

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



June 18, 2024

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	Mary Joan Dickson Council Member	At Large
Present	Julie Rivera Council Member	Ward 2	Present	Richard C. Thiel Jr. Council Member	At Large
Present	Nick Recupito Council Member	Ward 3	Present	Jennifer N. Sandberg, IAMC, CMC, CPFIM Clerk-Treasurer	
Present	Chuck Becker Council Member	Ward 4	Present	Jeff Bunge Town Manager	
Present	Greg Parker Council Member	Ward 5	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

OATH OF OFFICE

Chief Todd Wilkening presented Connor Reilly as the newest Firefighter/EMT. Mr. Reilly received the Oath of Office from Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Sandberg.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. CLPD Special Presentation** – Chief Bill Fisher stated the department recently teamed up with Sounds of Sarah. Sounds of Sarah is a nonprofit organization that raises awareness of the opioid epidemic as well as provides public access to information and resources. Patty Stoval, Director, provided the Town with a free opioid rescue kit. The kit has free naloxone for the public. The container when used, will be refilled by Sounds of Sarah. Chief Fisher presented a certificate of appreciation to Patty Stoval and Sounds of Sarah. Discussion continued on Sounds of Sarah.
- 2. Veridus Group – Police and Fire Building Complex Update** – Lance Snedeker and David Rainey with Veridus Group gave an update on the progress to date for both the police and fire buildings. *The presentation can be found on the Town's YouTube page as part of the June 18, 2024 meeting at [Utility Board and Town Council - June 18, 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)* Mr. Snedeker noted they are on budget and there has been no change to the budget. The project remains on schedule to complete in Summer of 2024 with approximately 90% complete. Project is billed at 79% through May 2024. A very lengthy discussion occurred on punch list items, water main delay, and the preemption bid.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Ordinance No. 1456 - Public Way Vacation Continued Public Hearing – Rago**
 - a. Review of Legals – Mr. Austgen stated for the fourteenth time, the matter is before them properly advertised and noticed.
 - b. Opening Remarks – Mr. Recupito asked Mr. Austgen if there was any correspondence since the last meeting with legal representation. Mr. Austgen stated he has not. He received a phone call from Attorney Wieser that he was unable to return this morning. He stated other than that no. Mr. Recupito asked if they knew that this was the final deferral. Mr. Austgen stated they did.
 - c. Reading of Ordinance No. 1456 – Mr. Parker read by title only.
 - d. Remonstrators - None
 - e. Town Council Discussion – Mr. Thiel stated he noticed in the packet there is no additions made after the last instructions of what they were awaiting. He believes that was on cost for NIPSCO to change the pole location. He stated he wanted to point out that he has not seen it and does not know if anyone else has. Mr. Recupito stated he has not. Mr. Parker stated that is the answer. Mr. Thiel stated to him that is the answer. Mr. Recupito asked Mr. Austgen that if this received an unfavorable recommendation tonight, they could petition the Town again. Mr. Austgen stated if they deny the ordinance, they could come back. Mr. Carnahan asked if it was in a year. Mr. Austgen stated there is no prohibition on a public way vacation. They could come back tomorrow with an application. Mr. Thiel asked if there were terms if they did come back and wanted to be on the next meeting. He asked if there is no updated information, does it have to be on the agenda. Mr. Austgen stated it does if they apply and come back, even if it is identical in every respect. Mr. Carnahan stated they have to apply for a public hearing again. Mr. Austgen stated they have to have a public hearing and give notice. Mr. Parker stated he is still in favor of vacating it if the poles are moved. Mr. Thiel stated he is with him on that. Mr. Recupito stated likewise.

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f. Town Council Decision

A motion to deny Ordinance No. 1456 was made by Richard Thiel with second by Chuck Becker. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – No, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 6 – 1.

