

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
MINUTES OF THE UTILITY BOARD



March 17, 2020

Public Meeting Advertised for 6:30 PM  
Conducted at the Cedar Lake Town Hall  
Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

**Roll Call:**

Absent	Robert H. Carnahan Board Member	Ward 1	Present	Colleen Schieben Board Member	Ward 6
Absent	John Foreman Board Member	Ward 2	Present	Richard Sharpe Board President	Ward 7
Present	Julie Rivera Board Member	Ward 3	Present	Jennifer N. Sandberg Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC	
Present	Ralph Miller Board Vice President	Ward 4	Present	Jill Murr, CPM, IAMC, MMC Town Administrator	
Present	Randell Niemeyer Board Member	Ward 5	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Written Report**

- a. Fund Report – Clerk Treasurer Sandberg explained the major expenditure was for replacement of furnaces for Public Works. Mr. Niemeyer questioned if they were spending more money than was being received based on the debit and credit amounts. Ms. Sandberg explained the cash fund report and that the debits are actually the revenue and the credits are the expenditures.

**2. Consultant(s) & Staff Report(s)**

- a. Engineer - NIES
  - i. West Side Sanitary Interceptor Update - Neil Simstad stated the CSS is reviewing permits, expecting completion within 60 days. IDEM anticipates they will have a request for clarification but not any requests for deficiencies in the plan. IDEM was quite pleased with what was put together.
  - ii. East Side Sanitary Sewer Inspection (ESSSI) Update - Mr. Simstad presented a report based on data from last Friday. Public Works supplemented data from videos on five of twenty-five manholes. They have completed three more since then. With the data on hand, there seems to be an issue with inflow, not infiltration. Mr. Simstad affirmed Mr. Niemeyer’s statement of the possibility of dealing with a break or breach somewhere. There is sufficient capacity on 18 to 21 inch and 24 inch interceptors based on current data. The real issues are inflow based on metering data and wet weather flows. There are a few areas that may have bottlenecks or are critical flow areas. The limiting factor during wet weather flow for development is the output for lift station three due to design parameters. Recommendations are to mitigate inflow by raising structures that are below the two foot minimum base elevation in the Cedar Creek area. Developers of Lakeside 1 and 2 may need to consider a regional lift station. Discussion followed on typical repair processes for leaking joints or intrusive roots. Attorney Austgen asked for an update on the WSSI design. The design plan is complete and currently under IDEM’s review. The CSS permit has been submitted and under review. Documents for acquisition of owner’s easements have been prepared and under review of the surveyor. We cannot go out for bid until we get the permit from IDEM approved. Discussion followed on timeframe for the IDEM permit.
  - iii. SSES Update – There is nothing to report on the SSES, Public Works is concentrating on the East Side Interceptor. Once completed they will jump back to the SSES.
  - iv. Water Utility Assets, Maintenance & Capital Improvement Plan - Mr. Austgen asked for an update the Water Tower. The permit is in effect although delayed until ready for construction. Soil consultants are there today for soil borings on two additional sites as requested.
- b. Town Administrator – Mrs. Murr stated they are out there doing camera work and putting monitors where they need to be.
- c. Town Attorney – Mr. Austgen is working on tasks related to projects Mr. Simstad discussed.

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- 3. **JMOB Report** –Mrs. Murr reported the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled. Lowell and Cedar Lake staff and engineers continue to meet; looking at flow and analyzing.
- 4. **Utility Projects** – Previously discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** President Sharpe adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 PM.

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John Foreman

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Julie Rivera

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Randy Niemeyer

ATTEST:

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Colleen Schieben

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Jennifer N. Sandberg, IAMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

The Minutes of the Cedar Lake Utility Board 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.