

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

John Clendenen – Council President

Paul Steffens – Vice President

Gordon Liechty, Jr.

Michael Young

John Eastes

Pamela Spannuth – Clerk-Treasurer, Peggy Garton – Town Administrator

Mr. Clendenen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was accepted as written. Meeting minutes of April 15 and April 17, 2008 were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Spannuth presented the month end April 2008 financial report.

LEO-CEDARVILLE DOWNTOWN UPDATE – Ms. Garton updated the council on the status of the downtown Leo-Cedarville initiative. She briefed the council on the success of the survey efforts and stressed the importance of a large turnout at the community vision session scheduled for May 13th at 7:00.

VOUCHERS – The council reviewed the accounts payable vouchers. The April payroll vouchers, the May 6 vouchers, the month end April vouchers, and the park's department vouchers (end date May 6), were all approved by a majority of signatures.

BRIDGE FUNDING – Mr. Clendenen generally discussed the County's recent decision to cease funding minor bridges within the incorporated areas within the county. He further discussed the inspection report the county provided to the town pertaining to the condition of the four minor bridges within the town. Discussion ensued relating to the establishment of a cumulative bridge fund. Mr. Clendenen also discussed the possibility of the county increasing the wheel tax and surtax to help fund the maintenance of bridges. Ms. Spannuth will prepare an ordinance to begin the process of establishing a cumulative bridge fund.

PARK BOARD – Mr. Clendenen briefly discussed the status of the bid currently advertised for the foundation of the grand pavilion. Bids are due later in May and work will begin as soon as possible following the award of the bid.

IDEM VIOLATION – Mr. Clendenen briefed the council on the notice of violation from IDEM. All entities named on the permit jointly held by Allen County, including the town of Leo-Cedarville and Hometown were named on the notice from IDEM for failure to adopt certain ordinances pertaining to stormwater runoff. The county surveyor has verbally assured the town that all relevant stormwater runoff ordinances have been passed, bringing all named parties into compliance.

OFFICE SPACE – Discussion ensued relating to the proposal for reorganizing the office space within the town hall. Several ideas were discussed and cost estimates are being sought. The council discussed and supported the concept of providing a satellite office in the town hall for the sheriff. The Allen County Sheriff will be contacted regarding this concept for his feedback prior to proceeding with any plans.

TEMPORARY NO-PARKING ORDINANCE – The council considered the need for a temporary “no-parking” zone for use during certain events. Mr. Proctor will be contacted to draft a temporary no-parking ordinance that can be invoked by the council via resolution effective for certain periods of time. This ordinance will be presented to the council for consideration once it’s drafted.

CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES – Mr. Vergil Reinig expressed his concern about certain code enforcement issues, particularly unlicensed vehicles located on properties within the town. The town’s police officer does ticket for abandoned vehicles as defined by ordinance.

RESOLUTION 2008-05 – The council signed the written resolution and reaffirmed their April 17, 2008 vote to reject the plan for reorganization by East Allen Communities. Mr. Liechty recommended that the town seriously consider annexing in the near future. Discussion ensued on how to proceed to seek public interest regarding being annexed into the town limits. The council will be updated on previous efforts spent on this issue; annexation will be on the next agenda for discussion.

ADJOURNED – The meeting was adjourned until May 20, 2008.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

John Clendenen

Pamela Spannuth