2. Resolution No. 1354 – Additional Appropriation

- a. Review of Legals – Ms. Sandberg reported the legal notices were published timely in both the Post-Tribune and The Times on May 31, 2024 and June 3, 2024.
- b. Opening Remarks – Ms. Sandberg explained the additional appropriation is for the amount of \$60,000 within the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. This is for the dump truck rehabilitation that Mr. Kubiak previously brought to them. This is also for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$79,459 for the 2023-2 Community Crossing Grant Fund. Mr. Carnahan asked for clarity on the \$60,000. Mr. Recupito asked Mr. Kubiak for an update. Mr. Kubiak reported they are waiting on parts. It is just about ready to go in. They are waiting on the dump bed. They have most everything else. They said it will be back by December. Mr. Carnahan noted the \$79,459 for Community Crossing will be matched. Ms. Sandberg stated yes. Mr. Recupito asked Mr. Austgen if the legals were in order. Mr. Austgen stated they are as the Clerk indicated.
- c. Reading of Resolution No. 1354 – Mr. Parker read by title only.
- d. Remonstrators - None
- e. Town Council Discussion - None
- f. Town Council Decision

A motion to approve Resolution No. 1354 was made by Mary Joan Dickson with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Parker, 7227 W. 136th Court, asked for clarity about Item 5, Firework Permit for North Point Pyros. She asked if it was related to the Town. Mr. Recupito stated no. Mrs. Parker asked if it is a separate private event. Mr. Recupito stated he believes they did this last year. He deferred to Chief Wilkening. Chief Wilkening stated the subject applied for a state permit and built his own barge to put on their own show. Mrs. Parker asked if they had to apply for a permit with the Town. Chief Wilkening stated yes and get a state permit.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Claims:** All Town Funds: \$441,305.92; Wastewater Operating: \$12,425.09; Water Utility: \$49,857.43; Storm Water: \$23,455.31; Payroll: 6/6/2024 \$411,061.99; and May Remittances \$227,752.42
2. **Manual Journal Entries:** May 1 – May 31, 2024
3. **Donations:** In-Kind Donation of NaloxBox Pod and Naloxone Kits from Sounds of Sarah, \$100 Donation from Scott & Carla Bourrell for K9

A motion to accept the consent agenda was made by Greg Parker with second by Julie Rivera. Mr. Carnahan asked Jen about the June 4th minutes. Ms. Sandberg stated no. That is why the agenda was updated. Mr. Carnahan stated he was looking off the old one. Ms. Sandberg stated it was removed from the agenda. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Thiel made a motion to amend the agenda to include a second item to Ordinances and Resolutions. It would be Ordinance No. 1490, which is pertaining to the unsafe building ordinance. A second was made Chuck Becker. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

1. Ordinance No. 1489 - Special Events Amendment

Mr. Parker read Ordinance No. 1489 by title only. Mr. Recupito state they left the section blank that says no less than blank days. He asked Mr. Austgen if they just need to make clear in the motion. Mr. Austgen stated to put the number of days in there. Mr. Thiel stated it was to be no more than ten days. Mr. Austgen stated it got sent here last week but he knows Jeff’s staff was out. Processing of that probably did not occur. Discussion continued on the proper wording for the ordinance.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1489 with the provision that it read as “...special event permit shall be filed prior to the outdoor event or special event occurring and processed and administered in a business-like manner by the Town Administrative Staff under supervision of the Town Manager, in no more than ten (10) days.” was made by Greg

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Parker with second by Richard Thiel. Roll Call: Carnahan – No, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 6 – 1.

