

**MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL – WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021**  
**CARLISLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CARLISLE, OHIO**

Mayor Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio Municipal Council Work Session of Tuesday, October 12, 2021, to order at 8:44 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Carlisle Town Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio with the following members in attendance:

***Council Attendees:***

Mr. Tim Humphries

Mr. Chris Stivers

Mr. William Bicknell

Mr. Randy Winkler, Mayor

Mrs. Debbie Kemper

Mrs. Kim Bilbrey

Mr. Randy Jewett

Staff members present: Village Manager Julie Duffy and Finance Director Ryan Rushing.

**Discussion Items:**

**Katy's Ditch**

General discussion was made regarding Katy's Ditch based upon Mr. Travis Swain's expressed concerns that were presented during the public forum of the regular business meeting that evening. Mr. Bicknell questioned if the city should expect residents to mow the ditch if the Service Director told Mr. Swain that it was too dangerous for his department to mow. Mrs. Bilbrey indicated that she previously met with Mr. Swain at his property to discuss his concerns and encouraged him to speak at tonight's regular business meeting. She indicated that she also had concerns on whether the city's Code Enforcement Officer should be issuing letters regarding maintenance and was concerned that the letters indicated potential jail time for a second offense. Mr. Humphries indicated that he was familiar with the ditch as he grew up there and stated that maintaining the ditch did not necessary require mowing and may be just using a weed whacker. Mr. Jewett expressed concerns that some residents removed areas of vegetation with weed killer which also added to this issue but would not get a violation letter for doing so. Mayor Winkler provided a history of the ditch and indicated that the existing waterway was realigned several years ago by the residents at their expense. He indicated that most of the ditch was private property with the city only having rights to maintain the portion of land at Cook Park which was owned by the city.

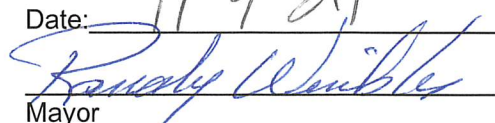
After further discussion, Council advised Mrs. Duffy that they did not want the Code Enforcement Officer to issue any new violation letters regarding ditch maintenance and asked her to clarify with Mr. Casson regarding his previous conversation with Mr. Swain. Additionally, Mrs. Duffy was asked to get an estimate and timeline of a study that would provide possible options to improve the area. Mrs. Bilbrey asked if Mrs. Duffy would follow up with Mr. Swain to let him know that no new mowing violations would be issued regarding the ditch. Mayor Winkler indicated that he would like to meet with Mr. Swain to examine his portion of the ditch and would pass along this information.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Council adjourned the meeting by voice vote with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Attest:   
Village Manager

Date: 11-9-21  
  
Mayor