

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2008

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE:

John Clendenen – Council President
Paul Steffens – Vice President
Gordon Liechty Jr.
Mike Young
John Eastes

Pam Spannuth – Clerk-Treasurer, Peggy Garton – Town Administrator

7:00 – Mr. Clendenen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA – Approved as written.

MINUTES – The April 8, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

OFFICE SPACE PROPOSAL – Ms. Garton presented a proposal for several changes within the town office which would provide additional office space. The proposal includes moving the meeting chambers to the main entrance area. Ideas were discussed; topic will be on next agenda.

INDIANA DOWNTOWN – Ms. Garton gave an update on the efforts of the Indiana Downtown committee. 100 phone surveys were successfully conducted during two evenings and Mr. Clendenen generously provided dinner to the volunteers. The local school children will also be involved with envisioning the future of the downtown area via artwork and other visual projects. The community vision session is scheduled for May 13, 2008.

OFFICE / PAVILION LOCKS – Brief discussion ensued pertaining to changing several locks located at the town office garage and park pavilion.

BRIDGE FUNDING DISCUSSION – Mr. Clendenen briefed the council on the meeting held with the Allen County Commissioners relating to funding the many bridges throughout Allen County. A cumulative bridge fund was previously established within the Allen County tax rate but the fund is no longer an item within their tax levy. The proposal was made at the meeting to increase the surtax and wheeltax and the individual communities would give that money back to the county via resolution for the purpose of funding bridge related needs. The county council requested that they would like to have the individual communities petition the county via resolutions passed by those individual governmental bodies. Another option is for the individual municipality to keep the extra funding provided by an increase in the wheel and surtax for the use of bridge maintenance. Discussion ensued relating to whether it would be best for the town to pay into a county bridge fund or maintain the funds within the town through our own budget. Mr. Eastes recommended that the town consider starting a cumulative bridge fund. The council will consider this idea further.

TORNADO SIREN – Mr. Clendenen addressed the appropriation within the budget for a new tornado siren within the town. Mr. Steffens has been communication with Berney Bieir, from Allen County Emergency Management, regarding how to proceed having a new siren placed within the town. It may be possible for the town to work in conjunction with the county on the purchase and/or installation of a new siren.

MEDIACOM CONTRACT – The letter dated March 13, 2008 was addressed which notifies the council that the Mediacom franchise agreement with the Town of Leo-Cedarville is scheduled to expire on December 20, 2010. Discussion ensued as to how to proceed exploring options. A copy of the existing franchise agreement will be provided to Mr. Proctor, town attorney for review.

LETTER FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RE: EAC PLAN – Leo-Cedarville elected officials were in receipt of a letter drafted by Beth Garber, Allen County Director of Governmental Affairs regarding a few discrepancies found that exist between the proposed East Allen Community plan and the government modernization bill, HEA 1362-2006. The town has noticed a public meeting for April 17, 2008 in order to decide whether or accept or reject proposed resolution R41706.

VOUCHERS – The April 15, 2008 line item voucher form and the March 2008 line item payroll forms was approved.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

John Clendenen
Council President

Pamela Spannuth
Clerk-Treasurer