2. Ordinance No. 1490 – Unsafe Building Amendment

Mr. Parker read Ordinance No. 1490 by title only. Mr. Recupito stated they would be considering a first reading with second reading at the next meeting. Mr. Thiel explained Ordinance No. 246 was adopted in 1978. Since then, another ordinance was written with the unsafe building fund but the fund was never created. He discussed the Unsafe Building Board and the issues they have to deal with like current policies and state statute. He stated this cleans a lot of things up. In the back, there is an update to the fee schedule. Mr. Austgen added that is substantively what occurred. He discussed replacing the ordinance by bringing it current under the unsafe building law and getting the expenses current for the value of services being provided by town departments. Mr. Thiel stated it has been updated here and there but the fund never existed. Instead of creating the fund, they decided to review the law so they could fix issues they faced. Mr. Parker stated he is in favor of creating the fund and where some of the money comes from. He stated he does not understand why it takes so much. He voiced concerns with the size of the ordinance. Mrs. Dickson stated it is a majority of Indiana Code. Mr. Thiel concurred. Before it did not have the fee schedule either. Discussion continued on unsafe building items, policy, and blight in Town. Mr. Recupito opened the floor for remonstrance. Robert Groszek, 14055 Deodor, asked what ammunition did they have to fine people. He stated he has seen people walk out the door laughing. He asked if there was anything in the ordinance that gave them the authority to collect. Mr. Austgen stated Indiana Code gives provides for recovery of damages, including treble damages and attorney costs. They are adopting Indiana Code by way of the ordinance. Mr. Parker discussed further on previous comments. He asked if no one pays on the demolition costs, they would be foreclosing on properties that do not pay. Mr. Thiel stated that is the idea of it. He stated they did have one torn down and that individual did come in and paid in two installments. He stated they have three that have been recently torn down. Mr. Groszek asked about the timeframe. He stated he has seen a lot of deferrals. Mr. Carnahan stated it is on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Thiel stated that is true. The sooner the ordinance is in place. The sooner they can act. Discussion continued on unsafe policy and plans.

A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1490 was made by Chuck Becker with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0. Mr. Parker commented on the Town owning two unsafe buildings. He discussed one in particular on 127th. He stated they have someone that wants to buy it if the Town tears it down. He stated that needs to be a priority. He stated the one near Rocklin should also be a priority because the Town should not own unsafe property. Mr. Thiel stated he has had discussion with the Building Department and past plans for a trail. He stated this falls along that. A brief discussion continued on future plans.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Award a contract for the Fire Department Emergency Vehicle Preemption Project Bid (Deferred on 6/4/2024)

Mr. Recupito discussed the bid letter from Christopher B. Burke. Two bids were received. One from Midwestern Electric Inc. for \$72,061 and the other was from Hawk Enterprises Inc. for \$59,308.80. The final engineer's estimate on the project was \$50,730 without contingency. As the lowest responsive and responsible bid, the engineer recommended award to Hawk Enterprises Inc. Mrs. Dickson asked if anyone saw an expiration date. Mr. Recupito stated he could not find one. He asked Mr. Austgen about what the representatives from Veridus said and if that is the route they want to go, would it be advisable to accept the contract with what they received verbally. Mr. Austgen asked if there was anything in writing. Mr. Austgen stated it should be an agenda item and they should request documentation information. Mr. Recupito asked if that was from GM Development. Mr. Austgen stated from whoever they are going to get it from. It could be GM or it could be Core. Mr. Thiel stated this is for the lights. Mr. Bunge stated it is the flashing lights. Mr. Thiel discussed the lights in front of the station in Dyer. He stated he thinks they need clarity on which lights are flashing. He stated if he sees a flashing red light he will stop and then continue. Chief Wilkening stated the preemption is the device that turns the actual lights on. He stated at 133rd and Parrish it turns the light green so all the traffic flushes with it. He discussed the pole across from the fire station and stated the pole has an indicator that activates the lights. Chief Wilkening stated the way he understood it was there were going to be two stop lights on poles that they will turn red when the preemption is turned on. That way traffic will stop both ways so they can get out onto Morse. Mr. Thiel asked if it is for the preemption only or everything. Mr. Kubiak stated if is for the two lights, preemption, and signage. Mr. Recupito stated it is advisable to defer so Jeff can get with Veridus and GM to get a commitment. Mr. Bunge

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stated he would get with the bid providers to see if there was a time period on the quote. A brief discussion continued.

A motion to defer was made by Mary Joan Dickson with second by Richard Thiel. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

2. Approve and accept the Training Reimbursement agreement for Fire Department- Connor Reilly

A motion to approve and accept was made by Chuck Becker with second by Greg Parker. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

