

**TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**



March 5, 2019

**Public Meeting/Work Session Advertised for 7:00 PM
Conducted at the Cedar Lake Town Hall
Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence**

Roll Call:

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| Present | Robert H. Carnahan Council Member | Ward 1 | Absent | Julie Rivera Vice President | Ward 3 |
| Present | Ralph Miller Council Member | Ward 4 | Present | John Foreman President | Ward 2 |
| Present | Randell Niemeyer Council Member | Ward 5 | Present | Jennifer Sandberg Clerk-Treasurer | |
| Present | Greg Parker Council Member | Ward 6 | Absent | Jill Murr Town Administrator | |
| Present | Richard Sharpe Council Member | Ward 7 | Present | David Austgen Town Attorney | |

OATH OF OFFICE – Deferred to next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Claims: March 5, 2019 – All Town Funds: \$100,643.84; Wastewater Operating: \$157,804.01; Water Utility: \$18,070.46; Storm Water: \$13,715.65; 2017 RDA B&C Construction: \$7,670.16; Payroll: February 21, 2019 and March 1, 2019 - \$175,333.12

Donations: Midwest Training & Ice Center: In-Kind Donation of \$4 off pizza coupons and half off open skate passes; Crown Point Community Foundation: \$3,825 for (8) EO Tech Sights

Town Grounds Use & Waiver Request: CL Eagles/Make-A-Wish Car Show on September 22, 2019 and Gary Shakespeare Company/IU Northwest on July 26, 2019.

Richard Sharpe moved to accept the Consent Agenda as listed. Second was made by Ralph Miller. Council Member Carnahan asked about Duane Electric for service call to repair building lights in the amount of \$3,477.29. Clerk Treasurer Sandberg stated the claim was for the Fire Station. Council Member Carnahan asked what kind of lights. Fire Chief Wilkening stated all of the outside lights were replaced. Council Member Parker asked Director of Operations Kubiak if he had inspected this; Kubiak stated he did not. Council Member Parker if they fit the criteria for the Lighting Ordinance; Kubiak stated that the two in the front may not. Council Member Carnahan asked Clerk Treasurer Sandberg about speakers and amps claim. Clerk Treasurer Sandberg stated this was also for the Fire Department and the Chief could better describe what the Miner Electronics claim was for. Fire Chief Wilkening stated the 800mH system they were running through the state blew out their speakers at the station and they needed replaced.

Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

1. Ordinance No. 1320 – Traffic Speed Limit

Council President Foreman asked Council Member Niemeyer to read the ordinance. Council Member Niemeyer read Ordinance 1320 by title only. Council Member Carnahan asked Chief Coulson if this was a reduction in speed to 25mph from 147th to 145th. Police Chief Coulson confirmed and stated this was paperwork for signs that already were in existence in the location affected.

A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1320 was made by Ralph Miller with second by Richard Sharpe. Town Attorney Austgen noted that the record reflect this was a staff prepared ordinance. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

A motion to suspend the rules and allow for a second reading was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Richard Sharpe. Council Member Carnahan asked Town Attorney and the Council since the ordinance was prepared by staff if it needed to be reviewed by the Attorney. Town Attorney Austgen stated he was not suggesting that, but just wanted record clear. Council Member Niemeyer stated it was an action taken a while ago and the signs were already put up and did not seem controversial. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – No, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 5 to 1.

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Council Member Niemeyer did a second reading of Ordinance No. 1320 by title only. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1320 was made by Richard Sharpe with second by Randell Niemeyer. Council Member Niemeyer asked Police Chief Coulson if he prepared on this Ordinance. Council President noted he believed Town Administrator Jill Murr prepared. Council Member Niemeyer wanted the record to reflect that in the future when items like these are prepared that they have legal review. Roll call vote: Carnahan – No, Parker – No, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4 to 2.

2. Ordinance No. 1322 – Park and Recreation Fee Amendment

Council Member Niemeyer read by title only. Council President Foreman stated Town Administrator Murr informed him that Section 1 notes a field trip not to exceed \$125 per person. For example, a Cubs trip is planned for July 12, noting she wanted to include a not to exceed figure.

