MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2025

Chairman Tony Wolff called the monthly meeting of the Town Board of Cedar Lake to order at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was held at the Cedar Lake Town Hall in Mikana. Present: Chairman Tony Wolff; Supervisors Kory Weiss and Jim Ludwig; Treasurer Gladys Roux, Deputy Clerk Maryhelen Drew and Clerk Suzie Boumeester were also in attendance. There were 25 members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were read. Tony made a motion to approve the minutes as read; seconded by Kory. All in favor, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Tony wanted to thank some of the parade committee members: Cyndi and Frank Saxinger, Tom and JoAnn Nanstad, Louie Okey, Jenifer Mason, Kathy Mintari, Tom Hankee and Holly Quillen.

Gladys presented a framed picture of Maryhelen with the article from the Chronotype, which will be displayed on the wall.

Gladys requested board approval for payment of half of the purchase of her computer, $325.00. Kory noted that there is a line budget allowing for this expense, Tony approved the reimbursement.

Lois Gabriel inquired on the Buckhorn account. Discussion followed; contact person is Brady Wolff whose information is on the website.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Gladys presented the financial report. Discussion was held on renewing the 6-month CD; the decision was to roll it over. All accounts were reported as balanced, Suzie confirmed reconciliation.

ROAD REPORT:

Kory reported that recent road activities were coordinated with Fourth of July events and included ditch mowing.

BIRCHWOOD FOUR CORNERS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

Don B. reported 15 fire calls for the month, totaling 52 year-to-date (compared to 51 last year), and 21 ambulance calls. The late Dwayne Everson, who passed in 2022, left $44,000 to the Mikana Fire Department, received this year. Property adjacent to the Fire Department, owned by the Weiss family, has been donated to the department.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. ATV Misuse – Tony discussed concerns over improper ATV use. He recommended residents contact the Sheriff's Department to report violations.

b. Road Maintenance – Kory outlined upcoming work:

- Blacktop on 24th Street
- Patching near the store
- Resurfacing East & West Lothians, Harmony Bay Road, and a portion of Sucker Creek Road (cost split 50/50 with Town of Wilson)
  Estimated cost: $149,300 (budget: $207,777), leaving $58,477; $35,572 spent to date, leaving approximately $23,000.
- Discussion was held on the county loan program and $17,600 remaining from LRIP funds.
- Gravel sales discussed; Kory will speak with the Highway Commissioner.

c. Suzie talked about the dumpsters and will check on weekly rates with BNB.

NEW BUSINESS:

a.Clerk College Expense – Motion by Tony to approve payment for Suzie's clerk training course; seconded by Jim. Discussion followed; Kathy Mintari expressed concern that the cost should come from the clerk's salary as it is not mandatory. Kory confirmed training expenses were budgeted for the Clerk. All in favor, Motion carried.

b. Rezoning Request – Laura Ekstrom requested rezoning from Ag-1 to Ag-2. Motion by Tony to approve; seconded by Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Tony will sign required forms when available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kory will meet with Monroe to deliver payment for the truck and follow up with Jeff Krueger on the one-ton truck. Kory noted the upcoming renewal of the town's insurance in August; he will send information to Jim for review. On July 4, Kory was approached regarding possible sale of town-owned real estate to David Strand. Tony requested the matter be placed on the September agenda.

Tony, Suzie and Gladys presented all correspondence received.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Tony to adjourn the meeting and pay the bills; seconded by Kory. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Notices were posted on the website, LLBC, Town Hall, The Grill, Red Cedar Market and sent to the Chrontype.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Boumeester, Clerk

Town of Cedar Lake