



**TOWN OF CICERO
TOWN COUNCIL STAFF MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Call to Order: President Cox called the meeting to order with all five members present.

Present: Joseph Cox
Dennis Johnson
Emily Pearson

Absent: Jacob Everett
Eric Hayden

Others Present: Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

1. Town Council –
 - a. Bike Racks – After a brief discussion, it was decided to order three new bike racks. One will be placed between Dark Side Roasters and Purkey’s, one will be placed in front of Pizza King and one in front of Sullivans. The old bike rack in front of Sullivans will be removed and replaced with a new one.
 - b. Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce (MUST) – Removed from the agenda.
 - c. Town Employee Picnic – Ms. Pearson gave two potential dates of July 24 and 31 for the town employee picnic. She also asked that employees consider forming a committee to coordinate this event. More information to follow.
2. Plan – Mr. Zawadzki had nothing. Mr. Strong updated the council concerning reading letters and emails aloud at meetings. He stated that the Plan Commission will not do that in the future as they have amended their rules and procedures. This will be updated on listserv and the plan commission website so that everyone is aware of the change.
3. Fire – Chief Frazier had nothing.
4. Police –
 - a. E-Bikes – President Cox thought it was a good idea to get legal input before commenting as Mr. Culp is creating an ordinance for Cicero.
 - b. Lateral Hires – Chief Rednour would like for council to consider a lateral hire change for the police department. Ms. Gary will add this to the next council meeting agenda.
5. Water/Wastewater – Director Cooper distributed three quotes to repair the Causeway Lights. After a brief discussion, Ms. Gary will add this to the next council meeting agenda.
6. Clerk Treasurer – Ms. Gary is accepting bids for the town’s insurance and would like input from the council.
7. Project Coordinator – Mr. Strong had nothing.

8. Parks Dept –

- a. Skid Steer – After a brief discussion, council consensus was to approve the purchase of new skid steer to be paid in part with Park (\$30,000.00) and Food & Beverage (\$28,191.78) Funds. Ms. Gary will add this to the next council meeting agenda.
- b. Park Impact Study – After a brief discussion, council will discuss this at a later date.
- c. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant – Superintendent Hunter asked council’s position in reference to applying for the grant to move forward with the seawall repair. The grant is \$1 for \$1 match up to \$1M. In the end, it was discussed using the General Obligation Bond. Council consensus was to move forward.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Pearson made the motion. Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried 3-0.

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