

Leo-Cedarville Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2014

In attendance: Paul Steffens, Kevin Veatch, Ted Garton, John Eastes, Peg Garton, Greg Peck, Gary and Kim Cooper, Gordon Liechty Sr., Mike Young

Absent: Tim Richards, John Clendenen

Meeting was called to order by councilmen Steffens, as President John Clendenen was absent.

Ted Garton, Councilmen was asked to take the meeting minutes as Mr. John Eastes was not able to do so.

Peg Garton, Town Manager introduced the board members and explained the meeting procedure and that the agenda would be abbreviated as two councilmen were absent.

Kevin Veatch made the motion to accept the agenda with flexibility, Ted Garton seconded the motion. The motion was approved without objection.

The previous meeting minutes were approved without objection.

Peg Garton asked the council to approve a change order received from API in regards to the summer road projects. Kevin Veatch made the motion to approve the change order, Ted Garton seconded the motion. The motion stands approved without objection.

Peg Garton gave a brief report on the following: Lakes of Leo, Engineer, David Brown sent an email regarding the new subdivision. The developer of Granit Ridge has decided against further submittal of the new development. The developer said that due to wetland issues delaying the project start and the construction cost of installing the sewer lift station and the sewer force main along Hosler that to move forward at his time is not feasible and that they would not pursue the primary plat plan previously submitted. They plan to however submit a 90 home development and are making plans to ask for capacity availability from the sewer district or explore other sewage options.

Peg Garton also reported on an update she received regarding Leo Tire and Wheel. Currently the Indiana Department of Environmental Management has issued several counts of violation and fines against the owners. More information regarding this will be forthcoming.

Peg Garton reminded the council that the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns will be holding their conference in Fort Wayne on September 9, 10, 11, 2014, and that she would need their registration information.

Peg Garton reported that she is getting concrete quotes on a crosswalk proposal on Leo Grabill Road near the new park, and on a small side walk in the old down town.

Peg Garton reported that Donna Hankey, Plan Commissioner and Board of Zoning Appeals member had moved out of Town into Fort Wayne due to her health.

Peg Garton reported that she and council men Clendenen and Steffens had met with the Sheriff department in regards to increasing our contracted hours. The councilmen were planning to contact the Town of Grabill.

Peg Garton reported that she was currently working on performance evaluations of employees. The park board had reviewed the employees of that department and that she would have all employee evaluations available for council review upon notice.

Peg Garton reported on a meeting that she, Town Engineer, Councilmen Clendenen, and intern Nathan Law had with the State Highway department. She stated that she feels that the next step is to talk to East Allen County Schools about traffic issues and then revisit the topic of the need for a traffic committee. She stated that Jim Lauer, Town Engineer will give an in depth report of the state highway meeting at the next meeting date.

Peg Garton stated that the Cruise In #2 was scheduled for Friday August 15, 2014 and that the Fall Festival was scheduled for September 20, 2014. She stated that the Chamber is sponsoring the 2nd Annual ART in the Park on September 27, 2014.

Peg Garton stated that the Town would have Town Wide Garage Sale Days on September 4, 5, 6, 2014 and that Unlimited Garbage Pick Up would be September 13, 2014.

Paul Steffens, Council President Pro -tem asked for the public hearing to be opened in regards to the Ordinance amending the ordinance #2001-05 and Establishing rates for the collection, treating and disposing of garbage in a sanitary manner. The councilmen waived the reading of the ordinance. Paul Steffens asked if anyone from the audience had any questions. Kim Cooper asked if the town ever went out to open bid for trash services and Peg Garton and councilmen responded that they have gone out to bid on several occasions and plan to again next year. She also asked if that would include curbside recycling and Peg Garton responded that it would be an option.

No changes or additions were made to the ordinance. Mr. Steffens noted that the ordinance was published in the courier and posted on the Town Website. The hearing was closed. The ordinance will go to the council for approval at their next scheduled meeting.

John Eastes gave a treasurer report and the councilmen present signed the vouchers for approval.

Peg Garton asked if the councilmen had any questions regarding the proposed 2015 budget. After hearing none, the councilmen asked Mr. Eastes to upload and print the proposal on the gateway system as required. Mr. Eastes then asked that the council review the budget with him to check for accuracy. The council did not wish to do so. The councilmen felt that any further discussion and or changes to the budget would be made at a later date when all council would be present. Kevin Veatch stated that the treasurer could print a copy of what he prepared for the gateway upload and compare for accuracy.

Kevin Veatch moved to adjourn the meeting till August 26, 2014, Ted Garton seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objection.

Signed:

Attested: _____

Ted Garton, Secretary-pro-tem