

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

July 19, 2022

**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	Chris Salatas Town Manager	
Present	Randell Niemeyer Council Member	Ward 5	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Brown, 14702 Cline Avenue, commented on Ordinance No. 1423, Ward Redistricting. He thinks it's great they are doing a five and two. He thinks it's a good thing to do. He proposed the two at large should truly run at large. The others would run within their district. If you keep all running at large it defeats the purpose of being at large. Mr. Carnahan stated he disagrees. He hears from residents all over Town and he doesn't want them to be hindered. Mr. Brown disagreed. Mr. Niemeyer stated there are a couple options legally. You can go with what is being proposed in the ordinance. The ward representatives will have to be from the wards. For at large, anyone from anywhere in the community can run. Mr. Brown continued to voice his opinion on the matter. A brief discussion continued.

Kevin Toth, 9725 W. 129th Avenue, voiced his agreement with Mr. Brown. He thinks it should be ward elections for the five wards and the two at large. He disagreed with everyone being voted on at large. Mr. Niemeyer stated the one disadvantage he sees with ward only elections would be creating a system where the wards become little kingdoms. That type of system is not a great government. Mr. Toth stated those at large can also have their own little kingdoms. A brief discussion continued on the matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes:** June 21, 2022
- 2. Claims:** All Town Funds: \$371,424.92; Wastewater Operating: \$47,099.30; Water Utility: \$420,065.18; Storm Water: \$99,387.01; Payroll: July 7, 2022 - \$329,864.17; and June Remittances: \$178,579.23
- 3. Manual Journal Entries:** June 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022
- 4. Donations:** Dare Donations: Hanover Central Middle School, \$1,000; American Legion Post 261, \$100; JFLA Management Co, LLC, \$250; Whites Custom Concrete, \$250; and Jerry Smith, \$1,270

A motion to accept and waive the reading of the minutes and accept the consent agenda as listed with the noted update to the roll, on page 1 of the June 21, 2022 minutes was made by John Foreman with second by Colleen Schieben. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

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1. Ordinance No. 1423, Ward Redistricting

Council Member Sharpe read Ordinance No. 1423 by title only. Mr. Niemeyer stated this is part of their statutory duty. Every ten years with the census, they are to undertake the effort of trying to balance things out the best they can. The State has tightened up the Statute since the last time they have done this. It has cleaned up the process. The Town hired Veridus Group to help complete the process. Alaina Shonkwiler and Jack Woods with Veridus Group presented on ward redistricting. Mrs. Shonkwiler stated redistricting is statutorily required by the State of Indiana after every decennial census. This allows communities to better balance the district wards due to population growth. In 2010, the US Census recorded the population of Cedar Lake at 11,560 people. The Town has experienced significant growth with the 2020 census recording 14,106 people. They also have an estimate as of July 1, 2022. Within that year, the Town has experienced growth of 4.6%. Mrs. Shonkwiler discussed the current population as of the 2020 census. There is significant imbalance. The district population has a total deviation of 63%. Statutorily, it can be no more than 10% total deviation. When redistricting they have to follow Indiana Code. Keep it compact, contiguous, contain as equal population as possible, respect precinct boundary lines and comply with the requirement prohibiting discrimination and respect communities of interest like a historical district. With the guidelines in place, the Town contracted with Veridus Group to keep in compliance. Jack Woods discussed redrawing the wards and keeping those six items discussed in mind. He discussed balancing the population for the ward map. They did a good job keeping within precinct boundaries but they did have to jump over a few times due to population. He briefly discussed the ideal population of each ward and total deviation. He stated with a population of 14,106 and seven wards, the ideal population is 2015. He discussed the current imbalance within the wards. By going to five wards, the deviation is only 7.4%. Mr. Woods stated they presented a few scenarios with the Council and staff. They settled on the five-ward option. Mrs. Shonkwiler stated they reached out to the Lake County Board of Elections to go over their interpretation of the statute. They are allowed to stay as they are with seven but in those scenarios, it caused an increased disruption in the electoral process for the community. It was also the most difficult to balance. It skewed the deviation too close to the 10% especially with the growth. They are allowed to go to a five ward with two at large and keep the seven members which would truly cause the least disruption to the electoral process. As they looked at this with the election board and talked to others, they recommended a different ward election process with Wards 1, 2, 3 in one election with two at large and Wards 4 and 5 in another election. This does balance and causes the least disruption. Mrs. Shonkwiler stated it is to their discretion to remain having the vote at large. It is not dictated by the statute. Mr. Niemeyer clarified with the current election. This year Wards 1, 3, and 5 are up for election. That does not change. If this ordinance is adopted as it sits, those wards will change to Wards 1, 2, and 3. Next years election would be the new Wards 4 and 5 and the two at large. The three and four splits, as far as between the congressional and municipal election would still maintain. The Clerk-Treasurer still runs in the municipal election. Mrs. Shonkwiler noted should there be a vacancy on Council prior to the adopting or revision of the voting ordinance, the previously adopted ordinance remains in effect until the expiration of that term. With the maps versus a legal description of the wards, the legal description supersedes the map. Mr. Niemeyer stated Mr. Carnahan would still be the Ward 1 representative as he has no competition and he will remain Ward 1. Ward 2 would either be Julie or Dana Plant. They are currently running for Ward 3 but that will change to Ward 2 next year. Ward 3 would be Nick Recupito, who is currently running unopposed and for Ward 5. Mrs. Shonkwiler stated the next step would be to hold a public hearing and adoption of the ordinance. That can happen simultaneously at the next Council meeting. Once that is adopted, they submit that ordinance to the Lake County Board of Elections. They make

