

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

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

Council President Steffens acting as secretary due to Clerk-Treasurer absence.
Council Vice-President Clendenen presiding for this meeting.

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

Agenda approved with flexibility.

The October 20, 2009 minutes were approved with additional corrections.

Request from Richard Liechty re: right of way repair. Ms. Ruth Liechty addressed the council regarding their request for right of way repairs. The property in question is located at the corner of Main Street and Highway 1 in front of Marco's Pizza. They own property up to 19 feet from the front of the building and are requesting assistance from the town to repair a portion of the parking lot between their property line and the edge of Main Street. Property owners will be paying for approximately 1 foot of right of way fronting on highway 1. The area of concern is along Main Street approximately 20 feet from the edge of the street to the property line. They are planning on having paving done this year if possible or early next year. The Liechtys would like the Town Council to consider paying for the town's right of way portion along Main Street at an estimated cost (Wayne Asphalt) of \$2,310.00. Property owners would be responsible for an estimated balance of \$6,200.00. Discussion ensued regarding this request. It has not been town policy in the past to improve the right of way beyond the edge of a paved street. Past projects were referenced such as decorative street signs, which have not been paid for by the town beyond the cost of a standard street sign; additional costs have been borne by the person/group making such upgrades. In the past, the town has replaced improvements to their original condition when affected by town improvement projects, such as several Michael Drive driveways. No action was taken by the council on this request.

A copy of the current fund balance was available for review. Council members may direct any questions to the Clerk-Treasurer.

A reimbursement request for Saturday Night Spotlight Event expenses was submitted to the council. The downtown taskforce currently has no budget. The downtown committee had no specific guidelines to provide for handling of

expenses or requests for monies before expenses were incurred. The group has not yet incorporated as a not-for-profit but is in process of doing so. Discussion of usage of public money for reimbursement after the fact and personal gain versus community gain ensued. Discussion also ensued regarding the need for improved parking for customers and residents versus promoting downtown as a destination. Mr. Eastes moved that council reimburse Mr. Hepler in the amount of \$426.38 for expenses incurred to assist in hosting the Saturday Night Spotlight event. Mr. Clendenen seconded. Discussion ensued regarding the similarities between supporting a downtown event and the 4th of July fireworks. The message needs to be made clear to all groups that council needs to pre-approve expenditures or best estimates and not do so after the fact. Motion passed by a majority with Mr. Young opposed. Mr. Young is of the opinion that this was a onetime event and doesn't necessarily contribute on a permanent basis to the downtown development and if approved, future monetary reimbursement will be expected from the town for similar events.

Amstutz Road 30 mph signage North of Hosler Road. Mr. Eastes moved that the Clerk-Treasurer draft or modify an ordinance adjusting the speed limit on this section of road to the north town limits to 30 mph. Mr. Steffens seconded. During ordinance development, the council requests that clarification be made as to who is responsible for this section of road (town or county). Motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Business and Updates: Brooks Construction is in town marking pavement in anticipation of beginning their paving work later this week.

A concern was voiced about the need to install a more durable railing along the trail under the Leo-Grabill Road Bridge.

Tap fee reduction surveys still coming in so no action at this time.

Waste collection/billing ordinance on hold until Clerk-Treasurer available.

Snow removal ordinance for sidewalks deferred to next meeting.

Golf-Cart Ordinance: Mr. Clendenen currently working on researching the topic of such ordinance.

Capital Improvement Plan: Mr. Clendenen requested 30 minutes on the November 17, 2009 meeting agenda to discuss this in more detail. Goal is to identify and prioritize capital improvements needed and facilitate budgeting process as a long-term plan.

Vouchers approved with discussion as to why council is signing off on Park Board expenditures.

Citizen Complaint RE: Parking along street in Pioneer Village. A complaint was presented regarding cars parked on both sides of the street simultaneously, making it difficult for buses and cars to get down street. Discussion ensued about possible solutions such as banning parking on one side of street. A concern was voiced that by prohibiting parking on one side of the street may increase the speed of traffic through the neighborhood. It would also be difficult to determine the side in which parking should be prohibited. It was suggested that this may be an issue for the neighborhood association as possible violation of association covenants.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. until November 17, 2009.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Paul Steffens
Council President

Pamela Spannuth
Clerk-Treasurer