
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
AUGUST 10, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio Municipal Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, August 10, 2021 to order in Council Chambers at the Carlisle Town Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio. The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Debbie Kemper	present
Mr. Randal Jewett	present
Mr. William Bicknell	present
Mrs. Kim Bilbrey	present
Mr. Chris Stivers	absent
Mr. Tim Humphries	present
Mayor Randy Winkler	present

Staff members present: Village Manager Julie Duffy
Finance Director Ryan Rushing
Clerk of Council Jennifer Harover

Mayor Winkler explained that Mr. Stivers had contacted him earlier that he would not be in attendance this this evening. Mrs. Kemper made a motion to excuse Mr. Stivers from tonight's meeting; seconded by Mr. Jewett.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mrs. Bilbrey	yes
Mr. Jewett	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Mr. Stivers has been excused from tonight's meeting.

The minutes of July 27, 2021 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bilbrey	yes
Mr. Jewett	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Minutes of July 27, 2021 were approved.

Public Forum:

Fire Chief Jeremy Lane approached Council and introduced Jason Beckett to Council. He explained that since he has taken over the Fire Department, the transition has been wonderful. There has been some realignment taking place but he feels they are headed in the right direction. They have had a few fires since he began but all of those have gone very well. He is very proud of the crews in this department. As part of drawing the department together, and adding a member that will compliment the himself as well as the entire department, he and Julie Duffy have decided to bring on Jason Beckett as Assistant Fire Chief. Jason comes to us with a tremendous amount of knowledge, education, and experience. He believes that his skill set combined with Jason's is going to be a fabulous thing for the Carlisle Fire Department. He hopes that Council can share this vision and he is ready for the department to do wonderful things for this community. Mr. Beckett explained that he is looking forward to continuing to move the department in a positive direction. There are a lot of opportunities within Carlisle and he believes they will end up with a very solid department. He thanked Council for the opportunity.

Mayor Winkler conducted Mr. Beckett's oath of office. Council welcomed Assistant Fire Chief Jason Beckett and his family to the Village of Carlisle.

No other members of the public approached Council.

Council Report:

Mr. Humphries thanked the new Assistant Fire Chief and his family. He is excited to say that he believes our current department heads are some of the best the Village has ever had. He believes our community is deserving of that. He reported that on Sunday there was a community involvement of "if you see it, say something about it". There were two males going in and out of residents' backyards and were looking a bit suspicious. He received a phone call as well as the police that his family property was being vandalized and a motorcycle was being removed from the property. There were four citizens on Park Drive that witnessed this and knew it was not looking right. The Carlisle Police and Warren County Sheriff were both involved very quickly and one of the men was caught. The item was recovered and he thanked the Carlisle Police Department, the Warren County Sheriff and the citizens for doing due diligence. If you see something that does not make sense, please say something. The community came together quickly in this instance and he thanked everyone.

Mrs. Bilbrey welcomed Assistant Fire Chief Beckett and his family. She realizes this is a sacrifice for all of them. She thanked everyone who participated in the Concert in the Park with Ethan & Joey. The weather was a bit of a challenge with it being unstable but everyone who came out had a wonderful time. It was again great to see so many local businesses being involved. She also thanked the Village staff, Events Committee, the Park Board and everyone who was in attendance. It was an amazing evening. She is waiting on final drone videos from the band and will then share them with the community. She thanked our first responders for a fantastic National Night Out. She was very proud of

the job they did of loving on our community. She appreciates all of the businesses that were there as our residents really loved the evening. The weather that evening was absolutely perfect. She explained that the kids are getting very anxious about school beginning. It is an exciting time for them as they are preparing to get back into the school buildings. After Council was able to tour the building, she is sure that the kids will be happy to be back among some time of normalcy. She extended her congratulations to the Yard of the Month, Mr. & Mrs. McKinney. They were gracious enough to take staff on a tour of their home. They are an amazing couple and their attention to detail in that home is remarkable. She has heard throughout the community that they are definitely deserving of this award for all of the hard work that went into their home. They have put a lot of money and time into the property but also joy and love. She also congratulated all nine of the running candidates for Village Council. She wishes everyone the best as Carlisle deserves the best four out of those nine.

