

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

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

Peggy Garton – Town Administrator, Dan Hess – Schnelker Engineering

Pledge of allegiance

Minutes of June 3, 2008 approved with changes suggested by Mr. Eastes.

Town Engineer / Acceptance of Resurfacing Bid:

Dan Hess from Schnelker Engineering presented the results of the road resurfacing/Witmer Park bids: Four bids were received with the lowest responsive bid being made by Brooks Construction for \$306,545.00. This amount was below the amount budgeted for road repairs for 2008. Completion is anticipated for mid September. Motion to accept the bid from Brooks Construction for \$306,545.00 was made by Mr. Eastes and seconded by Mr. Young. Motion passed unanimously.

Schnelker Engineering to look at Manning Street in Cedarville at the Moore's Welding construction site and make recommendations on the best way to address issue of street repair.

Sidewalk discussion postponed until next meeting.

Special presentations/public speaks

Bridge fund public hearing: Ordinance 2008-03 was read. One public comment regarding whether or not this would raise taxes was asked. This will not raise taxes but will be a reallocation of funds within the current property tax levy. Council discussion ensued. Mr. Liechty questioned what would happen with the fund in the future if another entity takes over bridge responsibility. There was no definite answer at this time. We could use the cumulative bridge fund for future bridge replacements. Mr. Eastes stated this would be prudent on our part to create this funding source. If the funding process changes in the future, we would then have to look at how the cumulative bridge fund could be tapped. Legal counsel has been investigating the situation and so far this has turned up no legal issues preventing the county from turning bridge funding over to the community. Mr. Liechty moved that we table this matter for two weeks. Mr. Eastes seconded; motion passed unanimously. Public hearing closed.

Clerk/Treasurer Financial Report

No treasurer report. Vouchers signed.

Town Administrator

Downtown study results were presented. Copies were distributed prior to meeting. An implementation partnership group will need to be formed. The town council will need to pass a resolution for the partnership and accept the downtown plan as a part of town's master plan. The partnership will be investigating working with Ball State University in the implementation of the action agenda plan. Mr. Young raised a concern about how the town can attract businesses if there is no guaranteed profit. Discussion ensued about the goal of the partnership as the creation of an attractive atmosphere based on recommendations of Hyett-Palma. The town has a good south anchor with CVS/Dollar General to attract business. Work is needed in the old downtown area which would then act as a northern anchor to a future highway 1 commercial corridor. A revitalized old downtown will attract tourists and shoppers. Concern was raised that we not lose small town flavor. Any commercial development would have to meet the town's commercial development plans.

Other Officers, Boards, Commissions

Unfinished Business

Tornado Siren-nothing to report
Office Space Reorganization Proposal - Schnelker Engineering is working on proposal.

Contracts, Ordinances and Resolutions

Cumulative Bridge Fund Ordinance 2008-03 – decision tabled for July 1 meeting.

Stormwater Management Ordinance 2008-04. Mr. Clendenen moved to waive the reading of the ordinance. Mr. Eastes seconded motion; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Eastes moved to adopt ordinance 2008-04. Mr. Steffens seconded; ordinance passed unanimously.

Bridge Funding Resolution (wheel surtax) Allen County – Resolution tabled.

Resolution for Road Closure and No Parking July 4. Mr. Liechty moved to accept resolution 2008-07, seconded by Mr. Young. Passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business

Serv-all Billing for 2009 tabled.

The proposed emergency tree limb and yard waste removal policy was read and discussed. The purpose is to allow the town maintenance department to remove debris that has fallen in a storm emergency. An emergency would have to be declared with restrictions and guidelines to be set at the time the emergency is declared. This policy will be discussed at the next meeting for action as a resolution.

Discussion ensued regarding establishing full-time hours at the town office. Preliminary information of what would be covered by a full-time position was shared. This will be discussed at future meetings.

Mr. Sell's Cedarville Elementary 3rd Grade class writing assignments were shared with the council. All of the student's papers will be on council work table for review.

Meeting adjourned until July 1, 2008.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

John Clendenen
Council President

Paul Steffens
Councilman (acting secretary)