3. Approve PLOC for Cedar Lake Storage in the amount of \$7,700.00

Mr. Austgen stated it will be discussed at length tomorrow night. He stated it is related to components of the maturity being provided and the ability to satisfy the requirements. Mr. Carnahan stated he called Cedar Lake Storage and spoke with them. He asked them to attend and explain. He stated they do have a contractor working on paving their property. He said he told her to ask for an extension. Mr. Recupito asked if it was for the public improvements or the paving. It was stated both. Mr. Kubiak stated there was a little bit of public improvement with the sidewalk to the east as well as a little patching. The other was the actual parking lot. The Plan Commission gave them a timeline. Mr. Carnahan stated that was June 15th. Mr. Parker stated they are past the date granted to have the asphalt done. Mr. Austgen stated there would be more explaining tomorrow night. Mr. Carnahan stated if they have a contractor working on it, he would like to see them give an extension. Mr. Recupito stated he spoke with Mr. Kiepora and this is unconventional due to the timing. The next meeting is after this letter of credit expires. A brief discussion continued on extension of the letter of credit. Mr. Thiel asked if this had anything to do with the \$20,000 for surety. Discussion continued on if it was enough to pave and if the amounts were satisfactory for the improvements.

A motion to approve was made by Greg Parker with second by Richard Thiel. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

4. Approve CBBEL Pay Request, Stage 2 – Cedar Lake Dredging Pay Request No. 8 in the amount of \$338,557.53

Mr. Carnahan asked for Jeff to read on the dredging. Mr. Bunge read the letter into the record. A copy can be found on the Town's website as part of the agenda packet at [2024-06-18 Town Council Packet.pdf \(cedarlakein.org\)](https://cedarlakein.org/2024-06-18_Town_Council_Packet.pdf).

A motion to approve was made by Julie Rivera with second by Greg Parker. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

5. Approve Firework Permit for North Point Pyros

Chief Wilkening stated the owner of the property stated he would make donations to both police and fire for costs. Mr. Recupito asked if it was the same location as last year. Chief Wilkening stated yes. It will start right after the Cedar Lake Summerfest show.

A motion to approve was made by Julie Rivera with second by Richard Thiel. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

6. Disbursement Request No. 14 from the 2022A Construction Fund for the Police Department Project in the amount of \$488,179.24

A motion to approve was made by Chuck Becker with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

7. Disbursement Request No. 13 from the 2022B Construction Fund for the Fire Department Project in the amount of \$872,087.15

A motion to approve was made by Mary Joan Dickson with second by Chuck Becker. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Becker- Yes, Dickson – Yes, Thiel – Yes, Parker – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

