

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES – The January 18, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

AGENDA – The agenda was approved with flexibility.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Spannuth presented the 2007 year-end appropriation and fund reports for review. Resolution 2008-01, a resolution balancing 2007 appropriations, and Resolution 2008-02, resolving to transfer funds to the town's Rainy Day Fund, were both introduced and will be on the next agenda for consideration.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – Mr. Clendenen updated the council on the number of responses to the Courier advertisements seeking Parks Department Advisory Board members. He recommended that Mr. Steffens and Ms. Garton interview those who responded and return to the next council meeting with recommendations for appointments. Mr. Eastes addressed several concerns he has regarding the appointment process such as what criteria is used during the interview process and how are initial terms determined. The council agreed to appoint Mr. Steffens and Ms. Garton to interview the respondents and return with recommendations. Mr. Eastes requested that in addition to the recommendations, the council be provided with details on the recommended board members length of terms.

STORMWATER UTILITY – The council discussed the stormwater problem in Witmer Park. The town engineer and a representative from the stormwater utility board will be present at the next meeting to discuss any findings or recommendations for stormwater relief in this area. Mr. Young stressed that this area be treated as priority and receives relief from flooding as soon as possible. The stormwater utility is currently working on a master plan for this area. The council agreed that this area needs improvements. Mr. Clendenen recommends that the town reconstruct the roads in this area in conjunction with the stormwater plan. Mr. Weaver, a town resident and previous councilman, recommended that the roads under consideration be surveyed to confirm where the actual centerline is. Mr. Liechty suggested that side ditches be considered for economical reasons. Discussion ensued regarding the use of curbs & gutters vs.

side ditches. The engineer will be present at the next meeting to address these issues.

STREET REPAIRS & RESURFACING – The council agreed that the town should continue resurfacing streets this year; a final list of streets to receive resurfacing has not been finalized. Mr. Clendenen will request an estimate on current asphalt prices.

ORDINANCE 2008-01 – Mr. Eastes moved that the council adopt ordinance 2008-01; Mr. Young seconded this ordinance. Mr. Eastes discussed his purpose for bringing this ordinance to the table. He feels that this ordinance would help increase public awareness relating to ordinances that are under consideration. Discussion ensued regarding specifics of this ordinance. Mr. Liechty recommended that “elected” be changed to “present” in paragraph 5. Mr. Eastes also agreed that paragraph 6 be stricken. Mr. Young approved these changes. Mr. Eastes amended paragraph 1 to read, “Every proposed ordinance must be introduced in writing.” Mr. Young agreed. The ordinance passed by a majority vote; Mr. Steffens and Mr. Clendenen voted against.

2008 SCHNELKER ENGINEERING CONTRACT – Mr. Steffens moved to adopt the 2008 Schnelker Engineering contract. Following a second, discussion ensued regarding the quality of engineering services and the total amount budgeted. The agreement passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – Mr. Clendenen discussed an upcoming meeting regarding proposed House Bill 1001 and how it would affect the budgeting process.

INDIANA DOWNTOWN MEETING – The Indiana Downtown process committee held their first meeting today to discuss the Indiana Downtown program, more information will be published regarding their efforts in the near future.

VOUCHERS – The February 5, 2008 line item voucher form was signed; voucher #1845 was approved.

Meeting was adjourned until February 19, 2008.

APPROVED

ATTEST

John Clendenen
Council President

Pamela Spannuth
Clerk-Treasurer