

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

John Clendenen – Council President
Paul Steffens – Vice President
John Eastes
Michael Young
Pamela Spannuth – Clerk-Treasurer

7:00 – Mr. Clendenen opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

MINTUES - The May 20 meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

AGENDA - The proposed bridge funding resolution from Allen County was added to the posted agenda.

FINANCIAL REPORT - A current financial report was available.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR – Ms. Garton announced the June 9 unveiling of the downtown Leo-Cedarville action agenda. She commended those who participated in the graveyard restoration efforts and announced that there is a \$500.00 reward offered to anyone who can provide information helping lead to the arrest of those responsible for vandalizing the graveyard. The \$500.00 reward is coming from a \$250.00 donation from both the town and the Leo-Cedarville chamber of commerce. Ms. Garton also mentioned the town-wide garage sale dates set for June 12 – 14.

EAC REORGANIZATION PLAN – Mr. Clendenen opened discussion on the final plan for reorganization on the East Allen Communities. A resident was present and expressed concern about the lack of financial information from the EAC. Mr. Eastes added that he would not support any plan that would effectively dissolve the town. He expressed that East Allen Communities is a well-intended group of people but feels that Leo-Cedarville should not be participants in this plan. Mr. Young spoke against any plan that would add an extra layer of government and taxes. Mr. Clendenen feels that if this plan for reorganization passes, it will likely end up being challenged in court.

RESOLUTION 2008-06, REJECTING THE FINAL PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION OF EAST ALLEN COMMUNITIES - Mr. Eastes moved to adopt a resolution for rejection on the 'Final Plan' for reorganization of East Allen Communities. Mr. Steffens seconded; the resolution passed by a majority with Mr. Liechty absent. Mr. Clendenen read resolution 2008-06 to those present.

SIDEWALKS – Mr. Young spoke about the need for sidewalks in the town, specifically a sidewalk that would connect the northern areas in Leo-Cedarville to the Leo-Cedarville Park. He proposed several different options and listed the advantages of establishing a walkway to the park. He spoke about the possibility of tapping into federal grant funds for the purpose of putting paths in. He encouraged the council to budget annually for additional sidewalks throughout

the town. Someone present spoke about maintaining any new pathways as well as the Grabill Road pathway in the wintertime. Mr. Lauer cautioned the council as to the liability created if the town provides winter maintenance on the walkways. Mr. Eastes referenced the right of way acquisition difficulties in the past along one of the proposed pathway areas. Town sidewalks vs. trails were discussed. Mr. Lauer will prepare an estimate for a sidewalk feasibility study for review at the next meeting. Mr. Eastes requested that the concept of a trail be considered as well.

GRAND PAVILION FUNDING REQUEST – Ms. Kimm was present to request financial support from the council for the purpose of awarding the bid for the grand pavilion, foundation, and access work. Discussion ensued regarding the scope of the contingency clause in the contract. Mr. Eastes moved to commit \$40,000.00 from G421, town buildings, and to commit the \$85,000 appropriated in G423, Riverside Gardens Grand Pavilion, to total \$125,000.00 per the request of the park department for the completion of the grand pavilion construction project. Mr. Steffens seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

MEDIACOM CONTRACT – Mr. Clendenen discussed the memo from the town attorney regarding the review of the town’s current cable agreement with Mediacom. Mr. Clendenen suggested that this issue be considered closed and removed from unfinished business on the agenda.

OFFICE SPACE PROPOSAL – Mr. Clendenen recommended that Mr. Lauer draft several proposals for reworking the layout of office space within the town hall.

ORDINANCE 2008-02, TEMPORARY NO PARKING/ROAD CLOSURE – Mr. Clendenen read ordinance 2008-02, an ordinance providing temporary restrictions on parking and the closure of roads within the town of Leo-Cedarville, Indiana. Mr. Steffens moved to adopt ordinance 2008-02; Mr. Eastes seconded the motion. The ordinance passed by unanimous vote with Mr. Liechty absent. This ordinance will be in full effect following publication requirements.

ORDINANCE 2008-03 – CUMULATIVE CAPITAL BRIDGE FUND – Mr. Clendenen introduced proposed ordinance 2008-03, the establishment of a cumulative capital bridge fund. The advertised rate is .01 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This fund would be established within the town’s existing maximum levy and would not increase taxes. The public hearing on this ordinance will be on June 17, 2008.

Discussion ensued relating to the resolution proposed by Allen County to support the increase of wheel tax/surtax. The resolution proposes that the individual entities dedicate the additional funds back to the county to be held in a special bridge fund. Mr. Clendenen expressed how property tax relief can create governmental financial hardships and can adversely affect things that still require funding. When income to the government entities is reduced, the expenses of the governments do not go away and funding sources still need to be sought. Mr.

Eastes expressed his support of the cumulative bridge fund, but does not support the adoption of a resolution encouraging the county to raise the wheel tax and surtax. The resolution will be on the June 17 agenda to allow time for the council to review the document.

ORDINANCE 2008-04, “an ordinance for stormwater management” was read in full by Mr. Clendenen. This ordinance states that the town of Leo-Cedarville adopt by reference and incorporate, Allen County code title 19, articles 1, 2 and 3. These code titles are compliant with IDEM requirements for stormwater management. This ordinance will be on the next agenda for adoption.

NATIONAL SERV-ALL BILLING – Ms. Spannuth urged the council to consider having the town do its own billing for garbage service along with the stormwater utility bills. This would likely reduce uncollectible accounts and streamline the amount of repeated work being done setting up and keeping track of accounts. It would also provide residents with a \$.33 price reduction. This will remain the agenda for further consideration.

VOUCHERS – The June 3, 2008 line item voucher form was approved.

ADJOURNED – The meeting was adjourned until June 17, 2008.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

John Clendenen
Council President

Pamela Spannuth
Clerk-Treasurer