

**TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**



December 6, 2016

**Public Meeting Advertised for 7:00 PM
Conducted at the Cedar Lake Town Hall
Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence**

Roll Call:

Present	Robert H. Carnahan Council Member	Ward 1	Present	Greg Parker Council Member	Ward 6
Present	John Foreman Council Member	Ward 2	Present	Richard Sharpe Council Member	Ward 7
Present	Julie Rivera Council Member	Ward 3	Present	Amy J. Gross, IAMC, MMC, CPM Clerk-Treasurer	
Present	Ralph Miller Council Member	Ward 4	Present	Jill Murr, CPM, IAMC, MMC Town Administrator	
Present	Randell Niemeier Council Member	Ward 5	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: November 15, 2016 Public Meeting Minutes

Docket: December 6, 2016 – All Town Funds \$283,688.40, Wastewater \$307,119.55, Water \$17,689.48, Storm Water \$13,533.60, Payroll 11/17/16 & 12/1/16 \$417,245.32

Manual Journal Entries: November 1 – 30, 2016

Clubhouse Rental Waiver Request:

Girl Scouts Troop #30261 – December 13, 2016

Girl Scouts Troop #30471 – December 14, 2016

Greg Parker moved to accept and waive the reading of the Minutes, and to accept the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Parker – Yes, Niemeier – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

ORDINANCE

1. Ordinance No. 1254 – 2017 – Salaries

Council Member Parker read by title only. Town Administrator Murr explained this is the annual salary ordinance. This is for 2017, highlighting the 2017 holiday pays. There are no changes to rates. Additionally, the water utility staff members will be paid from 100% water funds and there will be part-time event coordinator position.

Motion to approve first reading Ordinance No. 1254 was made by Ralph Miller with second by Julie Rivera. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Parker – Yes, Niemeier – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

President Niemeier asked if there was a motion to suspend the rules and allow for a second reading. Motion to suspend was made by Greg Parker with second by John Foreman. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Parker – Yes, Niemeier – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

Council Member Parker read Ordinance No. 1254 by title only.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1254 made by Ralph Miller with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Parker – Yes, Niemeier – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers – Letter of Support

Town Administrator Murr explained that this letter to Colonel Drew from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is an update to the 2014 letter of intent that was submitted supporting the Ecosystem Restoration Project. The main change is the cost for the Locally Preferred Plan. Project Cost is \$22,077,000 whereas in 2014 it was slightly higher. The feasibility report is set to be resubmitted to division and head up to the Assistant Secretary of Army for approval. This will be part of the packet that is being submitted. Additionally, with this letter will go a self-certification document that reiterates the letter of intent. The non-federal sponsor is aware of the financial obligations and that we will have the financial capability to satisfy those obligations. The self-certification does not obligate the federal government or non-federal sponsor to implement the project. Council Member Foreman added for them not to be alarmed by the large number. At this point in time this is stating we would be willing to come up with the monies for the engineering review, which at the earliest could be the latter part of 2017. Council Member Carnahan added that this is similar to the same letters previously sent.

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A motion to approve the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Letter of Support and authorize the Town Council President's signature was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Julie Rivera. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Parker – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

2. Indiana Statehood Day and Bicentennial Proclamation

Clerk-Treasurer Gross explained that a letter was received from the Indiana Bicentennial Commission requesting the Bicentennial Proclamation be on the agenda. December 11, 2016 marks the 200th anniversary of President James Madison signing the act admitting Indiana into the union as the 19th State. Clerk-Treasurer Gross read the proclamation into the record.

