

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

May 16, 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	

**Chief Deputy Clerk Margo Nagy was present.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes – April 27, 2023

Robert Carnahan made a motion to amend the minutes, citing an issue with the roll call noted in the minutes sent out, and approve them. A second was made by John Foreman. Roll Call: Carnahan – Yes, Rivera – Yes, Miller – Yes, Schieben – Yes, Foreman – Yes, Sharpe – Yes, Recupito – Yes. Vote 7 – 0.

2. NIES Pay Request No. 5 for the WSSSI Project payable to LGS Plumbing, Inc., in the amount of \$181,835.00

Mr. Simstad reported the item is a routine monthly pay request for LGS on the West Side Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project I. The pay request is in the amount of \$181,835. Mr. Carnahan asked Mr. Simstad to read the other figures into the record. Mr. Simstad asked Mr. Carnahan to clarify which figures. Mr. Carnahan stated where the total completed and stored to date of \$2,768,946.49. He stated the retention was \$218,250.93. He stated the amount previously paid was \$2,368,860.56. The current payment due is \$181,835.

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

3. NIES March Water SRF Pay Requests

a. **East Side Water Transmission Main in the amount of \$1,477.52**

b. **East Side Elevated Water Tank Construction Services in the amount of \$4,163.58**

Mr. Simstad noted these are for the East Side Water Transmission and Elevated Tower projects for the extension and storage projects of the East Side. Mr. Recupito stated he had residents on Colfax Street contact him regarding the parking situation with the contractors. There is an issue with congestion on the street. A recommendation was made for some of the larger equipment to be put in the grass. Mr. Simstad stated they could do that. It is a challenge because there is a lot of equipment out there. Generally, they like to keep the equipment off the grass because then there is restoration after the project is

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completed. If there is a way to work with the contractor out there, they will. Mr. Recupito stated one of the complaints was that box trucks are blocking the mailboxes. Mr. Simstad stated that is unacceptable and he would deal with it tomorrow.

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

4. NIES April Water SRF Pay Requests:

a. **East Side Water Transmission Main in the amount of \$16,742.16**

b. **East Side Elevated Water Tank Construction Services in the amount of \$1,890.42**

Mr. Simstad reported noted these are for routine engineering services for the East Side Water System as previously discussed. Mr. Foreman asked about the staff breakdown. Mr. Simstad stated those are all the engineering services for construction observation.

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

5. NIES Pay Request No. 1 for the East Side Water Transmission Main payable to H&G Plumbing in the amount of \$410,810.94

Mr. Simstad stated this is for the contractor for the East Side Transmission Main. This is the first pay request in the amount of \$410,810.94. Mr. Foreman asked where H&G was from. Mr. Simstad stated they have offices in Valparaiso and Michigan City. A brief discussion occurred. Mr. Austgen asked if there were any disputes or disagreements with the first pay request. Mr. Simstad stated there were and they have been addressed by staff with Tim and contractor representatives. It is satisfactory.

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.

6. Future Water Capacity Needs Planning Discussion

Mr. Salatas stated he was notified by County Councilman Randy Niemeyer that the Interlocal Agreement was passed at the last Lake County Council meeting to send \$650,000 to the Town of Cedar Lake for East Side Water Development. The agreement has not yet been received. He expects it soon. Dave will review and it will be on a future agenda. Mr. Salatas briefly spoke on the process to receive the funds.

7. Written Report

a. Fund Report – Clerk Treasurer Sandberg previously sent out the cash and expenditure reports.

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

a. Engineer – Mr. Simstad stated he had no further reports. Mr. Carnahan stated Dr. Misch questioned him on when the road would be fixed by his office. Mr. Simstad stated they anticipate by the end of the week completing the initial construction on the project and then moving towards restoration. Restoration includes the roadway asphalt as well as any grass. Mr. Carnahan asked if there was a timeframe. Mr. Simstad stated it would be after the completion of the water

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main project and then they will move towards restoration. Mr. Simstad anticipated within the next sixty days. Mr. Foreman asked about the sign at 133rd and Morse. He asked if it could be updated. Mr. Simstad stated he would get with the Lake County Highway Department. The sign was put up by LGS who is doing the sanitary sewer interceptor project one. H&G coordinated with them to have the advanced warning. The detour route goes through County and they must coordinate with them. A brief discussion occurred.

- b. Director of Operations/Superintendent
 - i. Operation & Maintenance Report – Mr. Kubiak stated they will be redoing the lift station by Lemon Lake Estates. Hydrant flushing continues. They are almost done with the west side and will be starting on the east side.
- c. Town Attorney – Mr. Austgen stated he has been in communication with Chris and his team on the monthly report of operations of the Lowell Wastewater Treatment Plant to Indianapolis. It has been recommendation that they receive same. What they get out of that filing to Indianapolis is a monthly report that outlines the percentage of flow, any problems, or issues with the activities of the plant as well as capital activities. He stated it gives them a good idea of what is occurring down there. A brief discussion continued.

9. JMOB Report – Mr. Salatas stated they are working on scheduling.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

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Nick Recupito

Richard Sharpe

John C. Foreman

Robert Carnahan

Julie Rivera

Ralph Miller

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.