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any necessary adjustments on their end. That goes into the County GIS. Mr. Austgen discussed his understanding of the statute and public forum. They will make that clear. They are waiting on a final legal description. They are in process. He agrees the legal description text supersedes the map. Mr. Austgen clarified this is an introductory reading.

A motion to approve the introductory reading of Ordinance No. 1423 was made by Ralph Miller with second by Richard Sharpe. Mr. Carnahan asked if that includes all voting at large. Mr. Niemeyer stated yes, that is in the ordinance. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

2. Ordinance No. 1424, Water Tariff Ordinance

Council Member Sharpe read Ordinance No. 1424 by title only.

A motion to approve the first reading was made by John Foreman with second by Ralph Miller. Mr. Carnahan asked for an explanation for the audience. Mr. Austgen stated this is part of the continuing saga with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. Part of this commenced in January 2021 with the system development charge rates. The Town sought uniformity with the rates and compliance with a previous order of the Commission when the Town was before them with general rates and charges. The general assembly adopted law that eliminated the utility receipts tax. The utility receipts tax is an appendage to the ratepayers. They had a duty to collect and pay the tax. It has since been eliminated. This is a clean-up of the rate. The tariff has been approved and needs to be adopted. Mr. Niemeyer stated they don't have a choice but to adopt. Mr. Carnahan asked if they would explain being in the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. Mr. Niemeyer stated it has cost about half a million dollars to get here with all the bureaucratic wrangling. That is excess money that would not have had to been spent had they not been a member of that. He questioned if the IURC is in the best interest of the ratepayers. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

A motion to suspend the rules and allow for a second reading was made by John Foreman with second by Colleen Schieben. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.
Council Member Sharpe read Ordinance No. 1424 by title only.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1424 was made by Colleen Schieben with second by Julie Rivera. Mr. Austgen noted that if adopted, the ordinance has an effective date of July 1st for billing purposes. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

3. Ordinance No. 1426, Introductory Annexation Ordinance

Council Member Sharpe read Ordinance No. 1426 by title only. Mr. Austgen stated this is the forty-acre parcel owned by the Town. It is the result of a real estate transaction with the developer, Diamond Peak. It is proposed to be annexed into the Town municipal boundaries for purposes of Town jurisdictional control over its own property. It is connected to the Lake Eco-System Project. This cleans up ownership and jurisdiction rules and regulations.

A motion to approve the introductory reading of Ordinance No. 1426 was made by Colleen Schieben with second by John Foreman. Mr. Austgen noted this is subject to the same legal proceedings as required for all annexations. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes,

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Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

4. Ordinance No. 1427, Sprinkling Usage Regulations Amending Ordinance No. 1385

Council Member Sharpe read Ordinance No. 1427 by title only. Mr. Salatas reported the current ordinance exempts new home construction from the odd and even sprinkler regulation. Due to the drought experienced this year and increased demand on the system, this would give the Town Manager or Water Superintendent the authority to extend that sprinkling regulation to new home construction when circumstances call for. Mr. Carnahan asked for an explanation. Mr. Salatas stated those with even addresses are allowed to water on the even days and those with odd addresses are allowed to water on the odd days. Mr. Foreman noted this is for folks on municipal water.

