

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

March 21, 2023

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



Roll Call:

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

**Present via Zoom five minutes after start of meeting. **Chief Deputy Margo Nagy was present.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2023

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

2. NIES Professional Engineering Design Services Agreement for the West Side Sanitary Sewer Interceptor, Project 3

Mr. Simstad reported this is for the continuation of the West Side Sanitary Sewer Interceptor. Project 1 is under construction, project 2 is in design, and project 3 will continue just north of 155th through the Town owned property up to the fence of 151st and Parrish. Directly west of the sediment dewatering facility. Mr. Recupito noted the dollar amount of \$136,350 as well as reimbursables. Mr. Simstad stated that is if needed. Mr. Recupito asked if there was a cap. Mr. Simstad stated typically, they have been under budget on design and construction. They have used those funds to do some initial planning on a staff level in anticipation of project 3.

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

3. NIES Pay Request No. 3 for the West Side Sanitary Sewer Interceptor payable to LGS Plumbing, Inc. in the amount of \$315,287.20

Mr. Simstad reported this is for the west side interceptor project 1. This is a routine pay request. It is typically submitted on a monthly basis. The pay request will take the project to \$2.5 million out of a total of \$3.89 million. He expects another five to six pay requests on a monthly basis going forward. Mr. Recupito asked if Morse was still shut down. Mr. Simstad stated yes. There is a lot of work going on. Mr. Foreman asked when it will be reopened. Mr. Simstad stated they expect another week to week and a half. There was a communication line that was not marked and held up the contractor. Discussion continued on the route and capacity.

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A motion to approve was made by Colleen Schieben with second by Julie Rivera. A brief discussion occurred on the timing of pay requests. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

4. NIES Pay Request No. 4 for the East Side Water Utility Elevated Storage Tank payable to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$120,856.50

Mr. Simstad reported this is similar to the last item but for Caldwell Tanks. This is for the east side tank. At this point they are about halfway done with the project. The pay request reflects that work. Mr. Recupito asked how many more pay requests were anticipated. Mr. Simstad stated the intention by the company was to be completed for start up by September 15th. He estimated between five and six. Mr. Carnahan asked for an explanation on the water source. Mr. Simstad stated this is in the Krystal Oaks Park directly west of Lemon Lake Park. At this point there is no connection to the former Paradise Cove facility. That is anticipated to start soon with the east side transmission main being constructed by H&G. Supplemental to that will be an additional transmission main through the Schilling project of Lakeside, Lakeside II, and Lakeside South to 141st Avenue. That at this point is separated and hydraulically segregated between the two systems. Within the next year, it is anticipated the two production facilities will be connected. Mr. Carnahan asked for an explanation it will go on Morse. Mr. Simstad stated it is coming down 140th to Edison and to 141st and coming up through the Schilling Development of Lakeside South. Discussion continued on the project.

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

5. NIES Pay Request No. 3 for the Krystal Oaks Elevated Water Tank payable to Dixon Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.00

Mr. Simstad reported this is for routine services provided by Dixon Engineering. This is for weld inspections. They are approximately 20% into their contract for specialized services. They will also do the coating inspections and x-ray services.

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

6. Future Water Capacity Needs Planning Discussion

Mr. Salatas stated he has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Peerless Midwest for well exploration on the west side. The invoice that was discussed at the previous meeting for County was originally sent in the amount of \$150,000, as that what was told to be earmarked for the Town. Mr. Salatas stated Mr. Blanchard shared a resolution that shows the Town had \$650,000 dedicated. A revised invoice was sent to the County for that amount. It is specific for water infrastructure. Mr. Recupito discussed the recent BZA and Plan Commission training. He said maybe there is some momentum there to have a joint Town Council and Plan Commission meeting. Mr. Recupito stated he learned a lot from that. He asked if he needed to make a directive for that. Mr. Foreman asked for some clarity on the purpose of the proposed meeting. Mr. Recupito stated for clarity on items recently brought up like PUDs. A brief discussion continued.

7. Written Report

- a. Fund Report – Reports were previously emailed to the Board.

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

- a. Engineer – NIES – Mr. Simstad stated all the updates were made during explanation of the pay requests.
- b. Director of Operations/Superintendent
 - i. Operation & Maintenance Report – Mr. Kubiak reported they are wrapping up lift station #8 by Corky's. The panel is finally in. They had the new panel installed today. Xylem will be doing the official start up of that lift station. They will begin work on Lift Station #16. Parts are being ordered. They anticipate it being done by the end of the summer. Mr. Carnahan asked if the one by Corky's would be similar to the one by the dam. Mr. Kubiak stated similar but not quite the same. Mr. Recupito stated there was discussion last year about the shortage of water meters. He asked if it was the same. Mr. Kubiak stated they are close to 400 meters behind. They have moved forward with upgrading and updating meters as they can.
- c. Town Attorney – No report.

9. JMOB Report – No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT President Recupito adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:58 PM.

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ATTEST:

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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.