

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

**April 2, 2019**

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



**Roll Call:**

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

**PRESENTATION**

Colonel Reisinger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers discussed the Ecosystem Restoration Project and its current status. He noted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been working with the Town and residents since 2003 on the project. In January they were able to get the project authorized and approved and sent to Congress. They have met the first major milestone to move forward towards implementation. He stated he appreciated all the partnerships and patience. Now they work on the design agreement. The goal is to get into a position for federal funding in 2020.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Resolution No. 1236 - Community Development Block Grant 2019**

- Review of Legals – Town Attorney Austgen stated the legals are in order. The Notice of Public Hearing was published timely in each the Times and Post-Tribune on March 22, 2019.
- Opening Remarks – Town Administrator Murr stated this is the bi-annual opportunity to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds. In the past funds have been used to work towards the ADA transition plan and completing curb cuts, transition ramps, and handicap accessibility in restrooms. It has also been used towards ridership services from South Lake County Community Services. She recommends they use the funds toward continuing the ADA curb cuts in several subdivisions and to continue ridership with South Lake County Community Services.
- Reading of Resolution No. 1236 – Council Member Rivera read by title only.
- Remonstrators - None
- Town Council Discussion - Council Member Niemeyer noted Section Three states the Town of Cedar Lake is proposing to undertake and make available a total project cost of \$57,450.00. Council Member Carnahan asked if they would utilize some of the funds for South Lake County Community Services. Mrs. Murr stated yes it was part of her recommendation. Mr. Austgen suggested that any motion to consider include a reference to the Citizen Participation Plan, the Affirmative Action Program implementing Section Three of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and also authorize appropriate signatures. He also suggested the items be recorded in the minutes and posted on the Town's website.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 1236 with recommendations made by the Town Attorney was made by Randell Niemeyer with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (*on agenda items*): None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes:** March 19, 2019

**Claims:** All Town Funds: \$238,706.52, Wastewater Operating: \$49,276.88, Sewer Sinking: \$416,200.00 Water Utility: \$91,412.28, Storm Water: \$11,604.19, 2017 RDA B & C Construction: \$78,536.08

**Payroll:** March 21, 2019 & April 1, 2019 - \$174,622.68

**Clubhouse Request:** August 3, 2019

A motion to approve the request was made by Greg Parker with second by Richard Sharpe. MR. Carnahan asked if insurance was necessary for the request. Mrs. Murr stated no. She checked with the Town's insurance representative. Roll call vote: Carnahan – No, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 6 to 1.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**1. Resolution No. 1235 – EMS Bad Debt**

Council Member Rivera read Resolution No. 1235 by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg stated this is an annual housekeeping item. The information is provided by the EMS Billing Clerk. This is to write-off \$26,569.86 from January 1 to December 31, 2018.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 1235 was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Greg Parker. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Temporary Traffic Control Recommendation**

Mrs. Murr stated a recommendation was made by the Chief of Police to put in temporary traffic control measures on Hilltop. This is in regards to traffic being diverted temporarily during the roundabout project. Measures include speed bumps, speed limit signage, and possibly temporary stop signage. Mr. Carnahan commented on a conversation he had with a resident in regards to the increased traffic in the area surrounding the project site. He also voiced concerns on the state of Vermillion after increased traffic from the High Grove Project.

A motion to approve the Temporary Traffic Control Recommendation was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Randell Niemeyer. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 to 0.

**REPORTS**

1. **Town Council** – Mr. Carnahan commented that the Business Showcase was a huge success. Mrs. Murr added there were 94 soccer registrations that day. Mr. Carnahan discussed the U.S. Census and the operational updates he receives. He emphasized the need for partnership. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Niemeyer discussed the possibility of acquiring a fire engine from Country Club Hills. He stated he is in support of the project. They signed the agreement with Hanover Township to provide service to the unincorporated areas. He stated the Town serves as the responsible agency in charge in Lake Dale from 6am to 6pm Monday through Friday. It's not mutual aid. He doesn't think they've ever engaged Cedar Creek Township to discuss the relationship in regards to some sort of financial requirements. It's important to discuss compensation for the time and manpower. He asked Mr. Foreman to discuss with Mr. Wilkening to begin discussions. Thursday will be the Harlem Wizards basketball game fundraiser at Hanover Central. Mr. Foreman commented on it being a big day for the Town and the Ecosystem Restoration Project. Now the work can begin for a clean, clear lake. He thanked Kay Whitlock and Don Oliphant for all there helped. Mr. Miller thanked Bob Gross for all his help over the years with the project. Mr. Gross commented on the project and the many folks who donated towards the project over the years.
2. **Town Attorney** – No report.
3. **Clerk-Treasurer** – No report.
4. **Town Administrator/Staff** – Mrs. Murr stated currently there are 276 participants registered for spring soccer. One item from the Storm Water Board meeting is a drainage issue on W 132<sup>nd</sup> Place. The recommendation being made is to put the item on the Town's capital improvement list. The recommendation for improvements needed for this particular stretch of road is over \$250,000. A brief discussion continued.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

**1. Christopher B. Burke Engineering Report**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Melissa Donaldson, 6540 W. 129<sup>th</sup> Avenue, voiced concerns with drainage issues on her property and surrounding properties. With the increased construction in Krystal Oaks their property stays wet. Mr. Foreman asked Mrs. Murr to get their information. A brief discussion continued.

**ADJOURNMENT** President Foreman called the meeting to adjournment at approximately 8:00 PM

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ATTEST:

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Richard Sharpe

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Jennifer N. Sandberg  
Clerk-Treasurer

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- (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.