

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

John Eastes – Vice President
Paul Steffens
Gordon Liechty, Jr.
Tim Richards
Pamela Spannuth – Clerk-Treasurer

AGENDA – The May 17, 2011 agenda was accepted with flexibility.

MINUTES – The April 19, 2011 meeting minutes were approved as written.

ORDINANCE 2011-02 – Mr. Eastes recommended that the Park Board Ordinance be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Steffens moved to table the adoption of ordinance 2011-02, Mr. Richards seconded; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

LEO PARKING IMPROVEMENT – Mr. Troy Wieland was present to further discuss the proposal to improve the parking spaces adjacent to his building. He stated that he plans on doing aesthetic improvements such as painting and landscaping, and would cover the cost of bricking in the five window wells that would be necessary prior to the proposed improvements. He is requesting that the town cover the remaining proposed costs that include a sidewalk and parking improvements. Mr. Liechty, Jr. stated that he does not feel that the town should improve the property up to the building as this includes private property. Mr. Richards stated that the town has wanted to improve the downtown area and that installing the sidewalk would be in compliance with improving the downtown as well as fulfilling some of the sidewalk improvement plan. Discussion ensued relating to the location that Mr. Wieland intended to landscape and that it may be in conflict with what the engineer has planned for establishing the sidewalk. Mr. Wieland stated he would respect the engineer's plans. Mr. Liechty asked Mr. Wieland if he would be willing to allow signs to be posted to designate the spaces as public parking if improved and not to allow tenants of the businesses to use the spaces; he agreed that would be reasonable. Mr. Eastes requested that Mr. Wieland provide solid evidence of where the property line falls in relation to the edge of his building. Mr. Wieland stated that he would be willing to grant an easement or deed the property over to the town.

ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER – Mr. Nelson Peters, Allen County Commissioner, was present to provide an update to the town council. He stated that June 20th is the ribbon cutting at Citizens Square. He stated that the county offices will be moving to this new building and that the City County Building will then undergo renovations and will become a public safety building for fire and police. Mr. Richards expressed his appreciation towards Mr. Peters for his letter of support towards the council's recent grant application for the proposed trail along Hosler Road.

ORDINANCE UPDATE – Ms. Spannuth provided a status update on digitizing the town’s code book. The final version will be completed following the next town council meeting.

2011 FREEDOM FUN RUN – Mr. Richards presented a cost estimate breakdown on the 2011 Freedom Run. He stated that the run will be combined with the 4th of July efforts so sponsor’s contributions support both the fireworks and the run. There has been one fitness center express an interest in making a donation to the event. 150 runners are expected to enter the event. Mr. Richards requested that the town provide the seed money for this event. Ms. Spannuth stated that a special donation fund will need to be established; she will prepare the document needed to establish this fund for the next meeting. This topic is tabled until the next meeting.

SOUDER ROAD – The council discussed the status of the improvement work on Souder Road. The contractor has come through and patched the bad areas but the concern remains that the entire surface of the road is substandard. Mr. Eastes stated that the drainage on the road is definitely improved. He requested that the engineer be present at the next meeting to discuss how to proceed. Ms. Spannuth will also contact the bonding company for input on how to proceed with completing this project.

TOWN TRUCK – Mr. Eastes recommended that the town contact Leo Auto Sales for the purpose of finding a small used pick-up truck. Consideration should be given to what the needs are in order to assist with the best selection. Discussion ensued that the leaf vacuum has been extra hard on the truck and it’s possible that the town may need three vehicles to fulfill the needs of the town. Mr. Eastes stated that he would be willing to research this further.

ADDITIONAL PARKING AREA – Mr. Eastes addressed Ms. Garton’s suggestion that the council consider establishing a gravel parking area at the town’s Schwartz Road property. He stated that he recently saw the parking lot at Riverside Gardens completely full with people having to drop people off and parking elsewhere. This possibility will be brought to the town engineer’s attention.

VOUCHERS – The May 17, 2011 line item voucher forms were approved by signatures.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned until June 7, 2011.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

JOHN CLENDENEN
Council President

PAMELA SPANNUTH
Clerk-Treasurer