

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

June 18, 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	

PUBLIC COMMENT (*on agenda items*) - None

Attorney Austgen commended Robert Carnahan on his part in the Flag Day Celebration.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes: June 4, 2019

2. Claims: All Town Funds: \$165,138.51; Wastewater Operating: \$114,801.55; Water Utility: \$71,900.79; Storm Water: \$1,658.09; Payroll: June 13, 2019 - \$257,488.37.

3. Manual Journal Entries: May 1-31, 2019

4. Tag Day Request: June 26, 2019 Knights of Columbus

A motion to accept and waive the reading of Minutes and accept the consent agenda was made by Greg Parker with second by Ralph Miller. Mr. Carnahan questioned a claim from Kimball Midwest. Mr. Kubiak stated they supplied specialty truck parts and supplies. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 - 0.

ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 1335 – Rietveld Public Way Vacation

Motion failed the majority vote at the previous meeting. Council Member Rivera read Ordinance No. 1335 by title only.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1335 was made by Randy Niemeyer with second by Julie Rivera. Roll call vote: Carnahan – No, Parker – No, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 5 - 2.

PLAN COMMISSION

1. Beacon Pointe – Letter of Credit, Unit 3

The letter of credit for \$516,742.99 has been reviewed by the Town engineer and checked off by the Plan Commission.

A motion to accept letter of credit was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Rick Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Monteleone Building Request

Owners of 8323 Lake Shore Drive request a permit extension. Construction was delayed due to unforeseen complications.

A motion to extend the permit was made by Julie Rivera with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 - 0.

2. INDOT CMAQ Agreement

Town Administrator Murr had requested an additional \$40,000.00 for the next two years for the 2016 E85 fuel grant from INDOT. The request was granted. This is the paperwork catching up.

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A motion to approve was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Randy Niemeyer. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 - 0.

A motion was made by Robert Carnahan to amend the agenda to add two items; installing a crosswalk by Dairy Belle and Dollar General and placing two additional signs by 133rd Lane and Osborne. Second was by Randy Niemeyer. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 - 0.

Item 1: Robert Carnahan had Police Chief Coulson and Director of Operations Kubiak look at the proposed crosswalk area. A funding request for a not to exceed amount of \$2,500 was submitted to the RDC Commission. Members of the RDC requested the Town engineer look at the area before funding is approved.

Robert Carnahan made a motion to approve the crosswalk contingent on Engineer Don Oliphant's concurrence with Chief Coulson. Second was by Randy Niemeyer. During discussion, Mr. Niemeyer stated it was brought up during the RDC meeting to also consider a crosswalk by Hanover Central High School. School Board Member Denny Wilkening, who sits on the RDC, will discuss with the School Board on a location. This will be a project for future consideration. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 - 0.

Item 2: Robert Carnahan explained the need for additional stop signs at 133rd Lane and Osborne Street. A brief discussion continued. Mr. Carnahan made a motion to direct the attorney to amend the related ordinance with second by Randy Niemeyer. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 - 0.

REPORTS

- 1. Town Council** – Julie Rivera reported she, John Foreman and Randy Niemeyer met with a group of Canadian investors. They were looking to possibly invest in commercial properties in the South County area; asking for information on the area. Randy Niemeyer reported that at last month's RDC meeting, an Economic Incentive Package was offered to Summer Winds commercial development. During last night's RDC meeting Chairman Nathan Vis asked, on behalf of that development, if Council would consider tax abatement. Discussion followed on the financial impact of tax abatement and commercial development. Council will make a decision after a formal request is received. Julie Rivera received an email from a resident with concerns about the softball fields being used for tailgating and camping during tournaments. Randy Niemeyer reported he had the opportunity to go up in the bucket of the new ladder truck.
- 2. Town Attorney** – None
- 3. Clerk-Treasurer** – Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg anticipated receiving the spring tax distributions later this week. The forecast for June 30th for the general fund will be very positive. IPEP completed their annual workers' comp audit and the Town will be receiving a premium refund of approximately \$10,100.00. The tourism funds have been received and disbursements will be made to the Chamber and Historical Society. Ms. Sandberg was in training all last week at the annual ILMCT conference and brought back a lot of information and ideas. A Capital Asset Policy will be in the works soon. A meeting with the financial consultant is scheduled for next week. Ms. Sandberg will be attending a Gateway training next week as well. Budget meetings with department heads soon start.
- 4. Town Administrator/Staff** – Chief Wilkening reported an open house is being planned to welcome the new fire truck to our community. Greg Parker asked to talk about Lauerman and Morse Street. A brief discussion continued on improvements in those areas. Randy Niemeyer reported the RDC has had discussions on Morse Street. That is a TIF area. It is one of the next projects they have their sights on. The Lauerman street project can be done in conjunction with the Lauerman interceptor project. A brief discussion continued. Planning for those projects can start once the Asset Management Plan is adopted. Robert Carnahan added that two other locations would be Vermillion and Fairbanks. Mrs. Murr reported there was a recommendation from the Storm Board for an approximate \$30,000.00 design project to include stabilizing the Wilson ditch along the south edge of 128th Place in the Oaks Shades subdivision. The storm water improvement needed at 139th and Hobart Street will be added to the capital improvement list.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

- 1. Building Department** – At due at the end of May, there were 68 new building permits valued at just shy of \$12.3 million and 19 \$3,013,341.00 and 194 alternation permits with just under 2 million dollars in value.

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- 2. **Holy Name Catholic Church Farm Stand** - Holy Name will again have their fundraiser beginning July 7th and running through September 29th from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm.
- 3. **Cedar Lake Ministries** – A letter of thank you was received thanking the Town for help with their annual picnic. A special thank you went to Nick Mager with the Fire Department and Bill Fisher with the Police Department.
- 4. **Christopher B. Burke Engineering Report** – Design work on Highland Subdivision should be completed by the end of this month. CBBEL has met with Gallagher to discuss heat scarification / hot-in-place option and is working on cost estimates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicolas Worley, 7000 W. 137th Place, asked for the possibility of a stop sign at Dollar General. Council members replied there will be a crosswalk installed in that area.

Diane Jostes asked if the Chamber’s boat dock parking lot was going to be used to store construction equipment for the round-a-bout. It is not, most of the staging will be done on the construction site. John Foreman expressed his displeasure with the choice of poles in that area. Ms. Jostes voiced concerns with signage from the construction damaging a tree on the property. Robert Carnahan mentioned that a water pipe was also broke there.

Greg Parker stated a couple of Plan Commission members asked for an executive session with the Council. Mr. Austgen stated no action is needed and the meeting can be scheduled according to statute.

ADJOURNMENT Council President Foreman called the meeting to adjournment at approximately 8:50 PM

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

<div>John Foreman, President</div>	<div>Julie Rivera, Vice President</div>
<div>Robert H. Carnahan</div>	<div>Ralph Miller</div>
<div>Randell Niemeyer</div>	<div>Greg Parker</div>
<div>ATTEST:</div>	<div>Richard Sharpe</div>
<div>Jennifer N. Sandberg Clerk-Treasurer</div>	

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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.