



**TOWN OF CICERO  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order:** Vice President Lutz called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Gary gave the prayer. Vice President Lutz called for roll call. Members of the Cicero Town Council were present or absent as follows:

<b>Present:</b>	Jerry Cook	<b>Absent:</b>	Chad Blueher
	Joseph Cox		
	Eric Hayden		
	Christopher Lutz		

**Declare a Quorum Present:** Vice President Lutz declared a quorum with four members present.

**Others Present:** Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer  
Jeff Rednour, Police Chief  
Lance Overholser, Fire Chief  
Frank Zawadzki, Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director  
Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent  
Aaron Culp, Town Attorney  
Keith Bryant, Town Engineer  
Bruce Freeman, Storm Water Management Board President  
Dan Strong, Project Coordinator

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Cox seconded, motion carried. In addition, a second motion was made by Mr. Hayden to add BOT to new business. Mr. Cook seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Prior Minutes:**

**Town Council Meeting Minutes, June 6, 2023, 7:00 PM**

Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes listed above. Mr. Hayden seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Claims:** Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the claims dated 6/20/23. Mr. Cox seconded, motion carried.

**Council Committee Reports:**

1. OTC Report – President Blueher was not present.
2. EDC Report – Mr. Cox stated that the EDC had a good meeting. Hamilton County Tourism is looking for a representative/coordinator from Cicero for the Hamilton County Eclipse Committee.
3. SWU Management Board Report – SWU President Freeman had no new updates.

**Legal Counsel Report** – Mr. Culp updated the council concerning the issue at Wareham’s Pond access. He stated that ordinance prohibits golf carts on the walking paths.

**Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report** – Mr. Zawadzki updated the council on the 40’ right-of-way question at Wareham’s Pond.

**Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant**

1. Tamarack and Auburn Estates – Mr. Bryant had nothing to report. He’s still waiting for punch lists from the developer.
2. Water – Mr. Bryant had no update water.
3. Wastewater – Mr. Bryant touched on BOT. Mr. Bryant also reviewed the letter to IDEM concerning the delay in the wastewater project to include reasons for delays, the agreed order, improvements, development, financing, weather, sludge removal, etc. In the end, Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve the letter to IDEM contingent upon Mr. Cooper and Mr. Blueher’s approval following their return next week. Mr. Cox seconded, motion carried.
4. Tollgate Road – Mr. Bryant noted that they have worked quickly with the limited CCMG timeframe and begin advertising for bids tomorrow with bids due at the July 18 Council meeting. It was explained that the existing locations and information from BerryComm and Frontier has been slow coming and does not seem complete or accurate. Bid documents will include a requirement for the contractor to pothole and locate the facilities within the widening area.
5. Brinton Street Storm Water Rehab Project – Mr. Bryant stated the contractor has started the project and touched on the progress. The new structure on Shore Lane is installed. The contractor had begun on Brinton Street, but utility locates showed a watermain in conflict with the spot repair. The contractor revisited the video and decided that they could make the repair in a trenchless manner which will save us money that can be applied elsewhere. Mr. Hayden asked that the project not interrupt the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend festivities. Mr. Bryant stated that it wouldn’t be a problem – the contractor has been and will continue to be informed that if they begin on Brinton Street prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> that full restoration must be done as well.

**Old Business:**

- a. Waterfront Condos – Mr. Cox made a motion to untable. Mr. Cook seconded, motion carried. Mr. Cox recapped the conversation from the previous meeting concerning the sewer credit. In the end, the council was not in favor of extending the summer sewer credit to the waterfront condos. In fact, Mr. Hayden would like for that credit to go away.

**New Business:**

- a. EMS Fee Schedule Ordinance 6-20-2023-1 – Mr. Cox made a motion to approve the 2023 EMS Fee Schedule Ordinance. Mr. Cook seconded, motion carried.
- b. BOT Resolution 06-20-2023-02 – Mr. Hayden gave a brief synopsis of the BOT (Build, Operate, Transfer) as well as the town’s interest in BOT. Mr. Hayden then made a motion to approve Resolution 06-20-2023-02. Mr. Cook seconded, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous:**

- a. Innkeeper Tax – Mr. Cox informed the council that he met with Hamilton County Councilman Hall and that the Innkeeper Tax is being considered to increase from 5% to 8%.

**Comments by Citizens:** Mr. (Jack) Russell, former Cicero Town Council Member, was present to introduce himself as One Zone President and Northern Hamilton County Chamber. He briefly spoke about the merger with the Northern Hamilton County Chamber as well as partnering with the town.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Mr. Cook made the motion. Mr. Cox seconded, motion carried.

**Signatures on Official Documents!**

***Signatures of Cicero Town Council***

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_____	Chad M Blueher	_____
_____	Jerry G Cook	_____
_____	Joseph R Cox	_____
_____	Eric C Hayden	_____
_____	Christopher J Lutz	_____

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

**The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on July 5, 2023, at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.**