

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

July 02, 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	Absent	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	Absent*	Jennifer N. Sandberg Clerk-Treasurer	
Absent	Ralph Miller Council Member	Ward 4	Present	Jill Murr, CPM, IAMC, MMC Town Administrator	
Absent	Randell Niemeyer Council Member	Ward 5	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

**Chief Deputy Clerk Margo Nagy was present.*

PRESENTATION: LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Jon Davis, Branch Manager of Cedar Lake Library, spoke of the many programs and services offered by Lake County Libraries. A report was distributed to council.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*on agenda items*) - None

Town Administrator Murr asked for an amendment to the agenda to add two items under new business. A motion to add two items to the agenda was made by Julie Rivera with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: June 18, 2019

Claims: All Town Funds: \$157,659.73; Wastewater Operating: \$69,009.15; Water Utility: \$21,378.81; Storm Water: \$14,857.78; 2017 RDA A&B Construction: \$909.25; Payroll: June 27, 2019 and July 01, 2019 - \$195,231.74.

Donation: Cedar Lake Lions Club \$1,000.00 to VIPs; Hanover Central Middle School PTSO \$500.00 to D.A.R.E.

A motion to accept and waive the reading of Minutes and accept the consent agenda was made by Julie Rivera with second by Richard Sharpe. Mr. Carnahan asked for a description of an item purchased from Ferguson Water Works. Operations Director Kubiak explained a pipe cap was purchased for the end of a sewer pipe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4-0

ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 1340 – Traffic Code Amendment – Placement of Stop Signs

Council Member Rivera read Ordinance No. 1340 by title only. Stop signs will be placed on Osborne Street, north and south bound at W. 133rd Lane.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 1340 was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4-0

A motion to amend the agenda to suspend the rules and allow a second reading was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Julie Rivera. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4-0

Julie Rivera read Ordinance No. 1340 by title only.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1340 was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Julie Rivera. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Summer Winds Commercial Development Request

Attorney Jim Wieser discussed seeking tax abatement for the property, procedure for applying and seeking Council's feeling on the request. Robert Carnahan spoke out against, noting other commercial property developed without abatements. Discussion

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followed on required statutory forms. A formal request is forthcoming. No action was taken this evening.

2. Agreement for the Elimination of Sewer Utility Billing

The structure at 13417 Fairbanks Street has been demolished and the sewer capped and inspected. The property owners have no immediate plans to rebuild. A brief discussion continued on fees.

A motion to approve was made by Julie Rivera with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4-0

3. Farmer's Market Extension - Kelly Dykstra requested permission to extend the Farmer's Market hours to 8:00 pm. Each event has brought more guests to the market. Mr. Carnahan asked for a copy of their insurance. A brief discussion continued.

A motion to approve was made by Richard Sharpe with second by Julie Rivera. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4-0

4. Internship Agreement – Chief Coulson explained the need for an intern program and has been working with IUN to acquire an intern to work with the Police Department on social services. There is no cost to taxpayers.

A motion to approve was made by Julie Rivera with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4-0

REPORTS

1. Town Council – John Foreman requested permission to send letters to The Honorable R.D. James, Assistant Secretary to the Army, Civil Works Division, and The Honorable John Pasquantino, Deputy Associate Director, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget to clarify the record with the Army Corp. Mr. Foreman read the letter into the record.

A motion to approve the letter, circulate copies to the Council and append the letter to the minutes of this meeting was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Foreman received a complaint of marked up asphalt from possible construction at 14722 Lee Street. Mr. Kubiak was asked to investigate. Mr. Carnahan reported Summerfest opens July 3rd at the Town grounds.

2. Town Attorney – No report.

3. Clerk-Treasurer – No report.

4. Town Administrator/Staff – Mrs. Murr reported Council Member Parker received a call from Mr. Babcock at 14330 Lake Shore Drive asking when his street will be replaced. Mr. Parker asked for this to be put on record. Chief Wilkening asked for and received permission to allow the Crown Point Fire Department to use the backup ambulance for the Lake County Fair.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

1. American Legion - Touch a Truck Day - Commander Gary Seng proposed a community event. The event would include Town vehicles and emergency response vehicles if available. It is scheduled for August 17, 2019, the same day as the Fireman's Ball. There were no other dates available. Fire Chief Wilkening and Police Chief Coulson will have vehicles available. Mr. Seng would like to put together a bicycle rodeo for the children. Mr. Foreman suggested contacting the owner of the bicycle shop.

2. Christopher B. Burke Engineering Report – No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicolas Worley, 7000 W. 137th Place, is a volunteer at the bike shop and will talk to the owner about the bicycle rodeo.

Daniel Crmokrak with Crown Point Boy Scout Troop 45 came to the meeting to further along his communications merit badge.

Isaac Coleman with St. John Troop 517 is working on his Citizenship for the Community badge. Father John stated in honor of the 242nd anniversary for the birth of our nation, God bless America.

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ADJOURNMENT Council President Foreman called the meeting to adjournment at approximately 7:45 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

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.