

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

February 5, 2013

Public Meeting 7:00 PM at the Cedar Lake Town Hall
Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call:

Absent	Robert H. Carnahan Council Member	Ward 1	Present	Ralph Miller Vice President	Ward 4
Absent	John Foreman Council Member	Ward 2	Present	Randell Niemeyer President	Ward 5
Absent	Greg Wornhoff Council Member	Ward 3	Present	Amy J. Gross Clerk-Treasurer	
Absent	Patsy Casassa Council Member	Ward 6	Present	Ian Nicolini Town Manager	
Present	Greg Parker Council Member	Ward 7	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

PUBLIC COMMENT: Susan Rayski of 14737 B Drummond, stated she read an article in the paper concerning the water rates within the Town. Ms. Rayski inquired why not everyone pays the same rates for water and whether something can be done about paying for a minimum of four thousand (4,000) gallons. Ian Nicolini stated that rates vary because the infrastructure is different and/or more complex in other areas of Town, so naturally the rate would be slightly higher. The Town applied to the IURC in order to keep the rates at their current price, rather than having to increase them. Attorney David Austgen stated that the prices are based on certain criteria and recommended by the Town’s consultants. Ms. Rayski inquired why residents have to pay for water usage, regardless of whether or not they reside in the home. For example, many residents stay in other states during the winter months, but must still pay for water usage. Randy Niemeyer explained that the work session for the water utility is going to be postponed and invited Ms. Rayski to attend the rescheduled meeting to discuss her concerns.

Adam Wornhoff, 10708 W 133rd Lane, thanked the Police Department and Interim Chief Jerry Smith, as well as the Cedar Lake Fire Department for their prompt and professional response to the incident involving his father and Council member Greg Wornhoff.

Aaron Jacobson, 9421 W 136th Place, asked for a clarification of the rates that were stated in the newspaper. Ian Nicolini stated that the quoted rates are correct. However, a minimum of 4,000 gallons used is charged by the Town, but if the number was broken down, the rate that was quoted in the paper would be correct. Mr. Jackson inquired about the differing rates among the surrounding cities and towns. Attorney Austgen stated it is hard to compare Cedar Lake to other towns and cities like Crown Point because the method of water supply is different among them.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the January 22, 2013 Public Meeting.
- 2. Docket: Town Claims \$86,067.29; Wastewater Claims \$35,160.17; Storm Water Claims \$2,310.42; Water Utility Claims \$9,651.91; and Payroll #45 & 46 Claims \$138,717.62.
- 3. **Leadership Northwest Indiana** Participation
 - a. Clerk-Treasurer Amy Gross
 - b. Vice President Ralph Miller
- 4. **Tag Day Approvals**

Organization	Date	Rain Date
FOP #173	April 6 th	April 13 th
American Legion Auxiliary	May 4 th	May 11 th
VIPS	May 18 th	May 25 th
Cedar Lake Summerfest	June 1 st	June 8 th
Knights of Columbus	June 15 th	June 22 nd
Cedar Lake Girls Softball	June 29 th	None
Cedar Lake Chamber	July 13 th	July 20 th
Cedar Lake Lions Club	October 5 th	October 12 th

Motion by Greg Parker and seconded by Patsy Casassa to accept and waive the reading of the Minutes, to accept the Consent Agenda, Leadership Northwest Indiana Participation and to approve all tag day requests, as read.

Roll Call Vote: 4 to 0

Carnahan	Foreman	Wornhoff	Casassa	Parker	Miller	Niemeyer
ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES

WORK SESSION ITEMS

- 1. **Water Utility Master Plan**
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Town Engineer was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. Because of this, the work session item has been cancelled and will be discussed at a later date.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS

- 1. **Town Council**
Patsy Casassa thanked Town Manager Ian Nicolini, Public Works Superintendent Jim Cornett and Interim Chief Jerry Smith for their assistance and work in getting the Purple Heart Trail signs installed.

Greg Parker commended the Police and Fire Departments on their quick response in assisting Greg Wornhoff and providing the medical attention he needed.
- 2. **Town Attorney** – No report.

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- 3. Clerk-Treasurer – No report.
- 4. Town Manager – No report.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Leonard Rayski, 14737 B Drummond, inquired about resurfacing Parrish Avenue. Ian Nicolini stated that it was discussed in 2009, but that funds were never approved and grants were not received. At this time, a timeframe could not be given as to when this might be done.

ADJOURNMENT: Randy Niemeyer adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

An Executive Session was advertised and conducted pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) before the meeting with discussion consisting of litigation and personnel. Those in attendance were Greg Parker, Patsy Casassa, Ralph Miller, Randell Niemeyer, Amy J. Gross, Clerk-Treasurer, Ian Nicolini, Town Manager, and Town Attorney David Austgen.

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

Randell Niemeyer, President, Ward 5

Ralph Miller, Vice President, Ward 4

Robert H. Carnahan, Ward 1

John Foreman, Ward 2

Greg Wornhoff, Ward 3

Patsy Casassa, Ward 6

ATTEST:

Greg Parker, Ward 7

Amy J. Gross, IAMC, CMC 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.