

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



November 12, 2018

**Public Meeting Advertised for 6:00 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
Absent	Julie Rivera Council Member	Ward 3	Present	Jennifer N. Sandberg Clerk-Treasurer	
Present	Ralph Miller Council Member	Ward 4	Present	Jill Murr Town Administrator	
Present	Randell Niemeyer Council Member	Ward 5	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Beacon Pointe of Cedar Lake LLC Voluntary Annexation

- a. Attorney's Review of Legals – Mr. Austgen stated the proofs of publication were received. The notice was posted in The Times on October 23, 2018 and in The Post-Tribune on October 20, 2018.
- b. Reading of Ordinance No. 1310 - Beacon Pointe of Cedar Lake LLC Voluntary Annexation – Council Member Foreman read by title only.
- c. Resolution No. 1230 – Fiscal Plan and Policy for Annexation – Beacon Pointe – Council Member Foreman read by title only.
- d. Remonstrators - None
- e. Town Council Discussion – Mr. Niemeyer stated at the last meeting when Ordinance No. 1310 was introduced there was discussion on the need for review of utility capacity. He asked if there was an update on discussions with Town engineers. Mr. Parker stated they met with NIES Engineering and there were a lot of question marks. Discussion followed on the current sewer capacity and funding for a west side interceptor project. Mr. Foreman added one question was on the possibility of a recapture agreement. He thinks they should look further into this and see if possible. He stated as of today they have an adequate system. Mr. Niemeyer thanked Mr. Anderson for attending the meeting. Further discussion continued on the sewer system, rates, and the sewer fund. Mr. Anderson added the area was being annexed as agricultural. It would have to go before the Plan Commission for any changes. He discussed added language in the fiscal plan that addresses the fact no one knows the availability to service the potential development of the site. The importance of continued conversation and partnerships was discussed. A very lengthy discussion continued on future development and the sewer system.
- f. Town Council Decision on Resolution No. 1230

A motion to approve Resolution No. 1230 was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Richard Sharpe including the sentence Mr. Anderson added to the financial agreement. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Parker – No. Vote: 5 to 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Police Offer of Employment Recommendation

Mr. Parker read a letter of employment recommendation from Mr. Lester C. Kaper, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Commission. The Cedar Lake Metropolitan Police Commission approves the recommendation of Richard Pennington as a Probationary Officer. The recommendation was approved by a vote of 3-0 during a public meeting of the Cedar Lake Metropolitan Police Commission on October 24, 2018. Mr. Pennington is a current member of the Valparaiso University Police Department and a graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. His employment and start date will be contingent on INPRS.

A motion to approve a conditional offer of employment was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Parker – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

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Mr. Parker added it has been recommended to him to have the Council meet with the Trustee, the Trustee's Advisory Board, and invite school board members from at least Crown Point and Hanover for an open meeting. It was recommended the sessions occur every month. Mr. Parker felt that less frequent meetings would sustain more interest in the meetings. Discussion ensued on meeting frequencies, sustenance and agenda topics. Mr. Parker asked Council to take until next meeting to think about what is possible.

ADJOURNMENT President Parker called the meeting to adjournment at 6:35 PM.

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

Greg Parker, President, Ward 6

John Foreman, Vice President, Ward 2

Robert H. Carnahan, Ward 1

Julie Rivera, Ward 3

Ralph Miller, Ward 4

Randell Niemeyer, Ward 5

ATTEST:

Richard Sharpe, Ward 7

Jennifer N. Sandberg
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.