

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

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

7:00 – Meeting called to order with the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES – The May 6, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The April 30, 2008 financial report was available for reference.

DOWNTOWN INITIATIVE – The council reviewed the Tuesday, May 13 public meeting held by Hyatt-Palma. A big presentation, which is a culmination of the downtown study, will be presented to the public on June 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leo-Cedarville Park Pavilion. Everyone is urged to attend!

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUNDING – The council discussed the option of establishing a cumulative capital bridge fund. The proposed ordinance to establish the fund was read; discussion ensued pertaining to the rate that the council would like to establish to fund the desired budget. The council agreed that \$.01 per \$100 of net assessed valuation be the initial rate established for the fund and would produce an income of approximately \$15,000.00 per year. This rate is within the towns existing tax levy and would not create an increase in taxes. A public hearing will be scheduled for the soonest possible council meeting following the required publication schedule.

BID OPENING FOR STREET RESURFACING PLAN/WITMER PARK

STORMDRAINAGE - The bid opening date for the Alta Vista storm drainage and town street resurfacing plan is scheduled for June 12, 2008. The bid will be awarded at the June 17th town council meeting. Work will begin as soon as possible.

BOARD UPDATES – Mr. Tim Richards was present at the meeting and briefed the council on the status of current stormwater utility issues including the review of the county stormwater ordinances. He addressed the need for increasing public awareness and education pertaining to stormwater issues.

The Grand Pavilion foundation bid opening is scheduled for May 21 at the town hall. Work will begin on this as soon as possible since the pavilion is ready to be installed as soon as the foundation is ready.

TORNADO SIREN – Mr. Steffens updated the council on the proposed new tornado siren to be placed within the town limits. The Allen County emergency management agency may assist the town in this project.

OFFICE SPACE PROPOSAL – Mr. Steffens presented several proposals for the reorganization of space within the town office. The council reviewed the estimates but agreed that formal specs should be established and formal bids/quotes be sought. The town engineer will be involved in the process of establishing a formal bid package for this work. The council is also waiting for a response from the Allen County Sheriff regarding input on a “satellite office.”

EAST ALLEN COMMUNITIES FINAL RESOLUTION – Mr. Clendenen addressed the newest resolution received by the town council from the East Allen Communities organization. The council discussed specific items within the resolution but agreed that this resolution would still have the same negative impact on the incorporated status of the town that the initial proposed resolution would have; the council unanimously resolved to reject the prior resolution. Mr. Eastes recommended that the council should also resolve to reject the “final” plan now that the town is in receipt of this “final” resolution. Mr. Clendenen recommended that the council publish a public hearing on this resolution/final plan for reorganization to be scheduled on June 3, 2008 to be held during the regular town council meeting. The clerk-treasurer will publish notice for the June 3 public hearing immediately. Many council members have expressed the concern that the adoption of this plan for reorganization would effectively dissolve the town.

TEMPORARY NO PARKING / NO PARKING ORDINANCE – The council reviewed the proposed temporary no parking ordinance as prepared by the town attorney. The council would like to have the attorney add a section to include temporary no parking during specified times. The final draft will be presented to the council for formal introduction at the next meeting.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE – ALLEN COUNTY – Mr. Clendenen discussed the stormwater ordinances that were passed by the county; the ordinances are still under review by the Leo-Cedarville Stormwater Utility Board. Mr. Eastes recommended that a letter be drafted to IDEM by the council president stating that the County Surveyor has verbally assured the Leo-Cedarville council that the town is in compliance with the regulations in question since the county has passed the relevant ordinances.

VOUCHERS – The May 20, 2008 line item voucher form was approved by signatures.

ADJOURNED – Meeting adjourned until June 3, 2008.

APPROVED:

John Clendenen
Council President

ATTEST:

Pamela Spannuth
Clerk-Treasurer