A motion to approve Indiana Statehood Day and Bicentennial Proclamation made by Robert Carnahan with second by John Foreman. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Parker – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0. Council Member Foreman commented that the flag should be hung in the meeting room as opposed to outside. A brief discussion continued on the flag.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Public Works and Safety – None

2. Park and Recreation – President Niemeyer asked Town Administrator Murr about circulating the rates discussed for Town Grounds, personnel, and equipment use to the Council members and the Town Attorney. President Niemeyer discussed a meeting with the Summerfest Committee and requests made for use costs. He discussed getting a resolution with the new numbers drawn up as soon as possible. He would like it to be ready, if possible by the next meeting or first meeting of January to act upon. He also discussed the gentlemen that previously attended a meeting with interest in starting a kayak business and potential partnership with the Town. It has since come to light that one of the partners has pulled out of the agreement. It was discussed to take what's been worked on and discuss a potential partnership with Ms. Becky Davis, who also attended a previous meeting and voiced interest in a partnership with the Town. Council Member Foreman briefly discussed offering more for residents by using the Clubhouse for programs like music lessons or karate.

3. Redevelopment – None

4. Planning – None

5. Council Affairs – None

6. Utility – None

7. Street - None

TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Town Council – Council Member Carnahan announced a concert this Sunday at 3pm at Cedar Lake United Methodist Church. Brenda Roberts will be singing and all donations will go towards the Project Love Food Pantry. He also discussed a call from Ford UAW 588 and they donated 50 food baskets to the pantry. Council Member Foreman mentioned that Mr. Jack Marsh passed away.

2. Town Attorney - None

3. Clerk-Treasurer - None

4. Town Administrator/Staff – The Lakeside Well Profiling will be moving forward. All documents are in place for right of entry. It's not a quick and easy process. It will be a culmination over several weeks as well as weather permitting. The requests for quotes for the Robin's Nest Pumps have gone out as well. They are anticipated to be in by January.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Christopher B. Burke Engineering Report – South Shore and Highgrove roadway and drainage improvements, the additional streets requested have been added. Project design is progressing. Anticipating a bidding time frame near the end of January and construction to commence in March or April, weather permitting. The Town Club ditch run-off project permit is being worked on. Additionally, they are working with CLEA to identify grant funding to get that project completed.

2. Building Department Report – November 2016 – Record month for November. So far there are 149 new residential permits and 1 new commercial permit for the year. At this time last year there were only 126 new permits.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Becky Davis, 8504 W 139th Avenue, discussed ideas for the lake and bringing people and athletes to the lake. She briefly discussed the NWI Tri-Team wanting to run a triathlon. A lengthy discussion continued on having a plan versus ideas and potential partnerships.

Becky Govert, 11521 W 127th Lane, asked for an update on Wicker Meadows and the plan moving forward. President Niemeyer discussed uniform land acquisition offers and the interest for the property owners to work with the Town on the project. Town Attorney Austgen added that the process is still ongoing with the second property. President Niemeyer further discussed the steps of the process. Ms. Davis asked if there was a plan in place. President Niemeyer stated a concept is in place but a designed plan cannot be done until property is acquired. Discussion continued on the project.

ADJOURNMENT President Niemeyer announced that the next meeting will begin at 6:30PM and called the meeting to adjournment.

An Executive Session was advertised and conducted before the meeting, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b). Refer to Memorandum of Meeting for topics discussed and those in attendance

COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

Randell Niemeyer, President, Ward 5

Greg Parker, Vice President, Ward 6

Robert H. Carnahan, Ward 1

John Foreman, Ward 2

Julie Rivera, Ward 3

Ralph Miller, Ward 4

ATTEST:

Richard Sharpe, Ward 7

Amy J. Gross, IAMC, MMC, CPM
Clerk-Treasurer

The Minutes of the Cedar Lake Town Council are transcribed pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-4(b), which states:

- (b) As the meeting progresses, the following *memoranda* shall be kept:
- (1) The date, time and place of the meeting.
 - (2) The members of the governing body recorded as either present or absent.
 - (3) The general substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided.
 - (4) A record of all votes taken, by individual members if there is a roll call.
 - (5) Any additional information required under IC 5-1.5-2-2.5.