



**TOWN OF CICERO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 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
Dennis Johnson
Jacob Everett
Emily Pearson

Absent: Eric Hayden

Declare a Quorum Present: President Cox declared a quorum with four 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 the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Town Council Staff Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2026, 7:00 PM

Town Council Meeting Minutes, July 21, 2026, 7:00 PM

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes listed above. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Approval of 8/4/26 Claims: Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve claims as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried 4-0.

****Public Hearing – Removed from the agenda. Rescheduled for 8/18/26.**

Council Committee Reports:

1. EDC Report – There was nothing.
2. SWU Management Board Report – SWU Freeman reported that they are tying up loose ends with the Morse Landing Drive Underdrain Project.

Legal Counsel Report – Mr. Culp had nothing at this time.

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

Permit Revenue: July 2026 = \$4,245 YTD: \$57,568

July 2025 = \$6,551 YTD: \$29,927

Difference: Month = -\$2,306 YTD: \$27,641

A total of 25 building permits were issued for July 2026. Fourteen are inside the corporate limits (of which 0 were for new homes). Six permits were issued in Jackson Township (of which, 0 were for new homes). Five ROW/Encroachment Permits were issued. Estimated Cost of projects permitted \$360,028.

The next Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for Aug 12th at the Town Hall, the next BZA meeting is scheduled for August 20th at Town Hall. Both committees have items on the agenda and will meet.

Mr. Zawadzki gave a special thanks to Mr. Strong for believing in him and teaching him to do this work. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Strong well.

Mr. Strong reported that someone hit the fence beside Bronko's; however, it is being resolved.

Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant

1. Wastewater – Mr. Bryant reported that Reynolds Construction continues to work on the punch list and miscellaneous items. He has met with Indiana Finance Authority in reference to permanent financing through the SRF (State Revolving Fund). The conclusion was to wait a while since our BAN interest rate is 2.61% which is lower than we can get on the SRF at this time.
2. 2026 CCMG (East Jackson Street) – Mr. Bryant stated that a substantial completion inspection has been conducted. He would like to have President Cox sign the Substantial Completion Form tonight if possible. After a brief conversation, Ms. Pearson made a motion for President Cox to sign the substantial completion. Mr. Everett seconded, motion carried 4-0. It was noted that Pay Application #1 for the project was approved with the claims.
3. Morse Landing Drive Underdrain Project – Mr. Bryant said that a substantial completion inspection has been done on this. They are working to get items wrapped up from the punch list.
4. 2027 CCMG (West Jackson Street – Pearl Street to the west side of the bridge) – Mr. Bryant stated that they are working on the surveys and aerial mapping. They will then move into the design work in an effort to be ahead of the September grant application date.
5. Water – Mr. Bryant stated that the project is moving ahead in that the aerial survey work has been flown. They're mapping that and doing the supplemental survey as well as working with suppliers to get information on equipment to begin design.
6. Mr. Bryant told Mr. Strong how much he appreciated working with him over the years.

Old Business:

- a. Parking Lot Sealing/Striping at Utility/Planning Offices – Mr. Zawadzki asked Council consensus to spend up to \$5,000.00 to reseal and stripe the parking lot at the Utility Office. Council was good with that.
- b. South Peru Street Update – Mr. Bryant and Director Cooper updated the council concerning Mr. Cook’s issues at 250 S Peru Street. They looked at the history, lift station, elevation, depth, ordinance etc. concerning the problem. Mr. Bryant stated that there is a lot of ground water in that area, but it’s not backing up out of the lift station. Director Cooper had the sewer televised and echoed Mr. Bryant’s thoughts. He stated that they found nothing broken, leaking, disconnected or unplugged. President Cox inquired if there is any other action required on our end. Director Cooper didn’t think so.
- c. Weight Ordinance No. 08-04-2026-01 – Mr. Culp gave a brief overview stating that Council decided to change the way we were measuring the weight as well as the total weight. This ordinance is exactly the same as the first one except now the weight is 26,001 lb. Afterwards, Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-04-2026-01. Mr. Johnson seconded, motion carried 4-0.

New Business: There was none.

Miscellaneous: President Cox stated that Mr. Strong has decided to retire. He offered his thought and kind words expressing Dan’s commitment and dedication to the Town of Cicero. Ms. Pearson then presented Mr. and Mrs. Strong with a Proclamation that August 4, 2026 shall be observed as Dan and Teri Strong Day. She read the proclamation aloud. Commissioner Heirbrandt was in attendance to present the Rampart Award to Mr. Strong and went on to talk about what that award entails as well as the relationship he and Mr. Strong have built over the years. He also thanked Ms. Strong for her contributions and the importance of family support. Mr. Strong then expressed his gratitude to the town and what it’s meant to him. He ended with he wanted things to be better and to make a difference every day. Mission accomplished Mr. Strong.

Comments by Citizens: Cicero resident, Mr. Alden addressed the council concerning the handicapped parking space in front of his residence. Council asked Director Cooper to take a look at this. After a brief discussion, the Council will take this under advisement.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Johnson made the motion. Ms. Pearson seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Signatures on Official Documents!

Signatures of Cicero Town Council

AYE		NAY
_____	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 August 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.