



Town Council Meeting Agenda January 20, 2026 to follow Utility Board Meeting

ELECTED TO A 4-YEAR TERM:

Robert H. Carnahan,
Ward 1 (R) ☐
(01/01/2023-
12/31/2026)

Julie Rivera,
Ward 2 (R) ☐
(01/01/2023-
12/31/2026)

Nicholas A. Recupito,
Ward 3 (R) ☐
President
(01/01/2023-
12/31/2026)

Chuck Becker,
Ward 4 (R) ☐
(01/01/2024-
12/31/2027)

Greg Parker,
Ward 5 (I) ☐
(01/01/2024-
12/31/2027)

Mary Joan Dickson,
At Large (D) ☐
(01/01/2024-
12/31/2027)

Richard Thiel,
At Large (R) ☐
Vice President
(01/01/2024-
12/31/2027)

Jennifer Sandberg, ☐
IAMCA,
Clerk-Treasurer
(01/01/2024-
12/31/2027)

Benjamin Eldridge, ☐
Town Manager

David Austgen, ☐
Town Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

OATH OF OFFICE: Firefighter/EMT Julian Childress

PUBLIC COMMENT (on agenda items only)

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Claims: All Town Funds: \$2,244,664.69; Wastewater Operating: \$73,395.21; Water Utility: \$85,140.75; Storm Water: \$171,986.02; Payroll (1/15/26): \$303,341.68; December Remittances: \$282,230.52
2. Donations:
 - Head Games Salon – In-Kind Donation of 2,300 Dum Dum Lollipops to PD Trunk or Treat
 - Marilyn Dema - \$100 Donation to K9
 - Barbara Selenik - \$200 Donation to K9
3. Manual Journal Entries: December 1, 2025- December 31, 2025
4. Clerk-Treasurer Year End Report:
 - a. Cancellation of Old Outstanding Warrants
 - b. Forwarding Encumbrances
 - c. EMS Collections Transfer from General Fund: \$85,939.94
5. Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Tim Kubiak
6. Tag Days (Solicitation Day activity):
 - Cedar Lake Youth Baseball- 04/18/2026
 - Amvets Post 15- 05/02/2026
 - Cedar Lake Lion's Club- 08/15/2026

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution No. 1385- Temporary Loan 2017 ABC Bonds
2. Resolution No. 1386- Temporary Loan 2022 AB Bonds

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic Training Reimbursement Agreement for Julian Childress
2. Shades AA-AB Final Pay Request #2

- 3. Y2026 Town Attorney Agreement**
- 4. Y2026 NIES Engineering Agreement**
- 5. Appoint Liaison for Community Heart and Soul**
- 6. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee List Approval (Deferred from January 6, 2026 meeting)**
- 7. Revised dates for the Town of Cedar Lake 2026 Meeting Schedule (RDC, Town Council, and Board of Safety)**
- 8. Park Board request for consideration to expand the community garden on Town grounds**
- 9. Knights of Columbus request for \$2000 of the Y2026 tourism funds**

REPORTS:

- 1. Town Council**
- 2. Town Attorney**
- 3. Clerk-Treasurer**
- 4. Town Manager**
- 5. Director of Operations**
- 6. Police Department**
- 7. Fire Department**
- 8. Parks Department**

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:

- 1. Building Department Report**
- 2. Christopher B. Burke Report**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

PRESS SESSION:

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 to follow the Redevelopment Commission Meeting.

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