

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

February 2, 2021

**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	Colleen Schieben 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	Rick Eberly Town Manager	
Present	Randell Niemeyer Council Member	Ward 5	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

**Council Member Rivera was present via Zoom later in the meeting.*

OATH OF OFFICE

Deputy Fire Chief Nick Mager introduced Mark Beyer (EMT/Firefighter), Jon Fahey-Smith (EMT/Firefighter), Kerry Rodgers (Volunteer Firefighter), and Zachary Fleming (Volunteer Firefighter). Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg gave each member the Oath of Office. President Niemeyer congratulated and thanked each new member for their sacrifices.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: IPEP AWARDS – BOB BRYAN

Bob Bryan with Henriott Group presented two checks to the Town Council for the IPEP Safety Grants that were awarded to the Fire Department and Police Department. Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg explained these will go towards the purchase of an MTS Power Load and ten (10) bulletproof vests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: January 19, 2021

Claims: All Town Funds \$103,622.32, Wastewater Operating \$71,518.47, Water Utility \$48,248.20, Storm Water \$10,760.95, Payroll January 21 and February 1, 2021 \$229,324.03

2021 Tag Days

A motion to accept and waive the reading of the minutes and accept the consent agenda as listed was made by Colleen Schieben with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 6 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Training Reimbursement Agreement – Mark Beyer

Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg stated the signed agreement is in hand and ready for consideration by the Council.

A motion to approve the agreement was made by John Foreman with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 6 – 0.

2. West Side Sewer Interceptor Project – Parcel Acquisition

Mr. Austgen reported on two parcels that are able to be purchased. These are necessary for the West Side Sewer Interceptor Project.

A motion to approve the parcel acquisition for both parcels was made by Ralph Miller with second by Colleen Schieben. Mr. Carnahan noted that Mr. Sharpe and Ms. Sandberg's signatures were needed as well. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Schieben concurred. Roll call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 6 – 0.

REPORTS

1. Town Council – Mr. Foreman reported on the most recent meeting of the Ecosystem Committee. They evaluated where they were with Phase I. He anticipates they will receive the proposal for the entire scope of the project within a few weeks. They will have another committee meeting to discuss the next steps forward. Mr. Miller stated on May 7th the Cedar Lake Historical Association will have a grand re-opening of the

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museum. They will be honoring the first Town Historian, Bea. Horner. He suggested they make a proclamation declaring May 7th as Bea Horner Day. He made a motion to amend the agenda and allow the item for consideration.

Council Member Rivera joined the meeting via Zoom.

A motion to amend the agenda and allow the item for consideration was made by Ralph Miller with second by Robert Carnahan. Roll call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 – 0.

Mr. Miller stated the proclamation would be drafted by Julie Zasada of the Historical Association. A motion to approve the proclamation be drafted as discussed was made by Ralph Miller with second by Robert Carnahan. Roll call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote: 7 – 0.

Mr. Carnahan reported on the annual rain barrel event. Orders are due by April 15th. Pick up will be at the Town Hall. Mr. Niemeyer stated he has received a lot of feedback on the water public forum. The information given was received in a positive light. No one is happy about raising rates but people were able to understand the information provided. He added that transparency is key when planning and completing large projects such as this.

2. Town Attorney - No report.
3. Clerk-Treasurer - Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg stated they have received the updated Capital Asset Report from Peterson Consulting. This is the second year the firm has updated the information for the Town. She stated she has reviewed the report and is happy with the work product. It includes the summary of information that is necessary for the Annual Financial Report. A brief discussion continued on the capital asset report. Mr. Niemeyer asked for Jen to circulate the report to all. She stated she would.
4. Town Manager- Mr. Eberly reported they have a meeting this Thursday with Corby Thompson from Krohn to discuss the Sustainability Plan. They will be working on the update to the personnel policy. He has created a draft capital improvement plan. The water loss audit is being prepared and will be ready to submit by the due date of February 15th. JMOB met yesterday. Lowell Town Council is set to approve their half of the immediately needed improvements at the plant. The original estimate was \$2.6 million total. They do anticipate it will come under. Cedar Lake has already approved to contribute their 50% portion of those improvements.
5. Director of Operations – The Town mechanic has retired. They found a candidate to take his place. He began Monday and had plenty to work on with all of the snow.
6. Police Department – They are moving forward with the department policy update. They have members from the Board of Safety as part of the committee overseeing policy updates.
7. Fire Department – No Report.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT President Niemeyer called the meeting to adjournment at 7:37 PM

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

Randell Niemeyer, President, Ward 5

Julie Rivera, Vice President, Ward 6

Robert H. Carnahan, Ward 1

John Foreman, Ward 2

Ralph Miller, Ward 4

Colleen Schieben, Ward 6

ATTEST:

Richard Sharpe, Ward 7

Jennifer N. Sandberg, IAMC
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.