



**Town of Cedar Lake
Redevelopment Commission Minutes
February 8, 2016**

Call to Order 6:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present	Nathan Vis	Absent	Randy Niemeyer
	Member		Town Council
Present	Jeff DeVries	Absent	John Foreman
	Member		Town Council
Present	Jolie Covaciu	Present	Robert Carnahan
	Member		Town Council
Present	Eric Burnham	Absent	Connie Sterkowitz
	Member		Hanover School District Liaison
Present	Doug Spencer	Present	Jerry Caravana
	Member		Crown Point Community School Corporation Liaison
Present	Amy Gross	Absent	Jill Murr
	Clerk Treasurer		Town Administrator
Present	David Austgen	Present	Jennifer Sandberg
	Town Attorney		Recording Secretary

Oath of Office

Clerk-Treasurer Gross gave the Oath of Office to the members of the 2016 Redevelopment Commission.

Minutes of the November 2015 Public Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 2015 Public Meeting was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Doug Spencer.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

Minutes of the December 2015 Public Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 2015 Public Meeting was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Doug Spencer.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

I. New Business

A. Elect Officers for 2016

A motion to have Nathan Vis as President of the Redevelopment Commission was made by Jeff DeVries. A motion to close the nomination was made by Jolie Covaciu with a second by Eric Burnham. A voice vote was taken to elect Nathan Vis as President.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

A motion to have Jeff DeVries as Vice-President of the Redevelopment Commission was made by Eric Burnham with a Second by Jolie Covaciu. A motion to close the nomination was made by Jolie Covaciu with a second by Doug Spencer. A voice vote was taken to elect Jeff DeVries as Vice-President.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

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A motion to have Jolie Covaciu as Secretary of the Redevelopment Commission was made by Eric Burnham with a Second by Doug Spencer. A motion to close the nomination was made by Jeff DeVries with a second by Doug Spencer. A voice vote was taken to elect Jolie Covaciu as Secretary.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

Before moving onto monthly vendor invoice review, President Vis thanked everyone for coming back to the Commission and discussed a positive outlook for 2016.

II. Monthly Vendor Invoice Review

A. Approve Expenses

A motion to approve the vendor expenses from 12/11/15 – 02/05/16 out of Fund 404 for a total of \$3,888.47 was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Doug Spencer.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

A motion to approve the vendor expenses from 12/11/15 – 02/05/16 out of Fund 804 for a total of \$120,269.75 was made by Doug Spencer with a second by Jeff DeVries.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

B. Review Expenses/Income

Clerk-Treasurer Gross updated the Commission on 2015 Year End. The Redevelopment General Fund, 404, had an ending balance of \$58,876. TIF, 804, had an ending balance of \$279,405. President Vis asked Clerk-Treasurer Gross for a financial presentation next meeting for anticipated expenditures.

III. Written Communications

Memo received from Town Administrator Murr. Updates under monthly reports.

IV. Monthly Reports

- A. 133rd Avenue Phase II** – A wingwall was installed February 4th. Additional rough grading on north side is to be completed.
- B. East 133rd Avenue** – No update.
- C. Cline/Lake Shore Drive Project** – Right-of-way purchasing is progressing.
- D. Broadway Project** – No update.
- E. Pending/Future Developments** – The new Town sign has been put up at the front of the Town Complex. The old sign will be repurposed by the Public Works Department.

Town Council Member Carnahan gave a quick update on the Bicentennial Flag raising at Senator Sue Landske Memorial Park. Town Attorney Austgen gave a report on the Town Council Economic Development Committee initiative. President Vis added that he had been approached by Town Council President Niemeyer for funds to finance the early stages of this new committee. A lengthy discussion continued on future initiatives for increasing economic development in the Town.

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V. Old Business

- A. Status – 133rd East – IDEM/UST Contamination** – No Update.
- B. Park Improvement Project** – No Update.

VI. Public Comment – Mr. Carnahan briefly commented on recent businesses opening and the Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase on March 19th, 2016.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Jeff DeVries at approximately 6:38 PM.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

Nathan Vis – President

Jeff DeVries – Vice President

Eric Burnham – Secretary

Jolie Covaciu– Member

Doug Spencer – Member

Attest: _____
Jennifer Sandberg, Recording Secretary