A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1322 was made by Ralph Miller with second by Richard Sharpe. Town Attorney Austgen confirmed to Council Member Niemeyer's inquiry that he had reviewed this ordinance with Town Administrator Murr. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

A motion to suspend the rules and allow for a second reading was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

Council Member Niemeyer did a second reading of Ordinance No. 1322 by title only. A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1322 was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

3. Ordinance No. 1323 – CCDF Re-establishment

Council President Foreman asked Council Member Niemeyer to read the ordinance. Council Member Niemeyer read by title only. Town Attorney Austgen stated this ordinance needed to be considered if the Council wanted to continue the CCDF fund at 5 cents per \$100 assessed value levy. There is a short window of time that this would need to be considered, thus the reason it was suggested to be on the agenda tonight. This is an introductory reading. A Public Hearing, if Council approves tonight, would be advertised two weeks from tonight. If adopted, a Notice of Adoption would be published and objectors would have 30 days to object and file the appropriate remonstrance. This fund is used for generally Public Safety and/or Public Works projects.

A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1323 was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Randell Niemeyer. Council Member Parker asked what the funds would be used for. Council Member Niemeyer stated a capital plan in place that monies were used for capital planning expenditures for Public Safety and Public Works, as well as any capital projects the town may take on for building, grounds, etc. Council Member Parker asked if the funds could be used for equipment to get reconstruction projects done. Town Attorney Austgen stated funds could be used for equipment along with other items noted in Article 36.9-15.5, citing Section 5 in this ordinance traditional and usually considered uses notably first - construct streets, alleys, thoroughfares, etc. and maintain same; and second – purchase, lease, or pay all or part of purchase price of motor vehicles lease of Fire Department including ambulance, firefighting vehicles, and necessary equipment. Town Attorney Austgen stated it was his understanding that the funds have been used typically in those areas. Multiple members agreed that circulating the capital list noting areas the funds could be used for would be beneficial to see by the time of the next meeting. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Use Request for Wedding on May 25, 2019

Council President Foreman noted a handwritten letter was provided to the Council. In short, the requesting party would like to have permission since they would be having alcohol and a bartender on town grounds. It is also their intention to serve food. The party has contacted a bartender with a permit to serve alcohol. Location would be corded off in the pavilion behind the Police Department. Soft drinks/water would be located in a different area with access for those under age 21. Requestor: Lisa Zychowski, 8731 Havenwood Pass of Cedar Lake. Council Member Parker asked about security.

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A motion to approve the contingent upon security and insurance was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

2. Chamber of Commerce Request for NWI Symphony on July 20, 2019

Council President Foreman noted this request did include fireworks and assistance from the Fire Department. Council Member Carnahan noted the fireworks would be based on if they could raise enough funds for them, stating they have canceled the fireworks in the past.

A motion to approve the request was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

3. Fire Department Training Reimbursement Agreement

a. Firefighter/EMT Bradley Biegel

b. Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Ciesielski

Council President Foreman asked since the oath of office was deferred if the training reimbursement agreement should also be deferred. Clerk Treasurer Sandberg stated the agreement could still be voted upon. Fire Chief Wilkening stated these two individuals are currently employed in a part-time capacity until approval from the State, clarifying that the individuals technically were not full time employees yet. Town Attorney asked if the two individuals were being trained. Fire Chief Wilkening state they were not. Town Attorney asked why the Council would be reimbursing for training if the individuals were part-time and not being trained. Fire Chief Wilkening stated the intent was to hire them full time once the 77 Fund comes back, which was a requirement that the Council wanted in place so if the employee left, they would reimburse the department.

A motion to defer the request until the employees take oath was made by Greg Parker with second by Robert Carnahan. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – No, Sharpe – No, Foreman – No. Vote: 3 to 3. Town Attorney Austgen stated the Clerk Treasurer could vote to break the tie. Council Member Carnahan noted she could break the tie if she wanted to, but did not have to. Clerk Treasurer Sandberg voted yes to defer. Vote: 4 to 3.

