

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

October 1, 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, IAMC 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

State Representative Mike Aylesworth discussed State legislature. Indiana is one of only seven states that have a AAA bond rating. Revenues have come in at approximately eight percent over projection. Indiana now has a \$440 million dollar surplus. A public forum will be held in Cedar Lake and the date is forthcoming. President Foreman thanked Mr. Aylesworth for his help with the Ecosystem Restoration Project. Mr. Aylesworth stated he will do everything he can to help with getting grants for the project. A brief discussion continued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Gross, 8505 W 140th Avenue, commented that Mr. Aylesworth's visit speaks volumes for the State. Mr. Gross has a meeting scheduled with Speaker Bosma on October 28th. Council was presented with a CD maturity notice for \$196,049.62 pledged to the Town for the Ecosystem Restoration Project. Taking care of the lake will improve the quality of life in our Town.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes:** September 13, 2019 Work Session and September 17, 2019 Public Meeting
- 2. Claims:** All Town Funds: \$244,807.89; Wastewater Operating: \$93,187.43; Water Utility: \$14,239.99; Storm Water: \$20,459.54; Payroll: September 19, 2019 and October 01, 2019 - \$188,120.03
- 3. Tag Day:** Hanover Central High School Cheer (October 19/rain date: Oct 26)
- 4. Town Grounds Request:**
 - Nightmares at the Museum (October 18, 19, 25, 26 from 6:30-9:30 pm)
 - Cub Scout Pack 48 overnight (November 02 & 03, 2019)
- 5. Clubhouse Request:** Girl Scouts Food Pantry Fundraiser (November 22, 2019)

A motion to accept and waive the reading of the Minutes and accept the Consent Agenda as listed was made by Ralph Miller with second by Julie Rivera. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 7 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. USACE Design Agreement

Mr. Niemeyer introduced Sue Haase with London Witte Group. Ms. Haase was asked to perform operational analyses for the Town's Storm and Sewer Utilities. Ms. Haase explained the layout and data findings. The Storm Water Utility analysis from 2015 through the first six months of 2019 was discussed. Projected cash receipts/disbursements were through 2029. Future discussion on accounting improvements is planned for easier access to more in depth information. Rate increases in 2017 accounted for the marked increase in revenue from 2017 to 2018. Net receipts/disbursements exclude bond project costs. Investment possibilities were discussed. Investing \$150,000 of Storm Water Utility funds in the Ecosystem Restoration project could result in negative cash flows.

The Sewer Utility analysis covered 2016 through the first six months of 2019. The Capital Improvement Plan was discussed for 2020-2021. Current cash revenue requirements and pro forma rates for Phase I BAN and Phase I and II debt were discussed. Cash on hand was not included as a funding source for a Phase I and II 35 year bond. Funding for current and future wastewater interceptors was discussed. Ms. Haase discussed the 10 year Operation Analysis noting funds earmarked for the water tower project. Ten year operational analysis with and without Ecosystem design funding were provided. A projected negative cash flow led to discussion on rates or using cash funds for future capital projects. President Foreman asked if this included any CREDIT funds,

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additional projected donations, grant funding, etc. Ms. Haase stated no. Those different funds or grants are not included this was strictly a utility analysis. Ms. Haase drew council's attention to high amounts of non-operating expenditures, suggesting clearer definition of line items. Mr. Foreman thanked Ms. Haase for her hard work. The Council concurred.

A motion to defer the USACE Design Agreement until October 15th was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Julie Rivera. Roll call vote: Carnahan – Yes, Parker – No, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – No, Sharpe – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Foreman – Yes. Vote: 5 - 2.

2. Parcel Donation: Marigold St & Lemoore St

Ms. Murr explained the Lake County Board of Commissioners requested consideration to accept the parcel donation. The parcel is contiguous to others owned by the Town.

A motion to accept the donation was made by Ralph Miller 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.

WORK SESSION

- 1. Y2020 Summerfest** – Gordon Dickson requested use of Town grounds from June 26 through July 10, 2020 for setup and tear down. July 8, 2020 Farmer's Market conflicts with requested dates. Ms. Murr will look into a resolution for the conflict. Summerfest event will run July 2 through July 5, 2020. The Resolution will be an agenda item at the next regular council meeting.

REPORTS

- 1. Town Council** – Mr. Carnahan announced the Share the Harvest fundraiser for Project Love Food Pantry on October 12, 2019. It's sponsored by the Order of Franciscan Secular and Holy Name Church. The census committee will go through training on October 29, 2019. Ms. Murr discussed availability to complete the census online. Discussion followed on census education and advertising. Mr. Miller asked about extending Project Love's construction permit. Mr. Kubiak replied the permit has been extended for thirty days.
- 2. Town Attorney** – None
- 3. Clerk-Treasurer** – Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg stated work continues on the 2020 budget. The Public Hearing for the first reading of Ordinance 1343 will be held at a Special Meeting October 4, 2019. Cash flow continues to improve in the General Fund. 2019 hasn't seen the need for a temporary loan in the General Fund and she doesn't anticipate one being necessary before the end of the year. State Board of Accounts is currently auditing years 2017 and 2018.
- 4. Town Administrator/Staff** – Town Administrator Murr asked for approval to advertise for a Police Chief. Police Commission President Charlie Kaper stated a letter was sent to the Council recommending advertising internally and externally. Ms. Murr will post the advertisement tomorrow, citing posting locations. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Foreman thanked Interim Chief Brittingham for stepping up during this time. Ms. Rivera thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the recent storms. Mr. Parker commented on a lack of reports for Wicker Meadows. Ms. Murr reported Wicker Meadows survey work is ongoing. Chief Brittingham reported the Police Department responded to 959 incidents in August. He broke down the number of incidents by type. Mr. Carnahan asked Ms. Murr for an update on the roundabout. He voiced concerns with the sub-base material. Ms. Murr was directed to discuss the concern at tomorrow's project status meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

- 1. Christopher B. Burke Engineering Report**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlie Kaper, 8600 Lake Shore Drive, asked for an updated timeline for the roundabout. Mr. Parker voiced his opinion on the project. Mr. Foreman stated curb work starts tomorrow with plans for completion by December 1, 2019.

Gordon Dickson, 8711 W. 132nd Pl., voiced concerns with the accidents/near accidents coming off of Vermillion onto Cline. Mr. Dickson suggested a three way temporary stop. Chief Brittingham replied it was considered before construction started with the consensus it would be more dangerous with the three way stop. Discussion on solutions ensued. Mr. Carnahan stated there will be a three way stop at Hilltop and Vermillion.

Diane Jostes, Cedar Lake Chamber, spoke of carelessness during roundabout construction. Ms. Jostes asked who will replace the sprinkler system that was torn up. Another concern is the water flow from the heavy storms. Discussion followed.

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ADJOURNMENT Council President Foreman called the meeting to adjournment at approximately 9:00 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, IAMC
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.