



**TOWN OF CICERO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

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

Present:	Joseph Cox	Absent:
	Eric Hayden	
	Dennis Johnson	
	Jacob Everett	
	Emily Pearson	

Declare a Quorum Present: President Cox declared a quorum with all members present.

Others Present: Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer
Jeff Rednour, Police Chief
Chris Frazier, Fire Chief
Frank Zawadzki, Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director
Terry Cooper, Street & Utilities 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. Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Town Council Retreat Memorandum, March 12, 2026, 6:00 PM

Town Council Staff Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2026, 7:00 PM

Town Council Retreat Memorandum, March 17, 2026, 6:00 PM

Town Council Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2026, 7:00 PM

Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve the minutes listed above. Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Approval of 4/7/26 Claims: Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve claims. Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Council Committee Reports:

1. EDC Report – No report.
2. SWU Management Board Report – SWU President Freeman had nothing new to present.

Legal Counsel Report – Mr. Culp had nothing at this time; however, he did say that he will have the outdoor seating ordinance ready for the next meeting. Mr. Hayden inquired about restricting heavy vehicles on Jackson Street and ended up including Stringtown Pike. Conversation ensued concerning the specifics. Mr. Culp will put together a ordinance for the next meeting provided he has the information needed.

Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report - Director's Report - March 2026

Permit Revenue: March 2026 = \$6,920.42 YTD: \$34,490.43

March 2025 = \$5191 YTD: \$8,063

Difference: Month = \$1,729.42 YTD: \$26,427.43

A total of 26 building permits were issued in March 2026. Eighteen were inside the corporate limits (of which 1 is a new home). Eight permits were issued in Jackson Township (zero for a new home). Estimated Cost of projects permitted \$1,169,328. The Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled for April 8th, 2026, due to lack of business. The next BZA meeting scheduled for April 21st has been cancelled as well. Our annual report to IDEM for storm water runoff was forwarded to them during the month along with the Storm Water Ordinance update that was voted on in November of 2025.

Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant

1. Wastewater – Construction continues with the oxidation ditch and clarifier rehab, miscellaneous piping, etc. Their updated schedule indicates that they will be finished in mid-May. They have an onsite meeting tomorrow. They have submitted Pay Application 21, but council will consider it at the next council meeting. Mr. Hayden indicated that he is not happy with the use of contingency funds. Conversation among the Council continued. Mr. Bryant informed the Council that Reynolds has discussed additional use of contingency funds. In the end, the Council would like to meet and have a detailed review with Reynolds if they plan to continue to use contingency funds.
2. 2024 Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) West Jackson Street – Mr. Bryant stated that Midwest is planning to repair the concrete in front of Gymies soon as well as restripe the failing ADA parking markers. These are warranty items. Mr. Hayden asked that Mr. Strong inform Gymies. President Cox inquired about bike rack installation. After a brief discussion, Mr. Strong and Director Cooper will look for a few locations to install them (3 or 4). Afterwards, Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve Pay Application 11 and 12. Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried 5-0. Mr. Bryant asked that Council approve the final change order #2 which was a deduct to the contract of \$112,544.92. Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve the final change order. Mr. Everett seconded, motion carried 5-0.
3. 2026 CCMG – Mr. Bryant gave a brief status update stating that the contractor, Howard Co., performance and payment bonds and certificate of insurance were reviewed and are in compliance. He will schedule a preconstruction meeting soon. He then asked Council's approval for President Cox to sign the Notice to Proceed. Mr. Hayden made the motion. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 5-0.
4. Morse Landing Drive Underdrain Project – Mr. Bryant reported that the contractor, SLB Pipe Solutions will start construction in the next week or two. A preconstruction meeting was held, and they are awaiting updates on their schedule to mobilize and complete the work.

5. Task Order 2026-01. Mr. Bryant asked the Council about the Task Order previously submitted. Mr. Johnson was reviewing and it would be considered at a later date.

Old Business: Lateral Transfer Policy – Chief Frazier presented the policy for council approval as it has been previously discussed. Afterwards, Mr. Johnson made a motion to adopt the Lateral Transfer Policy. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

1. Redevelopment Commission Meeting – Removed from the agenda.
2. 15-minute parking – After a brief discussion, Council decided to provide on 20-minute parking spots in front of Sullivans, Dark Side and Nolan James. Council asked Mr. Culp to draft an ordinance.
3. Frontier Utility Boxes – President Cox stated that the Council is not singling out Frontier; however, the Council has concerns. Most important is the number of boxes that line properties and the impact to those properties. They wondered if one box could be shared with multiple users/companies to help alleviate the number of boxes. After discussion, Mr. Culp was asked to look into the legal aspect of what could be required or not required. Mr. Zawadzki was asked look into potential options to help mitigate the impact.

Miscellaneous: President Cox stated that the staff meeting scheduled for next week has been cancelled.

Comments by Citizens:

- a. Ms. Bianchi asked council’s blessing to post informational signs on her yard to keep traffic off her property. After discussion, council was ok with that.
- b. Ms. Bianchi then inquired about the town’s noise ordinance. She made a reference to the loud vehicles in the area. Chief Rednour will continue to look into this.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Johnson made the motion. Mr. Hayden seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Signatures on Official Documents!

Signatures of Cicero Town Council

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_____	Joseph R Cox	_____
_____	Jacob T Everett	_____
_____	Eric C Hayden	_____
_____	Dennis D Johnson	_____
_____	Emily K Pearson	_____

Attested: _____
Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on April 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.