A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1427 was made by Ralph Miller with second by Colleen Schieben. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

A motion to suspend the rules and allow for a second reading was made by John Foreman with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

Council Member Sharpe read Ordinance No. 1427 by title only.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1427 was made by John Foreman with second by Colleen Schieben. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

5. Resolution No. 1312, Temporary Loan Resolution for 2017 RDA A, B, & C Bonds

Council Member Sharpe read Resolution No. 1312 by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg explained this is a recurring item for the 2017 RDA A, B, and C bonds. The spring distribution experienced a shortfall and this is to borrow the funds to make the necessary debt service payment. This is a temporary loan request in the amount of \$174,102.54. It will be repaid with the fall settlement.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 1312 was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Ralph Miller. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

BZA/PLAN COMMISSION

1. Variance of Use Extension for 1-year for Wahlberg at 7309-7319 Lake Shore Drive

A favorable recommendation was received from the BZA on 7/14/2022. Mr. Salatas stated this is for a one-year extension. This is to allow the Wahlberg's to finalize their bank loan approval.

A motion to approve the variance of use was made by Robert Carnahan with second by John Foreman. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Firetruck Purchase through Sourcewell

Mr. Niemeyer noted this item was carried over from the July 5th meeting pending review. Mr. Salatas discussed the Sourcewell documents and bidding process. He stated all of this is included in the packet and is available on the Sourcewell website. They are extremely transparent with their processes. The bids for this specific piece of equipment were extremely recent. It expires in 2026. Mr. Niemeyer noted over 817 government units in Indiana use this. Mr. Salatas stated this is providing back-up documentation to support the purchase. Mr. Niemeyer stated Indiana Code under Title 5, still requires even co-operative purchasing to follow the structure of the code. Competitive bids have to be sought. You can't circumvent the code. It's spelled out in Title 36, the procedures for co-operative purchasing. Sourcewell by documentation has met all provisions of that code. The one question Dave brought up that is interesting, is one of dispute resolution. Sourcewell is a company out of Minnesota. If there is a contractual issue that needs to be litigated, what venue and under what mechanisms would an Indiana municipality be able to defend against a Minnesota corporation that is not a registered agent of Indiana. He still thinks it begs for a little clarification. Sourcewell is only the purchasing agent and will serve as the intermediary between the Town and the manufacturer. Mr. Austgen stated he spent a lot of time reviewing the material. This is a valid company that is clearly reputable and has a large presence in this field and in this process. They have only recently become more mainstream. This method for public purchasing is a modernization change. Mr. Austgen stated to his knowledge there is no issue. This is a method the Council can choose. Title 5 is clear about special purchasing options and strategies. Mr. Niemeyer stated this is something that is unique to Cedar Lake at this point. Mr. Salatas stated coming up on the agenda is another unique purchasing process. They will be using processes new to Cedar Lake but not new to Indiana. Mr. Niemeyer stated co-operative purchasing is under Indiana Code 36-1-7-1. It is in the purchasing guide provided by the Accelerating Indiana Municipalities organization. That document is also available online. He trusts the work has been done and fully vetted. Mr. Austgen noted he has also reviewed this personally with AIM and legal counsel. A lengthy discussion continued on the purchasing process and review of such.

A motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$1,018,903.00 was made by Colleen Schieben with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0. Mr. Niemeyer noted that discussion with the Clerk-Treasurer were consideration of the issuance of GO debt for the purchase of this as to not burden the cumulative capital funds with the purchase. Chief Wilkening thanked everyone for getting them through the process. He also thanked his committee that worked hard on specs for the truck. Mr. Austgen stated he found it interesting this process wasn't discussed at an AIM Conference. Mr. Niemeyer also noted the lack of education on the process. Mr. Austgen further noted the option and modernization of purchasing process.

NEW BUSINESS

1. CCMG 2022-1 Project Bid Award – Parrish Avenue and 133rd Avenue

Mr. Salatas stated they had the bid opening this morning. Don turned around the bid tabulation quick as there were only two bidders. Milestone and Rieth-Riley were the only two bids received. Rieth-Riley was the lowest, most responsive bidder at \$303,619. The recommendation is to award the bid to Rieth-Riley. This is the CCMG 2022-1 grant. The grant amount received was approximately \$123,300. This is for milling and paving on 133rd Avenue from Parrish Avenue and west to the railroad tracks.

