

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



October 6, 2015

**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	Patsy Casassa Council Member	Ward 6
Absent	John Foreman Council Member	Ward 2	Present	Randell Niemeyer Council Member	Ward 5
Absent	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	Greg Parker Council Member	Ward 7	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

OATHS OF OFFICE

Reserve Officer's Ryan S. Miller and Jeremy C. Olson received the oath of office by Clerk-Treasurer Gross. Full-Time Officer Dustin L. Corbin received the oath of office by Clerk-Treasurer Gross.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance No. 1224 – 2016 Budget

- a. Legal Notice – Clerk-Treasurer Gross stated that the notice was published online on September 4th through the Gateway portal with the State of Indiana, as is the new requirement. No longer obligated to publish in the newspaper. The non-binding review was submitted August 28th, which met deadlines.
- b. Council Affairs Committee Comments – President Niemeyer stated that the Council Affairs Committee is made up of Council Members Niemeyer, Miller, and Parker. They met with the Clerk-Treasurer, Town Administrator, and various department heads over a period of two meetings. The budget that is being submitted is the one that was discussed by the committee and with department heads and it is recommended for approval.
- c. Reading of Ordinance No. 1224 – Clerk-Treasurer Gross read by title and then read the fund list as follows.
Total for all funds that are required to be approved by the Department of Local Government Finance is \$6,781,899 with a tax levy of \$4,902,377 and an adopted tax rate of 1.3202. The total budget for all locally approved funds is \$1,318,303 for a grand total budget of \$8,100,202. She added that as in the past, the budgets are advertised higher than they are going to be approved for by the state because we do not know the net assessed values at this time.
- d. Public Comments - None
- e. Council Discussion – Council Member Foreman asked about the CEDIT money being less than the \$446,500. Clerk-Treasurer Gross answered that for 2015 there was only \$15,000 appropriated which was meant for the rail expansion. Each month when the revenues were collected from county, a surplus develops and can be utilized for road projects.
- f. Council Decision – President Niemeyer asked for a decision on the first reading of Ordinance No. 1224.

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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

State Form 55865 (7-15)
Approved by the State Board of Accounts, 2015
Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

Budget Form No. 4

Ordinance Number: 1224

Be it ordained/resolved by the Cedar Lake Town Council that for the expenses of CEDAR LAKE CIVIL TOWN for the year ending December 31, 2016 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of CEDAR LAKE CIVIL TOWN, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Cedar Lake Town Council.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Cedar Lake Town Council	Town Council	10/20/2015

DLGF-Reviewed Funds				
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0061	RAINY DAY		\$0	0.0000
0101	GENERAL	\$4,384,645	\$3,268,129	0.8801
0342	POLICE PENSION	\$168,780	\$0	0.0000
0706	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$207,000	\$0	0.0000
0708	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$590,965	\$0	0.0000
2379	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMP (CIG TAX)	\$40,000	\$0	0.0000
2391	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$279,654	\$310,775	0.0837
2430	REDEVELOPMENT - GENERAL	\$101,355	\$75,601	0.0204
2482	REDEVELOPMENT BOND	\$657,000	\$904,961	0.2437
2487	REDEVELOPMENT BOND EXEMPT FROM CIRCUIT BREAKERS	\$352,500	\$342,911	0.0923
		\$6,781,899	\$4,902,377	1.3202

Home-Ruled Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF)		
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget
9500	Lake County Solid Waste	\$73,200
9501	Casino Gaming	\$516,000
9503	Law Enforcement Continuing Education	\$17,500
9504	CEDIT	\$446,500
9505	Tourism Innkeeper's Tax	\$4,725
9506	LOIT Public Safety	\$260,378
		\$1,318,303

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 1224 – 2016 Budget made by Ralph Miller with second by Julie Rivera. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0. President Niemeyer announced that the second reading will occur at the next Town Council meeting on October 20th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Sharpe, 8120 W 147th Avenue, asked where the funding was coming from for the Parrish Avenue Project. Clerk-Treasurer Gross answered that approximately 73% from reserve garbage funds, approximately 20% from casino revenue funds, and final about 1.8% from storm water funds.

Rick Dingey, 8410 Havenwood Pass, asked why the Town Council has decided not to renew the contract with GenMove Recreation. President Niemeyer answered that the Council doesn't feel like they are providing the service that was advertised and after discussions and review of the contract, they believe they need to move in a new direction. A lengthy discussion continued on GenMove and the future of the parks department.

