



August 20, 2018

Public Meeting Advertised for 6:00 PM  
Conducted at the Cedar Lake Town Hall  
Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:**

Present	Nathan D. Vis RDC President	Absent	Amy J. Gross, IAMC, MMC, CPM Clerk-Treasurer
Absent	Eric Burnham RDC	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney
Present	Jolie Covaciu RDC	Present	Jill Murr Town Administrator
Present	Doug Spencer RDC	Present*	Robert Carnahan Town Council
Absent	Randy Niemeyer RDC	Absent	John Foreman Town Council
Absent	Dennis Wilkening RDC Liaison - Hanover	Present	Jennifer Sandberg Recording Secretary
Absent	David Warne RDC Liaison – Crown Point		

*\*Arrived Late*

**I. VS Engineering Presentation**

Sanjay Patel introduced VS Engineering to the Commission. He stated they are a full service civil engineering firm. He discussed being familiar with a smaller, bedroom community that is growing. They can work as a collaborative team with companies like Context and Veridus Group. He stated they've worked with Context but not Veridus Group. Brian Stephens-Hotopp discussed his background and gave a brief presentation on the firm's experience and past projects. Randy Strasser introduced himself and briefly discussed his background in municipal government. He sees a close contrast of what is happening in Cedar Lake as well as other communities. He's familiar with bringing that vision happening at the local level and putting it into action. He discussed projects in Delphi and knowing how to make an impact with minimal dollars. Mr. Carnahan commented that people are not in favor of Midway Gardens. He discussed other sections of Town that may be better suited. Mr. Vis thanked Mr. Carnahan and explained they invited VS Engineering to learn more about their firm. They are always looking for top notch talent when it comes to engineering. He asked Mr. Strasser for his view on how engineering and planning coincide. Mr. Strasser stated from a planning standpoint you need to get the idea whittled down to where everyone is on board with what it is you're looking for. A lengthy discussion continued on projects and joint efforts with Context. Mrs. Murr added VS Engineering has done successful for the Town in regards to the Asset Management Plan.

**II. Consent Agenda**

- a. Claims – Fund #404 \$7,128.30**  
A motion to approve was made by Doug Spencer with second by Jolie Covaciu. A voice vote followed and passed 3-0.
- b. Claims – Fund #804 \$311,198.00**  
A motion to approve was made by Jolie Covaciu with second by Doug Spencer. A voice vote followed and passed 3-0.

**III. New Business**

- a. Context**  
Mr. Vis reported on a teleconference with Context. They brainstormed various community events that would be draw members of the community for pop-up forums. They also identified multiple members of the community that would be prudent for Context to talk with. The first event scheduled was the Fireman's Ball. Mr. Prazeau reported that 42 people participated in discussions. People liked having someone listen to them. They are awaiting a full report back from the event. In addition, they have received a proposal for additional meetings and an online presence. Mrs. Murr discussed the possibility of having an additional stakeholder session and online survey. As this develops they will look into having additional community forums. A very lengthy discussion continued on the need for additional community forums (and possible events to attend) and the possibility of an online survey.

A motion to approve two additional meetings at a cost of \$4,800 was made by Doug Spencer with second by Jolie Covaciu. A voice vote followed and passed 3-0. Mrs. Murr was asked to communicate with Mr. Prazeau.

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**IV. Project Updates**

- a. **Lake Shore Drive/Cline Roundabout** – The project is currently out to bid with a letting date of September 12, 2018. Mrs. Murr reported she has received the information so they can choose a construction engineer. They will be scoring those and getting the information out and awarded. The construction estimate is \$1.8 million. 80% of the construction is going to be with the \$1.5 million in federal award. That will leave \$27,354.74 in the budget for construction engineering and inspection.
- b. **Hanover Schools/Crosswalk** – Mr. Vis reported that the school is no longer able to participate in the proposed intersection. They will be going back to the drawing board to discuss the possibility of crosswalks. Mr. Spencer asked what the proposed price tag on that was. Mr. Vis reported in the range of \$500,000 but possibly higher. A very lengthy discussion continued on the possibility of a light or crossing area as well as future commercial and residential developments and possible traffic issues.

**V. Other Business**

Mrs. Sandberg reported on some final items left by the previous Clerk-Treasurer. One of which was an invoice from Barnes and Thornburg for \$15,525.60. Mr. Austgen gave an update on the matter. He talked with US Bank, the trustee of the bond, in regards to the Town's responsibility since Strack and Van Til filed bankruptcy. The invoice in question is in regards to the work performed on the status of the bankruptcy. This has given the Town the leverage to negotiate no further payments and a possible reimbursement.

A motion to approve the invoice from Barnes & Thornburg in the amount of \$15,525.60 was made by Doug Spencer with second by Jolie Covaciu. A voice vote followed and passed 3-0.

**VI. Public Comment**

Mr. Carnahan reported that 16Plus will meet at the Schererville Town Hall on Friday at 9 a.m. Bernard Carter will be the speaker.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Spencer with second by Jolie Covaciu. A voice vote followed and passed 3-0.

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Nathan D. Vis, RDC President

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Eric Burnham, RDC Vice-President

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Jolie Covaciu, RDC Member

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Doug Spencer, RDC Member

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Randy Niemeyer, RDC Member

**ATTEST:**

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Jennifer Sandberg, Recording Secretary

The Minutes of the Cedar Lake Redevelopment Public Meeting 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.