Mr. Bicknell also welcomed Assistant Fire Chief Beckett. We are a close-knit community and he hopes that he can enjoy being a part of it, as well as his family. With school starting, he would like to remind everyone to be watching for school buses being out early. Please remember that when a school bus is stopped, do not drive around them. Everyone gets into a hurry but those few extra seconds is not worth the possible injury or death of a child. The small children crossing the street to board a bus deserve to have your patience. He thanked all of our school bus drivers as well as teachers and school staff who are preparing the classrooms for our children. He congratulated the children for being able to go back into school. His understanding is that it will be mask-free which will be amazing for our kids. Getting back to a normal year will be wonderful for everyone. Kids that were learning at home last year are getting to experience the new school for the first time.

Mrs. Kemper commented that the Concert in the Park was a wonderful night. The ones that did come out with the questionable weather really enjoyed themselves. If you ever get a chance to listen to Ethan & Joey, they are amazing. There was a ton of good food. She congratulated the Assistant Fire Chief and thanked him and his family for coming to Carlisle. She stated that Mr. and Mrs. McKinney's home is very beautiful and she thanked them for the tour. She congratulated them for all of the hard work they have done. This coming weekend is Railroad Days and it kicks off on Friday night with a band and food trucks. Saturday morning will be the parade. Anyone who wants to be in the parade can meet at Roscoe Roof park by 8:00am. There will be activities both Friday and Saturday and this year it will be held behind the Carlisle High School. Also Saturday night, there will be a car show in downtown Franklin. There will be over 800 cars and it will be from 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Last week, she attending the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission meeting and this was the first in-person meeting in over a year. She was able to speak with Tom Arnold from District 8 and he informed her that the State is doing research regarding safety in the curve on SR 123 to possibly install guardrails in this area. There was also a lot of talk concerning bike trails. The Miami Valley has several bike trails that are going to be expanded. She congratulated all of the kids that are headed back to school. The new school is very beautiful and seems extremely safe for our children. She reminded everyone to slow down when the kids are out heading to school or simply playing outside.

Mr. Jewett welcomed Mr. Beckett to the Carlisle Fire Department. He was recently contacted by a resident concerning chatter he has seen on Facebook about the traffic light at Union Road and SR 123. He informed this resident that the last time Council discussed this matter it was determined by a State operated traffic count that this area did not warrant a traffic light. This has been approximately a year and half ago since the discussion. Council had decided to table the issue until the time that the Village

was in City status. At that point, Council will look into whether it is feasible financially and/or if it makes sense for the City to put that traffic light up. It will also need to be researched whether or not there are any stipulations by the State as it is a state route. At this point, there is no definite plans and it can be looked at again in the future.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Winkler welcomed Assistant Chief Beckett and thanked him for coming to Carlisle. He is hoping that everyone comes out to enjoy Railroad Days this weekend. He understands there will be quite a few vendors and food trucks. School getting ready to open and he hates to say goodbye to summer but this means that football is right around the corner.

Manager's Report:

Mrs. Duffy welcomed Assistant Fire Chief Jason Beckett to the team. When they were going through the process to hire the Fire Chief, Jason was a great candidate. Talking with other staff and local fire people, his name is synonymous with "a training God". His level of expertise and knowledge along with his passion allows him to talk in depth of fire apparatus and skills. He loves his career path and we are very blessed to have him with Chief Lane. She announced that the Well Water Testing event sponsored by the Warren County Soil and Water Conservancy District will be offered again this year. Water quality in our area is very important as a high percentage of our residents are on a well system. It will be held at the Carlisle High School on Tuesday, September 14th from 4:30pm – 6:00pm. Residents need to bring a well water sample of at least 16.9 oz in a clean bottle or container and it must be from the first draw in the morning or after 6 hours of non-use. The event is free but registration is required by calling (513) 695-1337. The first 40 rsvp's are guaranteed a free confidential lead, copper, nitrate, nitrite, iron and arsenic test from an Ohio EPA Certified laboratory. There will be additional test kits available such as bacteria for purchase, cash or check only. This has been very well attended in the past and it is a great point to make sure your drinking water is safe. Mrs. Duffy responded to Mr. Jewett's comments about the traffic light at Union Road and SR 123. She agreed that was her recollection of the conversations as well. The traffic study that was completed was based on 2016 traffic count. There is no definite deadline on how long those counts are good. The Village Engineer has stated that normally five years is about the limit. It is her recommendation that as the Village moves forward, they seek out a new study. Cost for a new study is approximately \$2,500. Once the count tubes are installed, counts are taken for an 8-hour period and then it takes about 30 days for a report to be developed. When this was completed in 2016, we believed the traffic signal would be warranted based on previous ODOT standards. However, ODOT did inform us that the standards had changed and that it actually had to meet standards for any new signal on a state route or highway. The number of vehicle crashes is also a consideration and it is something like a minimum of five crashes in one calendar year. We are not for sure whether or not we would actually qualify. The City status is an important distinction because as a Village, we do not own or maintain the state route, it is under ODOT's control. Therefore, it has to meet ODOT standards. When the village becomes a City, we will own and maintain the state route. Her understanding is that we could move forward and put in a signal on our own even though it does not meet ODOT warranted standards. However, by putting in an