Chuck Becker, 6100 W 136th Place, commented on advertising in the newsletter and it not reaching all residents. He recommended doing more for advertising. Council Member Rivera stated the information was available on the Town's Facebook page and website too. President Niemeyer discussed the newsletter being an idea that came through branding efforts and he's heard positive feedback but it sounds like there's a little more work to do. A lengthy discussion followed regarding 133rd Avenue, when it would be finished, and why the Town took the action it did.

Rick Dingey, 8410 Havenwood Pass, asked for clarification on why the Town hired three engineering firms for the 133rd project. President Niemeyer explained that per INDOT standards there was to be a design engineer and an observation engineer on the project. The third engineer is an employee of Mr. Austgen's firm that was brought on per the Town's request after it was

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discovered there was a flaw. Discussion continued on discovery of design flaws, the engineer firms, and budget costs.

David Crane, 14629 Dewey Street, asked why waste management savings is not being passed on to the customers in Town. He also voiced concerns regarding taxes being paid into the two E-911 PSAP's. President Niemeyer explained that the excess money from the savings is put into a reserve that can be used for road projects. Mr. Crane expressed concerns regarding the use of reserve garbage funds for road projects. Clerk-Treasurer Gross explained that the garbage fund is a separate fund from the other utilities. It can be used for maintenance of roads. Mr. Crane asked about possible grants to fix the roads. He stated his subdivision hasn't been done in years. Council Member Foreman discussed that certain roads need to have a full reconstruction with storm drainage not just paving. Further discussion continued on annexation, the Town's tax base and funding of projects, and having a Town Council accountable to the people.

Rick Sharpe, 8120 W 147th Avenue, asked if there were currently any other projects being funded by the reserve garbage funds. President Niemeyer stated not at this time. Clerk-Treasurer Gross concurred.

Rick Dingey, 8410 Havenwood Pass, asked how much the total garbage savings was. Clerk-Treasurer Gross stated that she would be happy to get the figures for Mr. Dingey. She estimated a savings of around \$24,000. Discussion continued on the amount of roads that could be fixed with that savings and the investment into road projects.

Sarah Hendricks, 12912 Hilltop, stated that she would rather see the reserve funds passed onto the customer.

Josh Govert, 12550 Tall Oaks Drive, commented that he would rather see the reserve funds put back into road projects, be it large or small scale.

Steve Strode, 13514 Schneider Street, asked if the figures the Town came up with for E-911 operations in Schererville were based on the assumption that the state would return the funds they are currently withholding. President Niemeyer answered that the figures they derived for the operations are based upon the currently agreed upon levy transfer that will fund about \$500,000 in operations between the two communities, which comes at about \$15,000 lower than current costs. He stated as for the state money, the Attorney General's office rendered that the two PSAP's need to have a binding agreement that joins them that doesn't necessarily mean the Town has to sign on to the inter-local agreement with Lake County. He stated that Cedar Lake and Schererville pay zero of the county tax rate that was developed for the 15 municipalities that signed on to the county agreement. They are only paying for the function in Schererville. Mr. Strode asked about the agreement with County. President Niemeyer clarified that's for all the units to access the \$2.9 million dollars in escrow, currently. Discussion continued on the binding agreement and having two concurrently running PSAP's in Lake County.

David Crane, 14629 Dewey Street, stated his understanding is the second PSAP will be in East Chicago. President Niemeyer restated that the commissioner has decided that unilaterally. Roosevelt Allen said they could not do that. It is not written in the inter-local agreement. Council Member Rivera commented that the East Chicago site is thought to cost between \$2-3 million. That's Lake County taxpayer money and there is already a facility up and running in Schererville. Mr. Crane commented on this being a unique situation and stated he believes our dispatchers should be in our building. President Niemeyer agreed but unfortunately the state law does not allow for more than two PSAP's per county. Mr. Crane stated that the second PSAP will not be the one they have created.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: September 15, 2015 Public Meeting Minutes.

