

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

April 16, 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
Present	Gregory L.Wornhoff Council Member	Ward 3	Absent*	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	

*Jill Murr, Chief Deputy Clerk was in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution No. 1092 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- a. Attorney Review of Legal’s
- b. Opening Remarks
- c. Reading of Resolution No. 1092
- d. Remonstrators
- e. Council Discussion
- f. Council Decision

This item was moved to the May 7th Town Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. **Minutes:** March 19, 2013 Public Meeting and April 2, 2013 Public Meeting and Work Session
- 2. **Claims:** Town Claims \$317,564.07, Wastewater Claims \$160,201.98, Storm Drainage Claim \$2,669.87, Water Claims \$77,039.98, Payroll Claims \$260,926.35
- 3. **Donations**
 - a. DARE Donations - \$ 1,850.00
 - b. VIPS Donations - \$209.00
- 4. **Storm Water Adjustment** – per staff and legal counsel recommendation.
- 5. **Right-of-Way Donation** – Safe Routes to School Project

Motion by Ralph Miller and seconded by Gregory Wornhoff to accept and waive the reading of the Minutes and accept the Consent Agenda as listed.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

1. Corrected Ordinance No. 1170 - EMS Rate Amendment

Gregory Wornhoff read Corrected Ordinance No. 1170 by title only. Attorney David Austgen explained that this correction is in the definition of a resident; someone who lives in town or in Hanover Township, for the purpose of billing fees. Motion by Patsy Casassa and seconded by Gregory Wornhoff to approve the first reading of Corrected Ordinance No. 1170.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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

Motion by Gregory Wornhoff and seconded by Patsy Casassa to suspend the rules and have the second reading of Corrected Ordinance No. 1170.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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

Gregory Wornhoff read Corrected Ordinance No. 1170 by title only. Motion by Greg Parker and seconded by Ralph Miller to adopt Corrected Ordinance No. 1170.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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

Town Attorney David Austgen will publish the Ordinance.

2. Resolution No. 1091 – Budget Reduction

Ian Nicolini read Resolution No. 1091 in its entirety which reduced the 2013 General Fund Budget by \$202,009.00. Reductions were as follows:

CT – Personal Services	\$ 5,109.00
CT – Misc Services	\$ 1,000.00
TOWN – Personal Services	\$ 37,900.00
TOWN – Misc Services	\$ 84,800.00
TOWN – Capital Outlay	\$ 2,000.00
PD – Personal Services	\$ 63,200.00
PW – Personal Services	\$ 8,000.00
TOTAL	\$202,009.00

Motion by Ralph Miller and seconded by Greg Parker to approve Resolution No. 1091.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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

3. **Resolution No. 1093 – Temporary Loan from Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund for 133rd Avenue Eastside Project**

Ian Nicolini read Resolution No. 1093 in its entirety. A temporary loan in the amount of \$250,000.00 will be made from the Town Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Special Fund to the Project Fund being established for the Town Redevelopment Commission Y2013 West 133rd Avenue Eastside (Morse to Fairbanks) Improvement Project which shall be for a period of time up to and including December 31, 2013. The Clerk-Treasurer may deposit said funds into the Town TIF Allocation Area Fund Number 804 for disbursement processing purposes for the permitted uses identified herein. A copy of the Resolution is incorporated at the end of the minutes. The loan is from the sewer utility; there will be no interest on the loan. This is for the design and engineering of the project while financing for the project is sought. There will be a Bond Reimbursement Resolution to repay this. Motion by Greg Parker and seconded by Gregory Wornhoff to approve Resolution No. 1093.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Sewer Billing Elimination – 7324 W. 136th Lane**

The sewer has been capped. This property was part of demolished as part of unsafe building action. Motion by Ralph Miller and seconded by Patsy Casassa to remove the sewer billing.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

2. **Cedar Lake Local Government Internship/Fellowship Program**

Ian Nicolini explained the policy proposal. This would be an unpaid position not to exceed two (2) interns per calendar year. Ralph Miller noted that this would be a large benefit to the community. Motion by Patsy Casassa and seconded by Ralph Miller to approve the program.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

3. **Temporary Construction Easement – Parrish Fields Storm Drainage Project**

The Storm Water Board sent a favorable recommendation by a vote of 3 in favor and 0 against to the Town Council to direct the Town Attorney to prepare the Temporary Construction Easement Documents for the storm drainage improvements along Parrish Avenue south of 143rd, which is parallel to Mr. Hawkinson’s property. Motion by Ralph Miller and seconded by Gregory Wornhoff to approve the recommendation.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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

4. **Police Squads - Purchase & Finance Recommendation**

The Cedar Lake Metropolitan Police Commission send a favorable recommendation and request that the Town council move forward with the request for two (2) 2013 Dodge Charger Police Pursuit Vehicles and two (2) 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 Police Pickup Trucks with equipment packages. The total requested for the vehicles is \$93,220.00 and equipment \$15,945.00 for a grand total of \$109,165.00. The request included authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to secure financing and forward such documentation to the Town Attorney for review. Police Chief Jerry Smith stated that these would be paid for from Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Funds. The vehicles would be purchased from Thomas Dodge. The Dodge Chargers are on the State QPA. Thomas Dodge was the only response to the request for quotes. The purchase resolution would be for the first meeting in May. This request is for the Clerk-Treasurer to secure the financing. The pickup trucks were discussed; they could be rotated to other departments and they hold a greater retail value. Motion by Patsy Casassa and seconded by Gregory Wornhoff to approve the recommendation.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS

1. **Town Council:** Gregory Wornhoff spoke on flooding issues with all of the current rain; the ground is saturated. Wicker Meadows needs to be addressed. He spoke on the lack of air conditioning at the Monastery Clubhouse park building; if we are going to rent the facility for events the air conditioning should be working. Motion by Gregory Wornhoff and seconded by Greg Parker to have the Town Manager look into costs of air conditioning.

Roll Call Vote: 5 to 0

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ABSENT	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Greg Parker stated that Wicker Meadows needs a permanent solution and there were discussions on the pond. Jim Cornett stated that the pond was not full; there was only water in the field. There is an issue with debris in an easement. The engineer and storm water board are working on this. Discussions on appointing Greg Wornhoff to Boards and Commission will be on the May agenda.

2. **Town Attorney –** No report.

3. **Clerk-Treasurer –** No report.

4. **Town Manager:** Ian Nicolini introduced his new assistant, Nicole Hoekstra.

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The Havenwood Homeowners Association held a 5K run and with the proceeds they were able to award three (3) \$250.00 scholarships. Randell Niemeyer presented the recipients with their checks noting that these were not public funds, but funds from a citizen event.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: Illiana Corridor Public Meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 2013 at Lowell Middle School from 5 pm – 8 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

UPCOMING DATES:
Town Council Work Session – Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 pm
Town Council Public Meeting – Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT: Randell Niemeyer adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:43 pm

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, Gregory L. Wornhoff, Ian Nicolini, Town Manager, Jill Murr, Chief Deputy Clerk, 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

Gregory L. 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.