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REPORTS

1. **Town Council** – Mr. Carnahan stated he had a question for Jennifer. He stated he totaled up wastewater operations, wastewater development, and wastewater special, he asked if that was all money they have available. Ms. Sandberg asked if he was looking at the fund report specifically. Mr. Carnahan stated yes. Ms. Sandberg replied yes, that is what is available. Mr. Carnahan stated with those figures he totaled up \$4,478,735.35. He stated that would be an idea of the kind of money they have in the sewer funds. Ms. Sandberg stated yes but it is broken between different funds such as operations and maintenance, capital, and development. Mr. Thiel asked if that was where the true-up would come from. Ms. Sandberg stated Fund 633, WWTP Special is where it would get paid from. Mr. Carnahan asked if that is what they are working off of now, as of the 12th. Ms. Sandberg stated yes. She stated she gave them all of the funds and did not specifically pull-out sewer so she cannot tell whether or not his calculation is correct. Mr. Parker stated he wanted to point out that Jeff’s Administrative Assistant is doing a phenomenal job. He stated she is energetic and on top of things. He stated he thinks she needs to be acknowledged for her efforts. Mr. Carnahan concurred with his sentiments. Mr. Parker stated they appreciate everything. Mr. Thiel stated he believes the new Deputy IT started. Ms. Sandberg stated he began on Monday. Mr. Thiel stated he has not had a chance to ask him how his first day went. Ms. Sandberg stated it was an exciting first day. Mr. Bunge stated the internet went down. Ms. Sandberg corrected him that the server went down. Mr. Thiel discussed fire poles and OSHA. He asked Jen to contact the insurance company regarding the fire pole and if coverage cost changed with or without the pole. Mr. Recupito asked where they are at with the mechanic hire. Ms. Sandberg stated she believes they are still accepting applications through the end of the week. Mr. Kubiak has received copies of those received so far. Mr. Thiel asked if Council Affairs would get copied as part of the review like with the Deputy IT. Ms. Sandberg stated is what they direct of Mr. Kubiak. Mr. Thiel stated that is definitely what they want to do moving forward. Mr. Carnahan stated the Chamber of Commerce had a request from the Boys and Girls Club to have a business after hours. The date has not been set yet. That is where people will network. The Chamber is working that out with the new director. A brief discussion continued.
2. **Town Attorney** - No report.
3. **Clerk-Treasurer** – Ms. Sandberg stated tomorrow she will meet with Mary Joan and Jeff for the entrance conference for the compliance examination for the Coronavirus funds. She does not anticipate it taking more than a day. Thursday they will conduct a workers compensation review with all departments. They will discuss the claims process and forms to ensure proper steps are taken. She stated next week she will be attending the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Annual Conference. Two days of that conference are a State Board of Accounts called meeting.
4. **Town Manager** – Mr. Bunge stated he attended a meet and greet with the State Comptroller, Elise Nieshalla. He stated he learned a little more about financial management of local government.
5. **Director of Operations** – Mr. Kubiak reported they have been patching potholes. They cleaned out the tank and received fresh emulsion. He stated they have a couple more houses to tear down. They were waiting for NIPSCO to disconnect the electricity. He stated they finished the one on 139th and Hilltop. Those are graded and seeded. He stated they will get those bills for unsafe to be processed. He stated they found another problem on 140th by Misch’s office with the road project. There is a 21-inch clay storm pipe that collapsed going up the hill. He stated they will be diving into that Monday or Tuesday and replacing about 120 feet of pipe. Mr. Recupito stated the corner of 141st Avenue and Cottage Grove has locate flags. He asked if that was work, they are doing. Mr. Kubiak stated he did not know for sure.
6. **Police Department** – Chief Fisher reported on the monthly calls report. He stated they have been trying to tackle problem areas that they have received complaints on. One of those is by the softball fields. They were up there over the weekend and had no problems. He stated they will continue to work with them to figure out something. He stated he had a potential proposal to bring to the Council, which was brought to him, possibly moving the park. He stated he has not had a chance to talk to Mindi yet. He stated he would bring it up with Parks to see if it was something they would be willing to do. Mr. Carnahan stated Mary Joan is working on a plan that she will be bringing to them soon. A brief discussion continued.
7. **Fire Department** – Chief Wilkening reported on the monthly calls report. He stated they are running a higher percentage of multiple calls at the same time. He discussed the fire pole being a hot item. He stated when they started the project, they included the pole. Everything in the building was authorized by the Town Council at that time. He stated they built the platform up there for training. He stated a lot discussion was held on employees in bunker gear and running down the stairs. He stated it was a safety concern. He apologized and stated he understands people are upset but throughout the process they never had anyone comment about it not being something they should do. Mrs. Rivera

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stated Veridus said it has been included in other projects. Chief Wilkening stated if they have questions, he would be glad to take a call.

8. **Parks Department** – No report. Mr. Thiel asked how they are looking on the numbers for the survey. Mrs. Ray reported the last report she received was at 200. They are still pushing to get to 500. Mr. Thiel stated the barcode is on the table for anyone that wishes to scan it and fill out the survey. He stated he was pleased to see the survey at the Farmers Market. He discussed the effort and stated he was pleased to see the presentation and possibilities. Mrs. Ray stated they are doing a big push above and beyond what is expected for the public engagement for the master plan for the department. She stated there are other engagement opportunities being set up. She stated they will be setting up at local restaurants. Mr. Carnahan stated he had a resident call him to the dog park. He voiced concerns with the north side of the fence and little dogs being able to escape in between the space. He stated he was also walked over to the railroad track and the fencing goes so far and if someone was to run in through the bushes, they could hit the tracks. He stated it was suggested that they take the fence from the north side of the dog park and move it over there to help protect the kids from running into the tracks. He suggested putting cyclone fence up on the north side of the dog park. Mrs. Ray thanked Bob for reporting. She requested that anyone who is a member of the dog park or having issues come to her office so she can address. She stated that way she may bring it before the Park Board for consideration. She stated she feels they have some people in the community who feel it is best to talk to a Council person. Mr. Carnahan stated he does not turn anybody down. Mrs. Ray stated she appreciates that but she still feels the best practice is for them to come through the park office first. That way they can address those items in a timely fashion and get it in front of the people who make the decisions about that. She stated she already has a temporary/semi-permanent repair for the fence. She stated it is a 3 ½ inch gap. She stated they will be putting that in between the slats of the fence. They will hopefully put a new system in place for that without replacing the that as cyclone fence. Mr. Carnahan asked about getting the rest of the railroad addressed. Mrs. Ray stated she would ask the board to consider that as well. That was one of the safety issues that they addressed when she first came on board by installing that fence.