4. Development Services Agreement with Veridus

Council President Foreman stated Redevelopment Commission engaged Veridus for development of the TIF expenditure policy. Council Member Niemeyer stated Marlon Webb from Veridus came to the last RDC meeting. He stated RDC presently has a large request for TIF funds from Summer Winds Commercial, which there has been a delay acting upon that request pending the development of a comprehensive TIF expenditure policy to make sure RDC is measuring everything done on an objective manner rather than subjective and that the Commission is not setting a precedent by approving or disapproving certain uses. Council Member Parker inquired about the use of Veridus in the past and did not feel that anything was achieved with the expenditure. Council President confirmed the use of Veridus for strategic planning in the past, but stated he felt this situation was a little bit different due to the fact that it is for RDC. Council Member Niemeyer clarified that \$20,000 had been spent on the original envisioning agreement, stating this agreement was for the TIF expenditure policy, which there is currently not a policy in place. He stated TIF monies have only been used for infrastructure at this point and without an expenditure policy, RDC cannot consider other investments of TIF monies without that. Council Member Parker asked if there were other companies that provided this service. Council Member Niemeyer stated are other companies, however Veridus was brought to the table because the Town had worked with them in the past and their price was reasonable at estimated cost of \$6500. He stated the RDC felt comfortable with Veridus and their understanding of the Comprehensive Master Plan of the Town and the synergy from previous use of the group.

A motion to approve the agreement was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – No (noting based on questions asked by Parker and the opportunity to entertain another company), Parker – No, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4 to 2.

5. Parrish Ave Change Order

Council President noted Neil Simstad from Nies Engineering was in the audience and requested Simstad to present a brief synopsis of the Parrish Ave Change Order. Simstad stated the final change order #3 and the total contract amount of \$1,167,478.59. Simstad noted this was a reduction of \$62,604.03. He stated the next step in closing out the

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project would be working with INDOT to close out the Community Crossings Grant that was received for this project. Simstad stated he would be working with Town Administrator Murr and Clerk Treasurer Sandberg to submit the documents so that the Town could submit for the 2019 second phase of Community Crossing that starts in July. Council Member Carnahan wanted confirmation that Community Crossing could not be filed for until this one was closed out; Simstad said that was correct. Town Attorney Austgen asked when the documentation would be completed. Simstad stated as soon as they received approval for the final Change Order and receipt of the cancelled check for the contract. Town Attorney Austgen asked for a more specific timeframe; Simstad stated possibly 2 weeks after receipt of the cancelled check. Clerk Treasurer Sandberg noted the receipt of the final pay request, stating if it were approved tonight, action could be taken to make the payment.

A motion to approve the request was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Ralph Miller. Council President Foreman asked when heading south on Parrish at the stop sign before 141st, he did not believe that area was part of this, but thinks the asphalt sank. Foreman asked if Simstad was part of that situation. Simstad confirmed it was part of a project in 2015/2016. Simstad noted it was one of the areas that had been filled. He said the measures used in the west area going southbound have not held up. Council President Foreman asked if there was anything they could do from an insurance standpoint or a claim to an engineering or asphalt company. Simstad said no at this time. He stated they put forth best options in terms of undercutting, geogrid and additional stone. He said the area has held up pretty well. Council President Foreman clarified his inquiry was not directly related to this Change Order. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS

1. **Town Council** – Council Member Parker stated he had conversation with Becky Govert and she would like for the record an update with the flooding issues at Wicker Meadows. Council President Foreman noted with Council Member Rivera and Town Administrator Murr not being present that an update should be presented at the next meeting. Council Member Niemeyer stated Becky Govert contacted him as well seeking a status update.