Docket: October 6, 2015 – All Town Funds \$342,217.91, Wastewater \$133,051.54, Water \$32,877.18, Storm Water \$13,912.02, Sewer Sinking \$88,516.25, Payroll #149 & #150 - \$161,431.71

Donations: DARE – Southlake Families in Action, Inc. \$878.22

Monastery Clubhouse Refund: Rental reservation cancelled, Ms. Znavor \$80.25

Julie Rivera moved to accept and waive the reading of the Minutes, and to accept the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Greg Parker. Council Member Carnahan discussed concerns on items being bought at Menards and not locally. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

RESOLUTION

1. Confirming Resolution No. 1149 – Temporary Loan for Cumulative Capital Development Fund (Strategic Plan: An Effective Organization)

Clerk-Treasurer Gross read by title and summarized. This will allow for \$57,050 to be transferred from the wastewater operating fund to the cumulative capital development fund to proceed with any expenses that may occur before year end. The tax installment for fall will not arrive until the end of December.

Motion to approve Confirming Resolution No. 1149, made by Robert Carnahan with second by John Foreman. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

2. Resolution No. 1150 – Temporary Loan for General Fund (Strategic Plan: An Effective Organization)

Clerk-Treasurer Gross read by title and summarized. This will transfer \$450,000 from the wastewater treatment plant special fund to the general fund. It's a shortfall due to the tax

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installment not arriving until late December. The temporary loans are to be paid back before year end once the installment is received.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 1150, made by Robert Carnahan with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

3. Resolution No. 1151 – Appropriation Transfers (Strategic Plan: An Effective Organization)

Clerk-Treasurer Gross read by title and summarized. This authorizes the following total transfers within each fund for year-end expenditures.

General Fund #101	Total Transfers \$ 48,300.00
Casino Gaming Fund #105	Total Transfers \$ 6,500.00
Rainy Day Fund #109	Total Transfers \$ 5,100.00
CEDIT Fund #111	Total Transfers \$ 12,462.00
Motor Vehicle Highway #201	Total Transfers \$ 3,000.00
Local Road & Street #202	Total Transfers \$ 7,800.00
LOIT – Public Safety #249	Total Transfers \$ 5,000.00
Cumulative Capital Improvement #401	Total Transfers \$ 8,400.00

Motion to approve Resolution No. 1150, made by Patsy Casassa with second by Ralph Miller. Council Member Carnahan commented on cutting the streetlight budget the previous year, he was glad to see more going back in this year. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

4. Ordinance No. 1223 – Police Retirement Benefit Ordinance (Strategic Plan: A Secure Future, An Effective Organization)

Council Member Casassa read by title. Town Attorney Austgen explained that the ordinance proposes an increase in the pension benefit for officers that meet certain criteria. It is permitted to be considered under provisions of the Indiana code. It relates to establishing a special pay grade, identified as the Police Officer First Class Special. Currently, a police officer's retirement is based upon the salary of a First Class Patrolmen. This ordinance provides an enhancement. Budgeting has occurred for this. He recommends tonight be the initial reading. Council Member Carnahan asked what the rate blanks were under Section 1. Clerk-Treasurer Gross explained the starting rates were calculated at \$2,530.32 bi-weekly. The incumbent rate is the same.

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1223, made by Robert Carnahan with second by Julie Rivera. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0. President Niemeyer announced that the second reading will occur at the next Town Council meeting on October 20th.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stormwater Contractor (Strategic Plan: A Secure Future, An Effective Organization, An Engaged Community)

Town Administrator Murr stated that quotes were solicited for on-call stormwater services. A previous resolution approved doing this. Quotes were received from four vendors: B&D Sewer, PGX, Inc., Wes Jenkins Builders, and Metro Excavating. After review it is recommended to award the stormwater on-call services contract based upon quotation to Wes Jenkins Builders. Building Commissioner Kubiak concurred. He added all four were competitive in pricing. Also, if they are busy and can't make it out, he would like the flexibility to utilize one of the other companies. Council Member Foreman asked for input from the Town Attorney regarding the request. Town Attorney Austgen recommended that in the motion to include a provision that permits moving to the next responsive bidder in the event that the lowest bidder is unavailable.

Motion to approve staff recommendation and accept the lowest bidder first and then the next bidder made by Robert Carnahan with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

2. Sewer Utility Billing Elimination Agreement – 7228 W. 127th Avenue (Strategic Plan: A Secure Future, An Effective Organization)

Town Administrator Murr commented that the house has been demolished and public works and Mr. Kubiak have signed off on the sewer being capped properly. She recommends approval.

Motion to approve Sewer Utility Billing Elimination Agreement made by Greg Parker with second by Robert Carnahan. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

3. Lake County Board of Elections – Use of Town Hall, November 3, 2015 (Strategic Plan: An Effective Organization, An Engaged Community)

President Niemeyer stated every three out of four years, each Primary and General Election, this request is received.

