

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

Paul Steffens – Council President
John Clendenen – Vice President
Gordon Liechty, Jr.
Michael Young
John Eastes
Pamela Spannuth – Clerk-Treasurer
Jim Lauer – Town Engineer

7:00 - Mr. Steffens called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA – The council unanimously approved the agenda with flexibility.

2010 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – Mr. Lauer was present at the meeting to discuss the topic of potential 2010 road improvement projects. Mr. Clendenen stated that he and Mr. Eastes have examined different options for financing projects. Due to extremely low construction prices, he and Mr. Eastes feel that it would be wise to take advantage of the opportunity to undertake such projects. Mr. Eastes further stated he feels that inflation is imminent and public works project prices will spike in the not so distant future. He suggested that currently the cost of borrowing money is low and this would enable the town to complete necessary improvement projects at a lower cost. The price of financing would be insignificant compared to the savings that would be realized by taking advantage of the current market. Mr. Lauer discussed that the sewer district is going to be undertaking several improvement projects and suggested that the council hold off on any improvements in those areas. Mr. Clendenen provided an example of borrowing up to \$700,000.00 with a 5-year repayment option. Repayment of such loan would be from the town's annual CEDIT proceeds. Additional parking for the Leo-Cedarville Park was also suggested as potential 2010 improvement, and would be funded within the proposed sum. Mr. Eastes stated that he feels that the town should have multiple projects shovel ready. Mr. Young stated he feels that this plan to undertake so much at once may be aggressive. He also stated he does not wish to make any decisions that would commit any expenditure as this topic was not on the original version of the agenda and he didn't want any financial commitment to be proposed at this meeting. He feels that the condition of the roads in the town have been significantly been improved over the last few years by undertaking improvement projects and staying within a budget of \$350,000.00 a year. Mr. Clendenen stated that planning early is essential as projects typically get pushed too late into the budget year. Discussion ensued regarding the cost vs. benefit of borrowing money at today's prices to fund these projects. Mr. Eastes moved to have Mr. Lauer provide engineering estimates to have projects shovel ready for any necessary road improvements within Witmer Park, Brighton Park, Souder Road, Amstutz north of Hosler, Reservoir Road, and to provide firm numbers for further action to be taken by the next meeting. Mr. Clendenen seconded. Discussion ensued regarding

what this would entail. There is no charge for Mr. Lauer to compile the requested figures. Mr. Liechty suggested that Witmer Park be broken down into smaller parts versus a whole project. Mr. Eastes agreed to amend his motion as such; Mr. Clendenen agreed to the amendment. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

MINUTES – The February 2, 2010 meeting minutes were approved with amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Ms. Spannuth presented the year beginning January 1, 2010 fund and appropriation report as well as the reports for the month ending January 31, 2010.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROPOSAL – The council reviewed the costs associated with acquiring an old steel truss bridge that was offered to the town at the previous council meeting by Mr. Pete Hall. The short-term initial cost is \$12,000.00 for the transportation and \$2,000.00 for the scrap value. The estimate for the total cost to reconstruct the bridge into a pedestrian bridge including the initial transportation costs is \$89,000.00 - \$122,000.00. Discussion ensued about the potential for this to become a community project to include fund raising efforts as well as seeking possible donations of professional labor by local contractors. Different potential locations for this bridge were discussed such as locating the bridge along a future pedestrian trail that may have to span any waterway/ditch or possibly a bridge to an island within the reservoir. Mr. Clendenen moved that the town commit to purchase and store the bridge at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.00. The motion passed by a majority vote with Mr. Young voting against and Mr. Liechty abstaining.

2010 MRBPLG PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL – Mr. Steffens discussed the proposed agreement with Christopher Burke Engineering for representing the Maumee River Basin Partnership Committee in 2010. The cost to the town as a participating community would be \$500.00. Mr. Young raised his concern that this committee does not have representation from other much larger communities along the Maumee such as Toledo, Ohio. Although the town's share is \$500.00, he feels that it is too much money for a community that is much smaller than most along the Maumee River Basin and is the only town on this committee not actually on the Maumee River. Mr. Steffens discussed all of the services and lobbying efforts that are provided by the Maumee River Basin Partnership Committee and services provided to them by the engineering firm; He has been an active participant on this committee for several years. He referenced some of the strict policies, regulations, and unfunded mandates that the group has fought against over the years. He feels the benefit to this community far exceeds the cost of participation. The town was eligible and approved to receive the \$20,000.00 grant for the purchase of rain barrels due to membership on this committee. Mr. Eastes stated that the Town of Leo-Cedarville should maintain a voice on this committee; Mr. Clendenen agreed. Mr. Eastes moved to pay the \$500.00 fee. Mr. Clendenen seconded. The motion passed by a majority vote with Mr. Young voting against.

GARBAGE SERVICES – Mr. Steffens provided a list of suggested details that should be included on a request for bids for trash services. The list included bin maintenance such

as pick up and delivery, the cost differential on direct billing vs. town billing, the availability of mini bins, additional unlimited garbage collection days, extra garbage stickers, recycling options (curbside, vs. a central collection point), and the cost break on second bin. Mr. Young suggested that the service providers for other communities be made aware that the town will be seeking bids. Ms. Spannuth will discuss this with the town attorney and will provide a request for proposals to be reviewed at the next meeting. Bids will then be sought.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Mr. Clendenen briefly discussed details pertaining to capital improvement planning.

GOLF CART ORDINANCE 2010-01 - Mr. Clendenen moved to waive the second reading of the golf cart ordinance; Mr. Eastes seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Clendenen moved to adopt Ordinance 2010-01. Mr. Eastes seconded for the sake of discussion. Mr. Clendenen addressed the previous discussion regarding seat belts; he confirmed that addressing seat belts within this ordinance is not a legal requirement. Discussion ensued regarding the types of vehicles that this ordinance governs. Ordinance 2010-01 was adopted by unanimous vote.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE – Mr. Young stated he would like to see the current ordinance regarding the maintenance of sidewalks enforced during the winter months. He recommends that the ordinance be published in the courier as a reminder to residents to maintain a clear walkway.

VOUCHERS – The February 16, 2010 line item voucher form was approved by signature.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned until March 2, 2010.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

PAUL STEFFENS
Council President

PAMELA SPANNUTH
Clerk-Treasurer