Council Member Parker asked what was going to be done about Morse Street inquiring if reconstruction was slated or if it would be at least put on the books. Council Member Carnahan recommended obtaining a proposal to heat scarify from the Fire Station down to 149th also including Fairbanks or Lauerman. He noted when heat scarification was done before and a top coat, cost was about \$800,000. He suggested using some of the funds from the Garbage Escrow money and recommended obtaining a quote. Council Member Niemeyer added during the last RDC meeting, road construction was discussed and use of TIF expenditure funds. It was brought up that Morse Street needs to be considered. Because most of that is in the TIF district, this could be considered for TIF funds as well. He agreed with Council Member Carnahan on obtaining a quote as the street is falling apart quickly. Town Attorney Austgen confirmed to Council Member Carnahan's inquiry about if the project is over \$150,000, it would need to go out for bid. Council Member Niemeyer asked Council Member Carnahan who we would want to put together for probable costs for a project of that scope. Council President Foreman suggested to have Town Administrator Murr to direct Town Engineer Oliphant. Multiple discussions took place about contractors, heat scarification and the process that was done the last time. Council President Foreman recommended that Town Administrator Murr look into who we utilized in the past and report back to Council at the next meeting. Council Member Parker inquired if other members felt that Morse Street might need widened in the next decade. Council Member Niemeyer and Council Member Carnahan agreed that lane widening needed to be considered and possible locations to be included. Niemeyer confirmed that TIF funds would include up to 145th, if the Town utilized TIF funds for road reconstruction/repair. Members felt TIF funds was a good idea. Council Member Carnahan noted that a turn lane is being added on US 41 from Highway 231 to 133rd with the project starting in 2021 and proposal of being in place by 2022.

Council Member Niemeyer reported he recently had conversation with Town Attorney Austgen and representatives from AIM. He stated he had sent over approximately 11 bills that concerned him from a municipal government standpoint. The conversation focused on 4 of those bills: Senate Bill 472 deals with water utility bills acquisitions by private firms, Senate Bill 477 deals with storm water fee structures, Senate Bill 556 was an annexation bill, and House Bill 1596 which was a TIF expenditure bill. House Bill 1596 was looking to change the language of TIF expenditure to exclude expenditure on partnership with school corporations for scholarships. The language also included streetscape and other projects, which Cedar Lake currently utilizes TIF monies for. It did

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pass the House and has gone to the Senate. AIM is following this to keep track of the language that could be harmful to municipalities. Council Member Parker asked if there was anything else that can be done about this other than what AIM is doing. Council Member Niemeyer said that he had been in contact with Mike Aylesworth as he was voting against this, which ended in a 55 to 41 vote in the House. Council Member Parker inquired what the logic behind this. Council Member Niemeyer stated it was a personal issue of an elected official of Jeffersonville, Indiana with the school that originated this particular bill. Senate Bill 556 was an annexation bill where anything over 5% of the assessed value of the total assessed value of the community, even if voluntary annexation, the county Commissioners would need to sign off on, thus disenfranchising the voters of the town and the local municipalities. He stated the history behind this bill was the author of the bill had an issue with the city of Kokomo, Indiana, annexation that Greg Goodnight led, which was voluntary in nature and led to significantly increased value to the town and took away from some of the assessed value to the county. The particular Senator did not like that and does not like Mayor Goodnight and decided to author this bill based on this personal issue. Senate Bill 477, relating to storm water fee structure, has been referred back to committees and is not in legislative docket at this time. What this would do if passed is exempt churches and school corporations from having to pay storm water fees to municipalities. It was felt that consideration on revenue streams effecting the payment on municipal bonds. If passed, this bill would have significant negative impact on our revenue streams to pay debt service obligations on bonds. Senate Bill 472 has passed the Senate and is related to water utility acquisitions. A definition change noted a distressed unit as any unit under 5,000 customers, which would be Cedar Lake, and if you have certain criteria, which were noted as broad, that could not be met at any certain point in time, a private entity like Indiana American can petition the IURC to buy your utility from you. Council Member Parker asked who the author of this bill. Council Member Niemeyer believes it originated with Senator Sandlin but co-authored by Senator Ed Charbonneau and House Representative Ed Soliday. Discussion took place between members regarding entities like Indiana American petitioning the IURC in smaller towns and their buying out the Town utilities including substantial rate increases and lobbyists. Council Member Niemeyer also noted a bill that was being proposed that would allow appointed School Board members serving on Redevelopment Commissions to have a vote.