Motion to approve Lake County Board of Elections – Use of Town Hall, November 3, 2015 made by Robert Carnahan with second by Patsy Casassa. Roll call vote: Carnahan

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– Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

4. American Structurepoint Agreement (Strategic Plan: A Secure Future, An Effective Organization)

Town Attorney Austgen discussed an agreement with American Structurepoint that is a result of meetings over the last few months with American Structurepoint, INDOT, Town Staff and Executive leadership, and Mr. Austgen's office regarding 133rd Avenue Phase II. The highlights of the agreement include a restructure of their engineering force, expedited review to ensure completion prior to the end of 2015 construction season, preparation of temporary remedial designs for improvements, public outreach, estimate of construction costs for the revised work to ensure funding, timetable, perform all professional engineering responsibilities at their sole cost and expense. Mr. Austgen continued with explanation of standard legal process regarding damages.

Motion to approve American Structurepoint Agreement made by Greg Parker with second by Patsy Casassa. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

5. Dixon Engineering – Parrish Avenue Water Storage Tank Proposal (Strategic Plan: A Secure Future, An Effective Organization)

Town Administrator Murr discussed a proposal for the Parrish Avenue Water Storage Tank. Scope of services will be preparation for technical specifications, bid form, pre-construction meeting, and paint inspection services. The proposal is for \$3,900 and would come from the water operating fund. This is to have the tank painted. This is the next step in the process of upgrading the system.

Motion to approve Parrish Avenue Water Storage Tank Proposal made by Ralph Miller with second by Julie Rivera. Council Member Carnahan asked if there was a guarantee on the work they're doing. Town Administrator Murr commented that they are doing the inspection services and getting everything ready to put out to bid. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

6. Peerless Midwest – Fracture Trace Analysis (Strategic Plan: A Secure Future, An Effective Organization)

Town Administrator Murr explained that working on expanding the east side water system, the next step is to have a fracture trace analysis. Peerless Midwest has been working with the Town on the steps and cost for the analysis would be \$5,000. This will identify the next possible and probable locations for test well drilling. If started, there's a possibility of having the first test well dug, drilled, and identified as early as the end of the year. Town Attorney Austgen concurred. It would be paid out of the water operating fund.

Motion to approve made by Julie Rivera with second by Patsy Casassa. Roll call vote: Carnahan – No, Foreman – No, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 5 to 2. President Niemeyer stated that this item is the first step in developing the water infrastructure on the east side.

President Niemeyer stated he had an item that he would like Council to consider an amendment to the agenda for and allow for consideration of a revision of the award for the Public Works Truck Bids.

Motion to amend the agenda made by Greg Parker with second by Patsy Casassa. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

President Niemeyer commented the agenda will be amended to consider an item that allows for exceptions to the specifics identified as bid requirements. This is still to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Truck City. Town Attorney Austgen added that it's the recommendation to still award the bid to the lowest, responsive bidder, Truck City, provided that they approve the waiver to the exceptions.

Motion to approve the waiver to the exceptions made by Robert Carnahan with second by John Foreman. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Public Works and Safety – No Report
2. Park and Recreation – There is a written communication.
3. Redevelopment – No Report
4. Planning – Council Member Parker noted that there is progress on the zoning mapping. Council Member Carnahan briefly commented on speaking with Mr. Aurelio on the new restaurant opening soon and the BP construction underway. President Niemeyer discussed community engagement and Bartlett-Wahlberg Park and its expansion. He commented on the possibility of having a community forum where the public could put in ideas for the design concept.
5. Council Affairs – No Report
6. Utility – No Report
7. Street – No Report

