

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

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

7:00 – Mr. Paul Steffens called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA – A motion carried by unanimous vote to accept the agenda with flexibility.

MINUTES – The March 17, 2009 meeting minutes were approved with grammatical corrections.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Spannuth distributed the current fund and appropriation balance report.

LEAF VAC STORAGE AGREEMENT – The council reviewed the amended barn storage lease agreement between the town and Mr. Robin Liechty. Mr. Eastes moved that the agreement be tabled until the next meeting subject to communicating with Mr. Liechty the further suggested modifications. Mr. Clendenen seconded; the motion to table passed unanimously.

STREET IMPROVEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Clendenen briefly discussed the fact that the committee is waiting for further information on reported stimulus dollars. Ms. Spannuth will seek information regarding any details on the availability of stimulus funds.

RIVERSIDE GARDENS RESTROOMS – The council discussed the proposed restroom for the Riverside Gardens Park. Mr. Young expressed his concern that the park is not used enough to spend the amount of money needed on constructing a restroom at the park. Discussion ensued relating to this issue.

STORMWATER UTILITY NOT-FOR-PROFIT FEE DISCUSSION – The council briefly discussed the topic of not-for-profits being charged the stormwater fee. Mr. Young mentioned that he still supports bearing the costs of the utility out of the town's tax dollars. Mr. Clendenen called for a point of order as this specific topic of discussion was in a motion that was defeated in a previous council meeting. Mr. Steffens stated that the stormwater utility board would be consulted regarding the issue of not-for-profit credits and/or exemptions.

SIDEWALK SUBCOMMITTEE – Mr. Steffens stated that the sidewalk subcommittee was formed and will be meeting within the next week.

ADA RAILINGS – The council discussed the various options for ADA compliance at the town hall entrance. Mr. Clendenen and Mr. Eastes both stated that the ramp at the front entrance should be made ADA compliant vs. the suggested side door. The council discussed the topic of installing one railing or two on the front steps. The council agreed to make the front entrance ramp ADA compliant as well as installing two hand railings. Mr. Clendenen moved to table a decision until further information is sought from the town engineer regarding the width of the main landing; Mr. Eastes seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

BRIDGE FUNDING DISCUSSION – Mr. Clendenen stated that the mayor’s office of the City of Fort Wayne is supporting the increase in the wheel/surtax to fund the maintenance of bridges. More details will be provided on this topic as information comes available.

GARBAGE BILLING – The council suggested that other communities’ ordinances and policies be considered for examples of how to approach several issues that will arise when the town begins billing for garbage services directly. This topic will be on future agendas for discussion.

SEWER DISTRICT CORRESPONDENCE – The council discussed the letter received from the Leo-Cedarville Regional Sewer District. Representatives from the sewer district will be invited to the first council meeting in May.

VOUCHERS – The April 7, 2009 line item voucher form was approved.

ADJOURNED – The meeting was adjourned until April 21, 2009.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

PAUL STEFFENS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PAMELA SPANNUTH
CLERK-TREASURER