Council Member Niemeyer reported on the Utility Board Ordinance. He stated he proposed a Utility Board in the past made up of Town Council Members. Town Attorney Austgen has sent out a draft of the proposal which spells out the terms in which that Board would be created, how it matches up with the Town's Comprehensive Master Plan, and the duties and functions of the board. Council Member Niemeyer asked that the Town Attorney have a draft ready for first reading at the next meeting. Town Attorney Austgen noted a clear path in the statutes on how to follow through with the drafting which clearly segregates out oversight in administrative management in a distinct fashion. If adopted, Town Council Members would serve in both roles with different functions.

Council Member Niemeyer reported that he and Council Member Carnahan attended the Hanover School Board Public Forum on the upcoming referendum. Cedar Lake does not have a primary, but there still will be in Hanover Township a vote on the same date as the Primary Election for only referendum purposes. He felt the meeting provided good information and a sensible proposal plan. There were questions brought up regarding permitting fees and he responded with there were graduated discounts based on the size of the project. Council Member Niemeyer stated Cedar Lake was one of the only Towns he knew of that discounted for schools, libraries, and other projects. He stated there were items to be concerned about during growth but also during recessions. He stated the Crown Point and Hanover Schools have seen benefits from the growth and complemented the administration on the presentation provided regarding the Forum. He noted both he and Council Member Carnahan had no negative input, hoped that the same courtesy would be available if Fire Territories were brought back up, and stated a lot of the growth from studies was coming from the unincorporated area of St. John and services such as Public Safety and Public Works being provided to Hanover. Council Member Carnahan agreed with Niemeyer's statements on growth from St. John. Council Member Parker brought up the residents of Illinois leaving the state, moving into Northwest Indiana, and the concerns it brings if services are not provided and what concerns would be in the future if those same residents leave the community because Cedar Lake cannot provide the needs. Council Member Niemeyer disagreed with Parker's comment, stating this was the first year he had been on the Council where the Town did not have to borrow money at the beginning of the year to pay bills. He stated that good planning on the part of the Plan Commission moving forward was key and noting the recent example of Lennar.

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Council Member Niemeyer wanted to congratulate the Hanover Central High School Boys' Basketball team for winning the Sectionals for their first sectional win since 1986, noting the incredible game they played and Council President Foreman and Fire Chief Wilkening being alumni. He noted the next game at South Bend Washington against Culver Academy and encouraged attendance.

Council Member Niemeyer wanted to congratulate the Hanover Central High School Pom Pom team in advancing to State competition.

Council Member Carnahan noted Senate Bill 314 which would have defunded Lake County Solid Waste was not voted on, which would mean Lake County Solid Waste would keep their funding, which Cedar Lake shares the funding and grants.

2. **Town Attorney** – Town Attorney Austgen stated there was a storm drainage project in Havenwood subdivision that requires 4 temporary drainage easements. The property owners have agreed to provide those. He would like to ask for consideration in amending the agenda in acting to approve the temporary easements.

A motion to amend the agenda to add the 4 drainage easements was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

A motion to approve the 4 drainage easements was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Richard Sharpe. Council Member Niemeyer asked Town Attorney Austgen to explain where those easements were located. Town Attorney Austgen stated the easements were located in Havenwood Subdivision specifically on the property of Pat and Jennifer Conlin, James and Michelle Brown, Eric Johnson, Amanda Ropes, Robert Tool, and Mr. and Mrs. Robson. Council President Foreman explained it is an extension of a storm water drain that elevates water run off that floods residents' back yards. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

Town Attorney Austgen reported property at 12728 Woodland Avenue, where a new home has been built and awaiting occupancy subject to the execution of the easement to the Town related to Lift Station 13, requesting consideration to amend the agenda to act on this tonight.