UPDATE/DISCUSSION

1. Establishing a Parks Foundation

Mr. Recupito asked Mrs. Dickson if she had any questions. Mrs. Dickson stated it is actually established; they just need members for it. She stated if they are interested in serving on the Park Foundation, they could stop by the Town Hall. She stated she would have a packet available after 3:00PM. It will have some information if they are interested. Mrs. Cheryl Parker asked if she could explain what they do. Mrs. Dickson stated she has no idea what they are going to do. They have to have members first. She stated Park Foundations throughout the State raise funds for matching goals. She gave an example of an amphitheater. She stated it is usually for a larger project. Mrs. Parker asked if it would address a land trust to get the parks into a trust so that they cannot be sold. Mr. Austgen stated no. Mrs. Dickson stated this is a fundraising mechanism. Mrs. Ray stated this is the nonprofit end of the parks to work in tandem with the Park Board. Mrs. Parker asked if they would be discussing a land trust for the parks. Mrs. Dickson suggested talking to the Park Board. Mr. Carnahan asked how many members are on. Mrs. Dickson stated a minimum of four. Mr. Austgen stated five. Mr. Thiel asked how the selection process happens and if it was the same as the other board and commissions in the past. Mr. Austgen stated it will be a Town Council call. Mrs. Dickson stated there is one individual that is already interested. Mr. Recupito asked if eligibility was only to be a resident. Mr. Austgen stated yes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

1. **Building Department Report** – Mr. Recupito reported for the month of May they had five new residential construction permits. The total for the year is 57. All other permits for May totaled 84 with a grand total year to date of 292.
2. **Christopher B. Burke Report** – Mr. Bunge stated for the public's knowledge, the report was dated June 4th and covers activities from Town Council session May 18th through June 12th. He stated Dredge America is in the process of moving all equipment from the lake. All pipe has been removed from the lake. Booster and dredge barges have been moved to Pine Crest and awaiting removal. He stated that most likely began last Friday. The dredge and other equipment will be removed from the Town and transported to another job. That will be gone for approximately two months and then the removal of the land-based pipes. He briefly discussed the other various updates within the report.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Worley, 7000 W 137th Place, asked Mary Joan about the mirrors on the poles. Mrs. Dickson explained those were added to assist people when they pull out. A brief discussion continued. Angie Mikolijczak asked about the meeting on the streets. She stated it was not posted. She stated the engineer's put it out regarding dangerous intersections. Mr. Recupito stated he thought it was published. He stated he saw the publication for it. Mrs. Mikolijczak continued to voice concerns. Mr. Wroe reported it was posted on the Town's website, the main bulletin board, and it was published on the Town's YouTube stream. Mrs. Mikolijczak stated she did not see it on the meeting schedule. Mr. Thiel stated the purpose of the meeting was similar to the public meeting just had with the Parks Department. This would be in relation to Community Crossing Grants. He stated normal public awareness and it was part of the process they are required to do. Mrs. Mikolijczak stated it was very informative.

ADJOURNMENT President Recupito called the meeting to adjournment at approximately 9:21 PM.

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Robert Carnahan, Ward 1

Julie Rivera, Ward 2

Nick Recupito, Ward 3

Chuck Becker, Ward 4

Greg Parker, Ward 5

Mary Joan Dickson, At-Large

ATTEST:

Richard C Thiel Jr., At-Large

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.
 - (5) Any additional information required under section 3.5 or 3.6 of this chapter or any other statute that authorizes a governing body to conduct a meeting using an electronic means of communication.