

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

- Present:
 - John Clendenen – Council President
 - John Eastes – Vice President
 - Paul Steffens
 - Gordon Liechty, Jr.
 - Tim Richards
 - Peggy Garton – Town Administrator
- Absent:
 - Pamela Spannuth – Clerk-Treasurer

7:00 – Council President Clendenen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA – The council unanimously agreed to accept the agenda with flexibility.

MARCH 15, 2011 MINUTES – The council unanimously approved the March 15, 2011 meeting minutes as prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Spannuth. Mr. Eastes moved to accept the March 15, 2011 meeting minutes and Mr. Richards provided the second.

Mr. Troy Weiland came before council and requested that the town install a sidewalk that would border the south side of a commercial building located and addressed in the downtown area at 15004 State Road 1. Mr. Weiland also requested that the town provide street parking and drainage work appropriate to the location under consideration. Council reached consensus to gather information and directed Mrs. Garton to have Leo-Cedarville's town engineer, Mr. Lauer, prepare cost estimates that would cover street drainage, paving for parking and sidewalk replacement.

Cindy Kimm, representing the Leo-Cedarville Park Board, came before council to discuss various items of interest regarding the town's public parks.

- Council unanimously approved the employment of a part-time groundskeeper, as recommended by Mrs. Kimm and Mrs. Garton. Councilman Steffens moved to accept the recommended employment application, with Councilman Liechty, Jr. providing the second.
- Council discussed implementation of the town's \$20,000 Wal-Mart grant awarded in 2009 (Funds were not received until December 2010.), and the impact of the current park master plan on green space, drainage, and tree planting in Riverside Gardens.
- Council President Clendenen submitted two names for immediate appointment to the town's park board. Councilman Eastes moved the appointment of Peggy Garton and Councilman Liechty, Jr. seconded the motion. Councilman Eastes then moved the appointment of Terry Jo Lightfoot, with Councilman Richards providing the second. Both Mrs. Garton and Mrs. Lightfoot's appointments to the park board received unanimous support and approval by council members.

- Council reached consensus on preparation of a draft copy that would amend the current park board ordinance, with the desire to move from a four-member to a five-member board.

Town Administrator Garton presented information regarding significant grant opportunities that would require timely action on behalf of the town and its community supporters.

- Regarding near-term grant preparation possibilities on behalf of the town and based upon a directive from President Clendenen, Mrs. Garton contacted the engineering firm of Fleis & Vandenbrink. Mrs. Garton and Gordon Liechty, Jr. reported that they met on April 1 with Senior Project Manager Martin K. Spees, PE, of Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc., and that the group discussed two such grants, as noted herein. Mrs. Garton distributed a copy of Mr. Spees' resume of accomplishments and areas of expertise for council members' review.
- Councilman Clendenen moved and Councilman Liechty, Jr. seconded a motion to commit \$5,000 to contract with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. to prepare the two below-noted grant applications. Council approved the motion unanimously and Council signed a letter committing to the preparation of the two grants.
- Grant Application One: The DNR Recreational Trails Program Application, with a grant ceiling amount of \$150,000 and an 80-20 match requirement, is due on May 1, 2011, with grant funds to be used for a new pathway/sidewalk that extends along the south side of Hosler Road, from Amstutz Road to the existing soccer complex drive approach. The fee for providing the research and development, which goes into the application along with the application and delivery of the application prior to the due date, is \$3,000. If successful in its application, the town would utilize this grant funding resource to develop a 10-foot wide trail that meets the new national ASHTO Standards requirement.
 - Public Comment: Gordon Liechty, Sr. asked clarification questions and concluded by offering to write a letter in support of the above-noted grant project.
- Grant Application Two: The DNR Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant Application, with a grant ceiling amount of \$200,000 and a 50-50 match requirement, is due on June 1, 2011, with grant funds to be used for a new hard surface pathway/sidewalk that transforms approximately 1,700 feet of wood chip pathway to hard surface pathway within Riverside Park. The fee for providing the research and development, which goes into the application along with the application and delivery of the application prior to the due date, is \$2,000.
 - Public Comment: Cindy Kimm asked questions and then followed with points of information in support of the above-noted grant. Others in attendance offered no further comment.
- Council reached consensus and a request was made of the town's park board to reimburse the town's general fund for \$2,000, the cost of preparing the DNR Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant.

Council unanimously approved the employment of a part-time maintenance employee, as recommended by Mrs. Garton. Councilman Steffens moved to accept the recommended employment application, with Councilman Richards providing the second.

As moved by Councilman Eastes and seconded by Councilman Richards, Council unanimously approved a motion to waive a complete reading of proposed ORDINANCE 2011-1.

- Council discussed the first reading of proposed ORDINANCE 2011-1, known as “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR THE COLLECTION, TREATING AND DISPOSING OF GARBAGE IN SANITARY MANNER.”
- ORDINANCE 2011-1 will be ready for final reading and adoption at the next town council meeting, currently scheduled for April 19, 2011.

Councilman Eastes moved to disburse \$4,500 to the town’s Fourth of July Celebration Committee. Councilman Richards seconded the motion with all in favor. President Clendenen abstained, as he is also a member of the Fourth of July Celebration Committee.

Councilman Eastes moved to contract the town’s engineering consulting services for the 2011 calendar year with Schnelker Engineering. Councilman Steffens provided a second, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Steffens provided information on the Indiana Heath Card program that uninsured or underinsured people who do not have adequate drug benefit coverage can use. At President Clendenen’s request, Councilman Steffens agreed to provide an informative letter for publication in the Courier.

VOUCHERS – Council member signatures approved the April 1, 2011 line-item voucher form.

MINUTES: John Eastes prepared and submitted the above-noted minutes for Council approval.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

JOHN CLENDENEN
Council President

JOHN EASTES
Council Vice President