unwarranted traffic signal, we would potentially give up and future Federal based funding for any grant monies that would support traffic signal maintenance or improvements in the future. Council did speak about if the city status is obtained, looking at the risk involved and whether or not they would willingly accept that risk. Her opinion would be that we could move forward with a traffic study now or at the time city status is received. Once that study is completed, they would have a better understanding of whether the traffic signal may meet ODOT standards and then take the next step from there.

Mr. Jewett asked if we had a time frame as to when the Census report should be in. Mrs. Duffy explained that the redistricting information was coming down next week. She believes the counts should be coming to her soon. Mr. Jewett stated that his opinion would be to continue to table this discussion until they have the final Census counts. Mrs. Duffy stated that she would be shocked if we did not obtain city status but, given the fact that the count happened during the pandemic where follow-up door-to-door headcounts did not occur, she is nervous that we may not gain city status. She believes it is also in the best interest of the community to table this discussion until they have the final results. Having the State maintain the state route through town for another ten years is not always a bad thing but, financially, city status would be good financially.

Committee Report:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:

RES. 9-21 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MATERIA TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY .

Mrs. Duffy explained this legislation is on as an emergency due to a deadline. In February 2020, Council passed legislation indicating that we wanted to participate with any settlement that the State would obtain related to opioid epidemic. This legislation is very similar to what was adopted last year as it is saying that if the State receives money, we want to be a part of the local share deemed from

that settlement. A settlement has been reached with the State of Ohio as well as other states with several major pharmaceutical companies. The State has indicated that if we want to join the class action lawsuit for our entity, this is the mechanism to do that. By joining this with other local municipalities, we do give up our right to individually sue the pharmaceutical companies for a different amount. Staff does believe that it would be appropriate for our community to join other local municipalities and be a part of this settlement. There is a formula regarding the distribution of funds for local levels. It is based on items such as population and number of opioid-related deaths as well as the number of municipalities that join. The higher numbers that join, the higher percentage is actually given out. On a low end, based on the estimated local share, will range from \$11,000-\$15,000. This would be put to good use with our Police Department to help support programs to minimize opioid use. The City of Franklin is holding a special meeting to pass their legislation and she believes that Franklin Township will be passing similar legislation at their meeting tomorrow. The deadline to submit our claim is August 13th. If the emergency legislation is passed this evening, we will have time to meet that deadline.

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

Roll Call:

Mr. Jewett	yes
Mrs. Bilbrey	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

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

Roll Call:

Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mrs. Bilbrey	yes
Mr. Jewett	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Resolution passed on this day will be entered into Resolution Record Book as Res. 9-21.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:

None

Mayor Winkler concluded the agenda items for tonight's meeting.

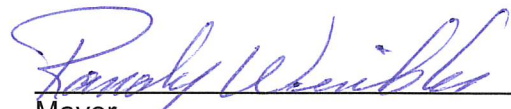
With no further business, Mrs. Bilbrey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

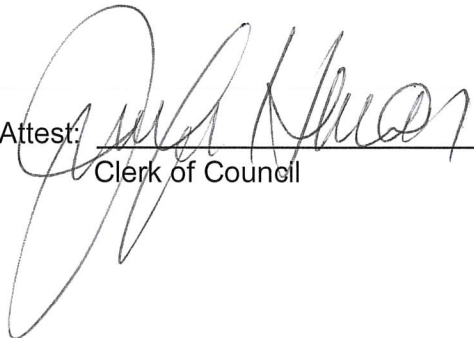
Mr. Jewett	yes
Mrs. Bilbrey	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Date: 8-24-21



Mayor

Attest: 

Clerk of Council