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A motion to award the bid to Rieth-Riley was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

2. Approval of Public Safety Center Design by K2M

David Rainey with Veridus Group introduced Scott and Eric and gave a quick update on the progress of the design. Multiple sessions occurred to work through the programming, looking at site layout, building and what it looked like. What they are sharing this evening is the work done since April to bring the two groups together under one roof. Mr. Niemeyer stated they put a tight budget on the project. Scott and Eric discussed the programming. They presented a powerpoint that included work done to date on design of the Public Safety Building. Schematic Design Documents can be found on the Town's website https://cedarlakein.org/Documents/Agenda_Minutes/Town_Council/2022/2022-07-19_Town_Council_Agenda.pdf. A lengthy discussion continued on the design, public safety needs, and future growth.

A motion to approve the design was made by Julie Rivera with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

3. Approval for Veridus to Proceed with BOT

Mr. Rainey updated on the build operate transfer process. He stated they put out an RFQ for the BOT process on June 21st. They advertised appropriately and those were due on July 15th. They received one respondent. That was from G.M. Development. He stated he is the one who has done approximately 95% of these across the state. He's done them very well. He personally came and responded without a builder group. He thinks that is advantageous for the Town. They will be able to look at where they are at with the building. They'll fine tune it and be able to select the right building partner to develop the product at the right price. Next steps would be to work with G.M. Development to select the building partner and then dive into the schematic design and price it as they finish the design. They have a budget they have to hold. Towards the fourth quarter of 2022, they'll be able to get a maximum price from G.M. Development to deliver the project. That will be the real decision that comes to the Council. They will come to a public meeting for approval of the BOT agreement with the guaranteed maximum price. From that point forward that is the price he would hold for the Town to build the facility. Mr. Foreman asked for clarity on what they are approving. Mr. Rainey stated there is no scoping fee associated.

A motion to approve was made by Richard Sharpe with second by Ralph Miller. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

4. Barnes & Thornburg Legal Services Engagement - Municipal Complex Improvement Bond Financing

Mr. Salatas stated the financing aspect of the project they will be bringing on Barnes & Thornburg Legal Services, specifically, Phil Faccenda. They do a phenomenal job. We've worked with their office before. When a bond is finally taken, the fees will be taken out of the issuance. The estimated cost of services is \$35,000-\$40,000.

A motion to approve the engagement was made by Richard Sharpe with second by Colleen Schieben. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

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5. CBBEL Pay Request 1 in the Amount of \$322,363.06: Milestone – Parrish Avenue

Mr. Salatas stated a good amount of work has been completed. This is the first pay request as part of the project in the amount of \$322,363.06. This is still Phase 1 of the project. Mr. Foreman noted the curb looked low. Mr. Salatas stated the road was being lowered. A brief discussion continued on the project.

A motion to approve Pay Request 1 was made by John Foreman with second by Colleen Schieben. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

6. CBBEL Pay Request 2 in the Amount of \$124,753.76: Milestone – Highland Subdivision

Mr. Salatas stated similar to the previous item, work is being completed on the Highland project. This is for pay request two in the amount of \$124,753.76. Updates are included in their packet in the Christopher B. Burke report.

A motion to approve was made by Robert Carnahan with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

7. Request for Approval to sell two old Police Department Vehicles on GovDeals.com

Chief Fisher briefly described the decommissioned vehicles that he is requesting to sell. Both vehicles have mechanical issues and have been removed from the road.

