

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

October 18, 2022

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



Roll Call:

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| Absent | Robert H. Carnahan | Ward 1 | Present | Colleen Schieben | Ward 6 |
| | Board Member | | | Board Member | |
| Present | John Foreman | Ward 2 | Present | Richard Sharpe | Ward 7 |
| | Board Member | | | Board President | |
| Present | Julie Rivera | Ward 3 | Present | Jennifer N. Sandberg, IAMC, CMC, CPFIM | |
| | Board Member | | | Clerk-Treasurer | |
| Present | Ralph Miller | Ward 4 | Present | Chris Salatas | |
| | Board Vice President | | | Town Manager | |
| Present | Randell Niemeyer | Ward 5 | Present | David Austgen | |
| | Board Member | | | Town Attorney | |

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2022

A motion to accept and waive the reading of the minutes was made by Randy Niemeyer with second by Colleen Schieben. Roll Call: Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes. Vote 6 - 0.

2. NIES Pay Request No. 1 for LGS: West Side Sanitary Interceptor Project 1 in the amount of \$1,685,094.08

Mr. Simstad reported this item is for the West Side Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project 1. A majority of this work is for stored materials. With retainage held, the pay request is in the amount of \$1,685,094.08.

A motion to approve was made by Ralph Miller with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes. Vote 6 - 0.

3. NIES Pay Request No. 1 for Gatlin Plumbing: Utopia Water Main Project in the amount of \$282,582.22

Mr. Simstad reported this item is for the Utopia Water Main Project. This work is also for stored materials. They have also done excavation for exploratory and tree removal. With retainage held, the pay request is in the amount of \$282,582.22. Mr. Niemeyer asked about the trees removed. He asked if there were plans for replacement. Mr. Simstad stated the location of the trees were either in public rights of way or utility easements. He stated he would rather see them replaced in a location on the resident's property so as to not negatively affect water, sanitary, storm, gas, sidewalks, etc. He stated there is a standard list of high shade, non-intrusive trees that they could work with Chris to get. Discussion continued on the possibility of tree replacement.

A motion to approve was made by Randy Niemeyer with second by Julie Rivera. Roll Call: Foreman – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Miller – Yes, Sharpe – Yes. Vote 6 - 0.

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4. Written Report

- a. Fund Report – Clerk Treasurer Sandberg reported the cash and expenditure reports were previously sent out. She stated it is time to wrap up the budget and get everything submitted.

5. Consultant(s) & Staff Report(s)

- b. Engineer - NIES
 - i. Sanitary Update – Mr. Simstad reported the West Side Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project 1 is underway. The construction is scheduled to begin November 1st. Project 2 design is complete. They are moving forward for IDEM permitting once they receive the final utility easements.
 - ii. Water update – Mr. Simstad reported the Utopia project is underway. Caldwell Tanks is scheduled to begin November 15th. He has been in contact with Mr. Kubiak and Mr. King regarding the relocation of the park equipment. Mr. Niemeyer asked about the completion date for the project. Mr. Simstad stated he didn't have the exact date in front of him but he remembers completion being either May or June with operation in July. Mr. Niemeyer asked when they would see site work. Mr. Simstad stated site work was to begin prior to November 15th. They have already submitted the pre-construction video and pictures. Once site work begins, they will start on the structural support for the foundation. Mr. Niemeyer asked if they have made progress on the main project that will supply the tower. Mr. Simstad stated H&G expects material delivery at the end of the year. Their proposed schedule to begin is sometime on or after January 14, 2023. Completion is estimated for June 2023.
- c. Director of Operations/Superintendent
 - i. Operation & Maintenance Report – Mr. Kubiak reported work continues in Utopia. A gas main was struck but it was repaired. There was a hiccup with the water supply on the west side with the tower out of service. When flushing out a line in Oakbrook, it kicked in the need for the second well system. Water was out for approximately ten minutes but it was rectified quickly. They'll need to do some hydro excavating to figure out what is going on with the valve set up as it doesn't quite match the schematics of the set-up. Mr. Niemeyer stated residents have reported they weren't aware of the boil advisory or that it was continuing. He stated maybe they need to put the Smart 911 information in the newsletter. That way there is a reminder every quarter. He asked if the tower project included painting. Mr. Kubiak stated yes and it would have the logo.
- d. Town Attorney – No report.

6. JMOB Report

Mr. Salatas reported they met this evening with Lowell. They received updates on the major project at the moment which is the drain pipe for the basin at the plant. The work continues. They also updated on the long-term control plan. Lowell expects to be out of it soon so long as IDEM accepts the amendments. They also had general conversations about long-term and short-term projects as well as the need for a larger capacity related project sooner rather than later. Both communities are experiencing growth. The Town requested Lowell's engineer create a timeline and rough estimate on some of those projects.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Kerr asked why they are painting the tower white. She voiced concerns with planes flying low. Mr. Salatas stated many communities have white towers. Mr. Foreman discussed the theme and stated the colorful logo will be on the tower. Ms. Kerr asked if the logo would be on one side or both. It was stated both sides. Ms. Kerr asked about the tower being empty. She asked if there was a fire how would the fire department work. Chief Wilkening stated they would be able to maintain a certain amount of water for a certain period of time. They also have a site set-up at the Chamber of Commerce access site. Mr. Niemeyer stated the maintenance of the tower is required by IDEM. It has to be emptied so it can be cleaned and the outside is going to be repainted too. Ms. Kerr asked where the water gets pumped from. Mr. Kuiper told her the ground. Chief Wilkening stated the well can flow a certain amount. They'll be able to supplement with other locations. Mr. Niemeyer stated there are several wells in the system. Ms. Kerr again asked where the water comes from. It was answered from the wells. Ms. Kerr voiced concerns with the water issue on the 13th. She voiced concerns with the lack of water. She asked when it was called in. She stated she didn't get a notification on Thursday but she did on Sunday. She voiced concerns with the information asked for on the site. She asked the difference between a boil order and a boil advisory. She continued to voice concerns. Mr. Kubiak stated it was approximately 1PM. Ms. Kerr voiced concerns with the issue occurring in the morning. Mr. Kubiak stated they have alarms on the system that alert the water operators. As soon as something happens, they work on identifying the issue and correcting the problem. Mr. Kubiak stated there was not a contaminate. There was not a break in the line. Ms. Kerr continued to voice concerns with the timeline. Mr. Niemeyer stated it's impossible to have an instant response. Ms. Kerr continued to voice her concerns at length. She voiced concerns with restaurants not being aware of the advisory. A very lengthy discussion continued on the subject matter.

Doug Churchwell, 10259 W. 134th Avenue, stated he wasn't aware of the notice until his daughter stated she saw something on Facebook. Chief Fisher asked if he was signed up for the alerts. Mr. Churchwell stated he tried but it won't accept his address. Chief Fisher asked him to come to the Police Station and they can help him get signed up. Mrs. Schieben stated maybe they need to put it in the newsletter again. Chief Fisher stated at the last senior event they stated folks could come in to get help signing up. Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg stated every phone call received, folks have been told they could come to Town Hall or the Police Station to help get signed up. She stated the biggest concern seems to be the personnel information section of the service. She stated that doesn't have to be filled out. You can just go to the notification section and subscribe to the specific notifications. A brief discussion continued.

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

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Richard Sharpe, President

Ralph Miller, Vice-President

Robert H. Carnahan

John Foreman

Julie Rivera

Randy Niemeyer

ATTEST:

Colleen Schieben

Jennifer N. Sandberg, IAMC, CMC, CPFIM
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.