



**Town of Cedar Lake Board of Safety Special Public Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2022,
immediately following the 5:30 pm Executive Session**

CALL TO ORDER: Kaper called the meeting to order at 8:39 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Absent	Joshua Govert, Member	Present	William Fisher, Police Chief
Present	James Olthoff, Member	Present	Todd Wilkening, Fire Chief
Present	David Villalobos, Member	Present	Carl Brittingham, Deputy Chief Police
Present	Norman Stick, Vice Chairman	Present	Nick Mager, Deputy Chief Fire
Present	Lester Kaper, Chairman	Absent	Ralph Miller, Town Council Liaison
		Absent	David Austgen, Town Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kaper called for Public Comment three times; none received.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. **Personnel – Promotion Selection:** Kaper asked for a motion for the Corporal position. A motion was made by David Villalobos, seconded by Norm Stick, to promote Officer Pennington to Corporal effective immediately and an establish a list for promotion effective January 1, 2023 as ranked: 1) Officer Sulski, 2) Officer Machalk and 3) Officer Meyer. Roll Call vote: Govert – absent, Olthoff – Yes, Villalobos – Yes, Stick – Yes, Kaper – Yes. Vote: 4-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. **Personnel – Promotion Selection:** Chief Wilkening stated interviews were held for promotions. He requested Lt Chris Craft be promoted to Battalion Chief, Amy Early be promoted to Captain, Anthony DeAdam be promoted to Division Chief of the Marine Unit, Lt Chad Wilson be promoted to Captain, all effective January 1, 2023. Wilkening stated the promotions were the start of other promotions in the future with preparation for the addition of the new fire station and the future of the department. He requested a presentation in front of the families at the next meeting. A motion was made by Norm Stick, seconded by Jim Olthoff, to accept all of the promotions. Roll call vote: Govert – absent, Olthoff – Yes, Villalobos – Yes, Stick – Yes, Kaper – Yes. Vote: 4-0.
2. **Personnel – Full-Time Hire Selection:** Kaper asked for a motion for the full-time position. A motion was made by David Villalobos, seconded by Norm Stick to hire Fred Seniw as full-time as a Firefighter effective upon the retirement of Chief Scoleri. Chief Wilkening explained he spoke with the payroll department and the Clerk-Treasurer and this change would be effective once Pat Scoleri retires. Olthoff asked if it had been approved through payroll. Wilkening indicated it had been approved and had to wait until next year to be put into the budget. Roll Call vote: Govert – absent, Olthoff – Yes, Villalobos – Yes, Stick – Yes, Kaper – Yes. Vote: 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kaper called for Public Comment three times; none received.

ADJOURNMENT: Kaper called the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE BOARD OF SAFETY

Lester Kaper, Chairman

Norman Stick, Vice-Chairman

Joshua Govert, Member

James Olthoff, Member

David Villalobos, Member

ATTEST:

Sarah Moore, Recording Secretary