A motion to approve was made by John Foreman with second by Ralph Miller. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

REPORTS

- 1. Town Council** – Mr. Carnahan reported the Chamber of Commerce will be having their annual golf outing on July 30th at Minne Monesse. Mr. Niemeyer stated at the last few meetings they have been investing taxpayer funds on needed projects and equipment. He wanted to say thank you. The Town is in a pretty advantageous financial position. The financial planning has been done with a slowdown of growth in mind. Everything done has been estimating the financial plan on some of the worst-case scenarios. The financial firm has been great to work with and they are conservative in their approach to everything. He thanked the taxpayers of the community. Mr. Miller congratulated the Parks Department on a successful senior event. They had over 50 attendees. Mr. Niemeyer asked about the Schneider Street sightlines. He discussed Enterprise Cars having vehicles parked in the line of sight. He asked for an update on resolving the issue. Mr. Kubiak stated he has been talking to Tom & Ed's and they've been pretty cooperative. They are moving the parking bollards back to the white fence to the left. A brief discussion occurred on Don's report. Mr. Kubiak stated he would talk to them. Mr. Foreman stated there is a line-of-sight issue with a vehicle on south Parrish, turning left into Winding Creek. Chief Fisher he would go check it out. Mr. Niemeyer asked the Council to consider an amendment to the agenda to add the appointment of an RDC member for the vacant spot.

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

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Mr. Carnahan nominated James Hunley. A second was made by Mrs. Rivera. No other nominations were made. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

2. **Town Attorney** - None
3. **Clerk-Treasurer** – Ms. Sandberg stated last week IPEP met with department heads and discussed workers compensation and risk management. She stated it was a well-received meeting and she believes they will see good things as they start to develop SOPs with departments that have never had them. Also making sure they stay on top of safety training.
4. **Town Manager** – Mr. Salatas stated they are working through the budget. All projects are on task and on time. Mr. Niemeyer discussed recent legislation dealing with committee meetings with governing bodies. Open door laws have changed slightly and the Town has three member committees. He discussed serial meetings and ad hoc committee rules. A brief discussion continued.
5. **Director of Operations** – Mr. Kubiak reported Parrish Avenue will be paved on Thursday. Phase two will begin in the next couple of weeks. That will completely close the roadway.
6. **Police Department** – Chief Fisher briefly discussed the monthly calls report. The new vehicles with the ghost graphics are in service now. The last vehicle will be picked up tomorrow. They saved approximately \$30,000 with these vehicles. They attended the Parks Senior Citizen Event. They had the opportunity to meet with them and get some of them signed up for the RAVE program. He stated they are losing an officer to the Town of St. John. They are in the process of an emergency hire. They are hoping to have him in front of the Council on August 2nd. They will still be one short for minimum staffing. They are currently accepting applications. Mrs. Rivera stated a citizen asked if any citations were written for fireworks or noise. He doesn't believe so but he would have to look. Chief Fisher investigated the previous fireworks complaint. The department was never notified of the fireworks complaint. That is due to the ongoing call that were going on at the time. When that complaint came in, the fire department and police department were dealing with an actual fire. As they cleared, two officers made traffic stops and a call came in from the yacht club for an impaling. The officers were first on scene. When the call came in for the complaint and the citizen stated they wouldn't respond, it was the dispatcher explaining they couldn't due to all the ongoing calls. Mr. Niemeyer asked if this was something they could engage the code enforcement officer with. A brief discussion continued.
7. **Fire Department** – Chief Wilkening reported they are losing an employee to South Bend. He asked the public safety board to allow an emergency hire. He stated they want to start developing their part-time people as well to help with retention.
8. **Veridus Report** – Project updates given during the meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

1. **Building Department Report** – There have been 186 new construction permits as of the end of June. That is 14 shy of what they based the financial planning on for the entire year. They are about to eclipse what they projected.
2. **Christopher B. Burke Report** – Previously reported and included in their packet. Mr. Salatas added he instructed Christopher B. Burke to have estimates ready for shovel ready project. He discussed updating priority lists. Mr. Carnahan discussed particular areas in need like 131st Place and Edison Street. A brief discussion continued.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Joan Dickson, 8711 W. 132nd Place, asked about the BOT and the Barnes and Thornburg bond agreement. She asked about the payoff. Mr. Niemeyer estimated it at seven years. Mr. Salatas stated it would be no more than twenty.

Matt Sella, 9430 W. 133rd Avenue, thanked the Town Council for all the hard work on the engine project. He thanked Chris and Mr. Austgen as well. He stated getting to see the new building design was very exciting.

ADJOURNMENT President Niemeyer called the meeting to adjournment at approximately 9:02 PM.

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

Randell Niemeyer, President, Ward 5

Richard Sharpe, Vice President, Ward 7

Robert H. Carnahan, Ward 1

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Julie Rivera, Ward 3

Ralph Miller, Ward 4

ATTEST:

Colleen Schieben, Ward 6

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:

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