

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



December 29, 2020

**Public Meeting Advertised for 6:00 PM
Conducted at the Cedar Lake Town Hall
Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence**

Roll Call:

Present	Robert H. Carnahan Council Member	Ward 1	Absent	Colleen Schieben Council Member	Ward 6
Absent	John Foreman Council Member	Ward 2	Present	Richard Sharpe Council Member	Ward 7
Absent	Julie Rivera Council Member	Ward 3	Present	Jennifer N. Sandberg, IAMC Clerk-Treasurer	
Present	Ralph Miller Council Member	Ward 4	Present	Rick Eberly Town Manager	
Present	Randell Niemeyer Council Member	Ward 5	Absent	David Austgen Town Attorney	

**Mr. Eberly noted that due to the short agenda and nature of business he told Mr. Austgen his presence was not necessary.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 1274: Transfer Resolution

President Niemeyer read Resolution No. 1274 by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg explained this resolution was for operating transfers totaling \$31,100 within the General Fund. This is for the Lexipol Public Safety agreements that were previously approved.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 1274 was made by Richard Sharpe with second by Ralph Miller. Roll call: Carnahan – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes. Vote: 4 – 0.

2. Resolution No. 1275: Resolution to Reduce Current 2020 Balances

President Niemeyer read Resolution No. 1275 by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Sandberg explained this resolution was for total reductions of \$105,000 within the General Fund. This is to place the Town in a better position as they go into the new budget year.

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 1275 was made by Ralph Miller with second by Richard Sharpe. Roll call: Carnahan – Yes, Miller – Yes, Niemeyer – Yes, Sharpe – Yes. Vote: 4 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Carnahan spoke about the recently posted mechanic position within Public Works. He's heard comments made on not getting many applicants due to the starting wage. A lengthy discussion occurred on the position and the steps being taken to address personnel wages overall. Chief Wilkening noted that the current mechanic is unable to work on the large equipment. President Niemeyer discussed the possibility of creating a fleet maintenance program. Chief Fisher stated they have an officer in charge of fleet maintenance for police vehicles. Discussion continued.

Chief Fisher thanked Rick and Jen for their help securing funding for the Lexipol contracts. Mr. Eberly added that Mrs. Murr helped as well.

ADJOURNMENT President Niemeyer called the meeting to adjournment at 6:21 PM

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

Randell Niemeyer, President, Ward 5

Julie Rivera, Vice President, Ward 6

Robert H. Carnahan, Ward 1

John Foreman, Ward 2

Ralph Miller, Ward 4

Colleen Schieben, Ward 6

ATTEST:

Richard Sharpe, Ward 7

Jennifer N. Sandberg, IAMC
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 IC 5-1.5-2-2.5.