A motion to amend the agenda to add this item was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

A motion to accept the easement from the property owners who are willing to give this to the Town and are awaiting action, with property owners noted as Jason and Karen Miller, was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Richard Sharpe. Council Member Carnahan asked for clarification on access to the Lift Station but not ownership of the property and who would pay taxes on the property. Town Attorney Austgen confirmed Town access but not ownership of the property and stated doubt that property owners would pay the taxes. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 0.

3. **Clerk-Treasurer** – Clerk Treasurer Sandberg reported next week she will be attending the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Academy in Muncie, IN for 4-1/2 days of classes, giving her points towards achieving her Indiana Accredited Municipal Clerk designation. She stated she was fortunate enough to receive a scholarship in order to attend. Council Members congratulated her. Council Member Niemeyer asked what type of things she could glean from the seminar. Clerk Treasurer Sandberg noted interest in a portion of the seminar that focused on writing and communication tools along with opportunities to network with others.
4. **Town Administrator/Staff** – Council President Foreman state Town Administrator Murr left him notes on highlights from the Christopher B. Burke Engineering Report, pointing out Highland Subdivision High Grove Phase II and quite a few things noted within the report from Plan Commission with Birchwood, Summerwinds, Lennar, 139th and Morse, etc. Council Member Niemeyer spoke with the Regional Director Tony Ferraro for Senator Mike Braun noting Senator Braun's interest in helping Cedar Lake get the report done for the Army Corps for a fundable project, stating they would like information and documentation forwarded to Senator Braun's office through Mr. Ferraro.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Christopher B. Burke Engineering Report – see noted above in Town Administrator report.

WORK SESSION:

- 1. **Tourism Fund Requests:** Council President Foreman stated Town Administrator Murr wanted the Council to take under advisement three entities have asked for Tourism Funds: Summerfest, Cedar Lake Historical Association, and Chamber of Commerce – Symphony. Town Administrator Murr will be meeting with Clerk Treasurer Sandberg to go over these items more thoroughly and will report back at the next meeting on March 19, 2019. Council Member Niemeyer stated in the past there was only a small amount of money in this fund but other monies could be located to help promote community events.
- 2. **Census Complete Count Committee:** Council Member Carnahan respectfully asked the Council for permission to chair the Census Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census. Council Member Carnahan nostalgically read Karen Napoleon’s 2010 article from the Post Tribune, noting Carnahan. He noted \$8260 was lost for each person not counted in 2010 in Cedar Lake, totaling \$19 million dollars over the 10 year period. Council Member Niemeyer complemented Carnahan on his diligence and dedication along with his commitment to his service to the Census project. Council Member Parker asked Carnahan if he would be working with the Illinois offices again. Council Member Carnahan stated that they removed Cedar Lake from the Chicago district, and they are now affiliated with Michigan/Indiana. A representative will be at the 16+ meeting on March 22, 2019 at 9:00 am at Schererville Town Hall. Anyone interested in getting involved with the Census is welcome to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Joan Dickson, 8711 N 132nd Place, Cedar Lake, IN – Ms. Dickson asked what amount of funds are being generated by the CCCD funds. Council President Foreman stated that without Town Administrator Murr being here, he was not certain of the exact figure. Town Attorney Austgen stated the figure was not 5%, as the figure decreases slightly annually. Clerk Treasurer Sandberg stated the current rate from 2019 is 0.0476. Ms. Dickson asked what the current figure was. Sandberg stated she could pull the figure but did not have it on hand.

ADJOURNMENT President Foreman stated the next meeting March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Foreman and Council Member Carnahan thanked Police Chief Coulson for the Cedar Lake Metropolitan Annual Report. Council President Foreman then called the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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

John Foreman, President

Julie Rivera, Vice President

Robert H. Carnahan

Ralph Miller

Randell Niemeyer

Greg Parker

ATTEST:

Richard Sharpe

Jennifer N. Sandberg
Clerk-Treasurer

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 - (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.