

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



May 16, 2017

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 Niemeyer Council Member	Ward 5	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chuck Kouder, 8423 W. 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue, voiced concerns to the Council about illegal fireworks in Town. He voiced concerns about veterans and others in the community suffering with PTSD being affected by the fireworks. He discussed coming up with ideas for educating the public. Mr. Austgen suggested a review of the ordinances and enhanced point of emphasis on the website and in the newsletter. He discussed possibly communicating with organizations in town that issue publications and talking to business owners to get out more information.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes:** April 28, 2017 Emergency Public Meeting and May 2, 2017 Public Meeting  
**Docket:** May 16, 2017 – All Town Funds \$44,916.45, Wastewater \$116,330.37, Water \$35,349.46 Storm Water \$5,377.08, Payroll 05/04/17 \$240,403.56  
**Town Ground Usage:** Fireman's Ball September 30, 2017  
**Donations:** DARE – Douglas MacArthur PTO \$1,000, VIPs Tag Day \$980.00

Greg Parker moved to accept and waive the reading of the Minutes, and to accept the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Richard Sharpe. Mr. Carnahan asked about a claim for bonds. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Parker – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**1. Ordinance No. 1260 – Wenzel Voluntary Annexation**

Council Member Parker read by title only. Town Attorney Austgen stated this is the final step before the Council for the annexation petition. If adopted tonight it will be published, recorded, and the parcel will be incorporated into the Town.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1260 was made by Greg Parker 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Sewer Inspection Camera Vehicle**

Town Administrator Murr discussed a recommendation from the Operations Director for the purchase of a sewer inspection camera vehicle. Quotes were solicited and received from Jack Doheny Companies for \$146,151.76, Best Equipment Company for \$147,132.30, Eco Infrastructure Solutions for \$149,494.80, Brown Equipment (Demo) for \$224,193.00, Brown Equipment for \$274,255.00. It was recommended that they approve the quote submitted by Jack Doheny Companies in the amount of \$146,151.76. Clerk-Treasurer Gross confirmed that funds are available for the purchase.

A motion to approve the recommendation for the purchase of a sewer inspection camera vehicle from Jack Doheny Companies in the amount of \$146,151.76 was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Ralph Miller. Council Member Foreman asked if Mr. Kubiak was confident with the lowest bid. Mr. Kubiak discussed the findings by himself and staff in searching for the vehicle. A lengthy discussion continued on the need for a new sewer inspection camera vehicle. President Niemeyer asked if the funds to make the purchase would be sewer. Clerk-Treasurer Gross answer yes. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Parker – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

**TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS**

**1. Town Council – None**

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- 2. Town Attorney** – Mr. Austgen discussed a mediation he attended for an existing lawsuit proceeding for an unsafe structure that was demolished at 13309 Morse Street in 2013. The mediation resulted in a settlement subject to Council approval. It cost the Town \$0 but required the waiver of the demolition costs.

A motion to amend the agenda and allow consideration of the item was made by Ralph Miller with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Parker – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

Mr. Austgen recommended the Town Council approve the mediated settlement agreement at a cost of \$0 and waiver of the Town's demolition costs for the subject property.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Ralph Miller with second by Greg Parker. Mr. Carnahan asked about the cost. Mr. Austgen stated it was hard to tell. He stated they were soft numbers because it was handled in house. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Parker – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0. Mr. Austgen added that there will be a stipulated agreement to dismiss with prejudice and release instruments.

- 3. Clerk-Treasurer** – None

- 4. Town Administrator/Staff** – Town Administrator Murr stated that the High Grove Subdivision was advertised to bid last Friday. Pre-bid meeting will be May 23 and the bid opening will be June 1<sup>st</sup>. It is anticipated to award on June 6<sup>th</sup>. South Shore Subdivision is getting ready to be advertised at the end of the month. Mr. Foreman noted so long as everything is ironed out. Mr. Kubiak discussed the upcoming purchase of a radar speed sign.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Christopher B. Burke Engineering Report – Previously Reported.
2. Lake County Public Library Summer Reading Program – Lake County Public Library is inviting everyone to their Summer Reading Program kickoff on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. Building Department Report – This year has seen 46 new home permits with a residential value of approximately \$8 million and 117 alterations with a value of approximately \$1 million.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT** President Niemeyer called the meeting to adjournment at 7:35 PM.

An Executive Session was advertised and conducted at 6:00 PM pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b). Refer to Memorandum of Meeting for topics discussed and those in attendance

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

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Randell Niemeyer, President, Ward 5

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Greg Parker, Vice President, Ward 6

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Robert H. Carnahan, Ward 1

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John Foreman, Ward 2

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Julie Rivera, Ward 3

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Ralph Miller, Ward 4

ATTEST:

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Richard Sharpe, Ward 7

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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.