

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

February 19, 2013
Public Meeting 7:00 PM at the Cedar Lake Town Hall
Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call:

Present	Robert H. Carnahan Council Member	Ward 1	Present	Ralph Miller Vice President	Ward 4
Present	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	
Present	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: There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the February 5, 2013 Public Meeting.
- 2. Docket: Town Claims \$121,631.99; Wastewater Claims \$524,118.93; Storm Water Claims \$1,757.46; Water Utility Claims \$32,863.77; and Payroll #47 & #48 Claims \$147,431.82.
- 3. Tag Day Approvals

Organization	Date	Rain Date
Cedar Lake Fire Dept	April 20	April 27
Hanover Central JV Dance	August 24	August 31
Hanover Central Varsity Dance	September 7	September 14
Hanover Central Booster Club	September 21	September 28
Cedar Lake Fire Dept – Food Pantry	October 19	October 26

Motion by Patsy Casassa and seconded by Ralph Miller to accept and waive the reading of the Minutes, to accept the Consent Agenda, and to approve all tag day requests, as read.

Roll Call Vote: 6 to 0

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Farm Lease

This is a one (1) year extension to the existing farm lease with Huseman Farm, Inc. The acreage remains the same. Motion by Greg Parker and seconded by Patsy Casassa to approve a one year renewal of the farm lease. It was noted that the farm lease is the same as it has been in the past. The athletic program is ready to go in there at this time.

Roll Call Vote: 6 to 0

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

2. MS4 Agreement

This is an annual agreement with the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) whom on a regional basis provide the minimum controls for outreach and education for storm water and MS4 related activities that is required as part of your Rule 13 permit for the municipality to operate separate sanitary and storm water sewers. The annual cost is \$4,112.00, which is about \$1,000.00 less than last year. Motion by Robert Carnahan and seconded by Ralph Miller to approve the MS4 agreement with Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote: 6 to 0

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

TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Town Council

Robert Carnahan reported that the he received a letter the Superintendent of Crown Point Community School Corporation addressed to him expressing thanks for the donations received from five Chamber members for the signs and for the installation of the sings by the Town. The Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce Business Expo is March 16, 2013 from 11 am to 3 pm. Patsy Casassa stated that the Cedar Lake Park Foundation will be participating in the Expo.

2. Town Attorney

Attorney David Austgen stated that the Park Foundation, Inc is officially a 509A3 tax exempt entity by the IRS. Drafts of the EMS Amendatory Rate Ordinance and the Claim Prepayment Authorization Ordinance, which is for Clerk-Treasurer's activities of processing payments on bills, invoices and the like when payment sequences fall between Council's meeting approvals, were provided for review and consideration at an upcoming Council meeting.

3. Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer Amy Gross reported she opened bank accounts, direct deposit and a fee offset, at Centier Bank with \$400,000.00 issued from wastewater operating with a 0.20% savings interest rate. Clerk Treasurer Amy Gross and Chief Deputy Jill Murr completed the Certified Public Manger Supervisory Training and are continuing on to the next phase of management training. She will be attending the ILMCT Academy with a Deputy Clerk in March. More ways to review and pay utility bills on-line will be coming in the next few months.

4. Town Manager

Town Manager Ian Nicolini stated that INDOT granted approval to move forward with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Right of Way acquisition. Seven (7) offers will be going out within the next couple of weeks. The scoring committee convened to review the proposals for the construction inspection for the second phase of 133rd Avenue; a recommendation should be ready for the March

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5th meeting which is a joint meeting with the Redevelopment Commission. Ian Nicolini recommended starting the March 5, 2013 joint meeting and work session at 6:00 pm. The survey is complete for the reconstruction of 133rd Avenue on the east side; the design work has begun. The Redevelopment Commission approved the contract with American Structurepoint at their last meeting. There was a meeting in the field today to review some thermoplastic technology for recoating 133rd Avenue & Morse which could be incorporated with the project. Federal government and transportation project funding was discussed; the widening and dredging.

Motion by Robert Carnahan and seconded by Patsy Casassa to begin the March 5, 2013 joint meeting and work session at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call Vote: 6 to 0

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

Ian Nicolini was directed to advertise the meeting for 6:00 pm.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: There were no written communications.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments.

Joint Town Council & RDC Work Session will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Council Strategic Planning Session will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Business & Organization Showcase at Hanover Central High School March 16, 2013 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Town Council Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Randy Niemeyer adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:19 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 Patsy Casassa, Ralph Miller, Randell Niemeyer, Greg Parker, 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.