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TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Town Council – Council Member Carnahan reminded everyone that the Jean Eberle Parade of Lights will be on November 21st, 2015. Mr. Austgen suggested renaming it the Bob & Jean Eberle Parade of Lights. Council Member Carnahan said that requires Chamber action and he would take the suggestion. President Niemeyer mentioned the recent IACT conference and briefly discussed the executing of financial and comprehensive plans. Council Member Foreman briefly discussed an IACT class on TIF funds and misconceptions on annexation.
2. Town Attorney – No Report
3. Clerk-Treasurer – Clerk-Treasurer Gross stated that department heads were notified on October 1 of a spending freeze in the general fund. November 23 is the final date to submit invoices to be paid from this year's budget. Revised standard operating procedures for purchases orders were also sent out.
4. Town Administrator/Staff – Town Administrator Murr discussed the building department report. As of the end of September there were 88 new home permits for a residential value of \$12,454,020 and two commercial permits for a commercial value of \$5,150,000. To date there are 273 alteration permits with a value of \$3,083,019. Chief Wilkening reminded everyone that it is Fire Prevention Week. They will be at each of the schools doing their program. They partnered up with Ed's Bike Shop to award winners of the coloring contest, new bikes. The girl scouts and boy scouts will be out collecting items for the food pantry. The fire department raised approximately \$5,800 for the food pantry at last weekend's boot drive. Council Member Carnahan explained that the Project Love Food Pantry has spent over \$22,000 in the first eight months and services Cedar Lake, Lowell, Crown Point, and Shelby. Chief Wilkening reminded everyone of the Fire Open House and Pancake Breakfast on October 11. Building Commissioner Kubiak gave a quick update on the neighborhood road project. The BP water main extension to the south should be underway shortly. Discussion continued on the road list, evaluations, and the possibility of quantity left at the end of the project for some additional work. President Niemeyer thanked Mr. Kubiak for his hard work and dedication. Town Administrator Murr added that Christopher Burke Engineering is working on storm water modeling for areas in the vicinity of Wicker Meadows, Fairbanks Street, and 141st and Wheeler.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. East Side Community Council – "Talk to the Hand" Program – President Niemeyer read a letter from the East Side Community Council about their program which teaches American Sign Language. They requested a donation to provide scholarships for their classes. He added he would like to put it on the next agenda for consideration.
2. Christopher B. Burke Engineering Report – Town Administrator Murr discussed forward movement with the ecosystem restoration project. There is an upcoming meeting in Chicago to prepare for a meeting on October 22 in Washington to meet at Army Corps Headquarters to discuss the project. Council Member Foreman will hopefully be attending with her as well. She asked for the Council's approval to have Kay Whitlock, from Christopher Burke Engineering to attend the meeting in Washington. President Niemeyer asked for the cost of the plane tickets. Town Administrator Murr stated she did not have a cost at this time she's waiting for Army Corps on the time of the meeting.

Motion to amend the agenda to give the Town Administrator authority to follow her recommendation made by Julie Rivera with second by Patsy Casassa. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

President Niemeyer asked for consideration of the agenda item, which is to give authority to Town Administrator Murr to purchase plane tickets for herself, Council Member Foreman, and Kay Whitlock, from Christopher Burke Engineering for the Army Corps Meeting in Washington on October 22. Council Member Foreman made a motion to abstain from voting. Council Member Carnahan asked if he could do that. Town Attorney Austgen answered that he could. No motion necessary, he can abstain.

Motion to approve made by Julie Rivera with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Parker – Yes, Casassa – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

Town Administrator Murr added that they had received the right of way for the Safe Routes to School program.

3. GenMove Recreation Report – President Niemeyer gave an update on GenMove programs and participation. Discussion occurred among Council regarding participation numbers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Crane, 14629 Dewey Street, voiced concerns of local business owners being unaware of events being held by GenMove at their establishments. Council Member Miller indicated he was aware of the lack of communication when he went to the events. Conversations followed shortly thereafter regarding moving in a new direction.

President Niemeyer added that in regards to an earlier question on road grants, the 133rd Avenue Phase I and II were funded through federal grants. Mr. Crane asked about county offering to take care of part of the Parrish project. President Niemeyer stated not within our town limits.

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Discussion briefly continued on taxes and annexation. President Niemeyer commented on community relationships.

Rebecca Govert, 11521 W 127th Lane, discussed growth in the community over the years and concerns over the meeting turning into campaigning without public knowledge. She also spoke about the quick responsiveness of Council Members and other community leaders when called. Ms. Govert voiced concerns on local business owners not being aware of service dog laws. Discussion continued on engineering, water, and drainage issues.

Conversation continued briefly between President Niemeyer and Mr. Crane regarding community issues and relationships.

ADJOURNMENT President Niemeyer called the meeting to adjournment at 9:03 PM.

An Executive Session was advertised and conducted at 6:00 PM and following the meeting, 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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Randell Niemeyer, President, Ward 5

Patsy Casassa, Vice President, Ward 6

Robert H. Carnahan, Ward 1

John Foreman, Ward 2

Julie Rivera, Ward 3

Ralph Miller, Ward 4

ATTEST:

Greg Parker, 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.