height of light poles in a residential area. The maximum is 16' for any exterior light pole. Due to the unique nature of the school and the bus parking lot, they are proposing four 22' light poles which obviously exceed the allowable height. The bus parking area is at the back of the property. Planning Commission has reviewed it. They made a formal recommendation for the approval of the request. Our Village Engineer has also reviewed the plans and is also recommended approval of the variance request. Our current Code does not grant Planning Commission to make a variance approval such as this. When it comes to a lighting variance, all that Planning Commission can do is make a

recommendation of approval to Council. This legislation is on tonight requesting that approval. It is on as an emergency due to the fact that the school project has a very tight timeline. To go through the full three readings and thirty days would delay their project. The developer and architect are in the audience to take any questions.

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

Roll Call:

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

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

Roll Call:

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

Resolution passed on this day will be entered into Resolution Record Book as Res. 8-19.

Mr. McIntosh asked if the developer and architect would mind to give Council an update on the project. Mike Parkinson of SHP, architect for the project, and Nate Minnick of Skanska approached Council. Mr. Parkinson stated that the project is multilevel one. Phase I was for the site engineering, Phase 2 is landscaping and site lighting and Phase 3 will include all off site issues such as turn lanes and that is currently being worked out with the Village Engineer. They have submitted for building permits and that has been going very well. Mr. Minnick stated that the winter was very wet and they have done their best to work through it. They started in December and completed the building pad in February. Foundations were started about a month ago for a 208,000sf building and should finish up some time next week. Masons have begun putting in block for the next step of concrete slabs. From there, they will begin going vertical. They are working to get the building closed up prior to next winter. After that, progress will not be seen as the work will be all internal. Project delivery is set for fall of 2020.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:

RES 6-19 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR LIGHTING THE STREETS, LANES AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE, OHIO WITH ELECTRIC LIGHTING DURING THE YEAR 2018 AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE THEREOF UPON ALL LOTS AND LANDS LYING AND BEING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID MUNICIPALITY – 2ND READING.

This will be on for a third and final reading on April 23, 2019.

Mayor Winkler announced there will be a work session immediately following tonight’s meeting to discuss Council retreat items. Public is welcome to attend.

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

Roll Call:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Date: 4-23-19

Randy Winkler
Mayor

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk of Council