

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 2, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

MINUTES – The January 19, 2010 meeting minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC SPEAKS – Mr. Gary Queckboerner was present to introduce himself to the town council as the new chairman of the board of the Stormwater Utility. He discussed the capital projects that the utility will be faced with undertaking in 2010. He stated that the drainage would have to be improved in several locations including Ivans Lane, Riverdale and Drive and Gerig Road.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROPOSAL – Mr. Pete Hall was present to address the town council about an opportunity to acquire the steel trusses from an old bridge that is being replaced. He asked the council about the status of installing any trails or walkways within the town. He showed the council an example of a pedestrian bridge that was reconstructed out of an old steel truss bridge. He presented the council with a binder of examples as well as contacts who do this kind of reconstruction work.

AGENDA – Mr. Liechty moved to adopt the agenda with flexibility; Mr. Eastes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2010 ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – Mr. Eastes moved to accept the proposed agreement for Consulting Engineering Services for 2010 as drafted by Schnelker Engineering; Mr. Liechty seconded. The 2010 engineering agreement was accepted by unanimous vote.

RIVERSIDE GARDENS RESTROOM CHANGE ORDER – Mr. Steffens read the details of change order #3 (final) that address several minor repairs and changes that were required to complete the Riverside Gardens Restroom project. Mr. Clendenen moved that the parks department be consulted on the details of this change order prior to council acceptance; Mr. Young seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The change order will be presented to the park board for review.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Spannuth stated that the 2010 budget has been approved as requested. The council agreed that a financial report provided once a month would be sufficient versus every meeting.

RESIGNATION FROM BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – Mr. Steffens expressed his sincere appreciation to Mr. Robert Beerbower for his years of service to the Leo-Cedarville Board of Zoning Appeals. He has submitted his resignation as he has moved out of the area.

RESOLUTION 2010-01 – Mr. Eastes moved to adopt resolution 2010-01 regarding a transfer of funds from major budget classes within funds in order to balance the 2009 budget. Mr. Clendenen seconded; the motion to adopt resolution 2010-01 passed by unanimous vote.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL DISCUSSION – The sidewalk committee is still discussing this topic. Mr. Young agreed with the town attorney’s recommendation for how to proceed enforcing the maintenance of sidewalks under the current ordinance.

RAIN BARRELS – Mr. Steffens updated the council regarding obtaining a sample rain barrel to display at the office. Mr. Liechty provided some feedback that he received from an officer of the Pioneer Village Homeowner Association; they recommend that the council would require that they be screened from public view. Mr. Young would like an ordinance in place requiring the proper maintenance of such barrels. Mr. Queckboerner stated that the barrels would help with a slower release of rainwater into the storm system during heavy rains.

UPCOMING IDEM AUDIT – Mr. Steffens stated that IDEM has an upcoming scheduled compliance audit.

ORDINANCE 2010-01 REGARDING GOLF CART USAGE – Mr. Clendenen moved to introduce proposed ordinance 2010-01; Mr. Liechty seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Eastes moved to waive the reading of the entire document as the only resident in attendance at the meeting has a copy. Mr. Liechty seconded; motion to waive the reading carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Clendenen discussed the specific amendments that were made to the previous document upon the review by the town attorney. Mr. Clendenen created this document by utilizing the contents of several other town’s ordinances and adapting it to the needs of Leo-Cedarville. The topic of seatbelts was discussed and will be directed to Mr. Proctor for clarification. This will be posted on the website for public review prior to the next meeting.

NATIONAL SERV-ALL – Ms. Spannuth discussed the problems being encountered by the increasing demands resulting by maintaining the garbage bins. The council agreed that the service provider should be primarily responsible for the bins.

CENSUS “BE COUNTED SITE” – The town office will be used as a “be counted site” during the hours posted for the town administrator.

ANNUAL BOBCAT AGREEMENT – Mr. Clendenen moved to approve the annual bobcat trade-out agreement. The council unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Mr. John Markey from Northeast Fire and EMS was present from the fire department. He invited the members of the town council to a “roundtable” discussion with the department and the other entities that are served by the department. The meeting is scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. General discussion ensued about future location(s) for any proposed new station. Many factors need to be taken under consideration when and if a new fire station is built. Mr. Eastes urges the department to consider the Schwartz Road property as a possible future location, or any other site that would be acceptable within the town. Mr. Clendenen urged the department to consider manning a station within Leo-Cedarville’s corporate limits. Mr. Young mentioned it would be difficult to justify to the general public the cost to have one built on Schwartz Road only a mile and a half from the fire station in Grabill.

PARK BOARD RESOLUTION 2010-01 – The park board presented a proposed resolution to the town council to review. Mr. Young asked if the public was surveyed regarding this. Mr. Eastes stated that there has been a lot of public discussion on the topic of alcohol usage. This resolution places the burden of safety on the renter vs. the town or park’s department. No council action was taken.

VOUCHERS – The February 2, 2010 line item voucher form was approved.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

PAUL STEFFENS  
Council President

PAMELA SPANNUTH  
Clerk-Treasurer