



December 28, 2022

Special Public Meeting Advertised for 6:00 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	Colleen Schieben Council Member	Ward 6
Absent	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, CMC, CPFIM Clerk-Treasurer	
Present	Ralph Miller Council Member	Ward 4	Present	Chris Salatas Town Manager	
Absent	Randell Niemeyer Council Member	Ward 5	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ORDINANCES**

**1. Ordinance No. 1443 – An Amendatory Ordinance for At-Large Council Seats**

Council Member Rivera read Ordinance No. 1443 by title only. Mr. Austgen explained the ordinance presented is provided to give clarification to the method and procedures to be used for Primary and General elections for the two (2) at-large Town Council seats. Ordinance No. 1423 is a good ordinance. The amended ordinance needs to include the protocols for which the two (2) at-large seats will be conducted and how a Council member will be selected. Mr. Austgen stated there are a number of places where the ratification and procedures are identified. Specifically, page 12, section two, identifies the procedure for both Primary and General Elections. Mr. Salatas added that the Lake County Board of Elections needed clarity for how they are to administer the election. A brief discussion continued.

A motion to approve Ordinance No. 1443 was made by Ralph Miller with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes. Vote: 4-0.

A motion to suspend the rules and allow for a second reading was made by Julie Rivera with second by Ralph Miller. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes. Vote: 4-0.

Council Member Rivera read Ordinance No. 1443 by title only.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1443 was made by Ralph Miller with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes. Vote: 4-0.

**2. Ordinance No. 1441 – 2023 Salary Ordinance Amendment (1<sup>st</sup> Reading was December 20, 2022)**

Council Member Rivera read Ordinance No. 1441 by title only. Mr. Salatas explained this is an ordinance that would amend the previously passed 2023 Salary Ordinance. In that ordinance the Battalion Chief’s were given a 5.5% increase. This ordinance would give them an 8.07% increase. Mr. Salatas mentioned on behalf of Mr. Foreman that he was in support of this. Discussion occurred on the Fire Department budget.

A motion to defer the item to the March 7, 2023, agenda was made by Ralph Miller with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes. Vote: 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consider Early Closure Compensation Due to Inclement Weather for Thursday, December 22, 2022**

A motion to approve was made by Ralph Miller with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes. Vote: 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Austgen reported on the closing of the bond financing for the Police and Fire facilities. Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg reported the Town is finally in receipt of the 1782 Notice.

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

**ADJOURNMENT** President Sharpe called the meeting to adjournment at approximately 6:22 PM.

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

Richard Sharpe, President, At-Large

John Foreman, Vice President, At-Large

Robert H. Carnahan, Ward 1

Julie Rivera, Ward 2

Nicholas Recupito, Ward 3

Ralph Miller, Ward 4

ATTEST:

Colleen Schieben, Ward 5

Jennifer N. Sandberg, IAMC, CMC, CPFIM  
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.