

**TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2009**

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

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

IN HONOR OF PATRICIA CRICK - Mr. Clendenen honored the memory of Ms. Patricia Crick by requesting a moment of silence.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Mr. Young nominated Mr. Paul Steffens to serve as Council President in 2009; Mr. Liechty seconded the nomination. Mr. Steffens accepted and the nomination carried by a unanimous vote. Mr. Steffens nominated Mr. Clendenen as Vice-President for 2009; Mr. Liechty seconded. The nomination carried by a unanimous vote.

MEETING AGENDA – Accepted with flexibility.

2009 STREET IMPROVEMENTS - Mr. Clendenen stated that he plans to meet with Jim Lauer, town engineer, to discuss proposed road improvement plans. Mr. Young and Ms. Garton will also meet with Mr. Lauer. Mr. Clendenen offered his desire to serve on a street improvement subcommittee.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Spannuth presented the financial report dated December 31, 2009. The end of year report is not yet available since 2008 has not yet been closed out.

DISASTER AID – STORM CLEAN UP DISCUSSION – Ms. Garton discussed the ice storm damage clean up efforts. Mr. Steffens stated that there is a possibility that federal aid may become available to assist in the cost of the pick-up.

GREEN EXPO – Ms. Garton requested authorization to send the town's maintenance man to the annual Green Expo in Indianapolis. The request includes three, paid 8-hour work days, hotel expenses of \$100.00 and the \$125.00 for enrollment fee. Mr. Liechty moved to send Mr. Tipton to attend the Green Expo conference. Mr. Clendenen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT – Ms. Garton presented specifications for a spreader that could be used on the Mule. Since the primary use for this spreader would be for fertilizer, the park board will be consulted on the proposed purchase of this piece of equipment prior to any decisions.

SALT STORAGE – Ms. Garton conveyed the advice given from the town attorney regarding the proposal by a local contractor to store a supply of road salt. This topic will be on the next agenda. The town attorney will be present at this meeting and can provide further input at that time.

SNOW REMOVAL – Mr. Liechty wished to publicly extend words of appreciation to Ms. Garton for her dedicated service during the recent snow events. Mr. Young also wished to compliment the snowplowing crew for doing such a good job.

BIKE PATH CLEARING – Mr. Clendenen mentioned how the bike path was cleared of snow during a recent snowfall. Both Mr. Eastes and Mr. Clendenen agreed that the public enjoyed the cleared path. Winter maintenance of the bike path will be on the next agenda and will be discussed further with the town attorney present. Ms. Spannuth stated that the council should review the current ordinance pertaining to public maintenance of sidewalks.

PARK BOARD APPOINTMENTS – The park board submitted a recommendation to the council requesting the re-appoint of Marggie Faley. Ms. Faley initially served a one-year term and wishes to continue serving on the Park Board. Mr. Clendenen moved to appoint Marggie Faley for a successive four-year term. Mr. Liechty seconded. Mr. Liechty asked if anyone else in the community has expressed an interest in serving on the board. There have been no inquiries as to board openings. Mr. Clendenen stated his motion was made upon the recommendation by the park board and wishes to honor their recommendation. Mr. Eastes also spoke in support of Ms. Faley remaining on the board. The motion for reappointment carried by a unanimous vote.

MINUTES – The December 16, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as written. The December 30, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

ADA RAILING – Discussion ensued pertaining to the installation of railings at the town office. The town engineer proposed two different railing options although clarification still needs to be sought regarding the specific details such as ADA specifications and decorative details.

SIDEWALK PLANNING – Ms. Spannuth updated the council on the status of the sidewalk-planning project. She suggested that the council consider creating subcommittees to more efficiently address several major planning projects.

NORTHEAST FIRE & EMS – Northeast Fire & EMS has requested the attendance of a town representative at an upcoming planning meeting scheduled to address the future of

the fire department. Mr. Eastes offered to attend this meeting. Mr. Young may also be in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Eastes brought up several items for discussion under new business. He would like to explore the creation of an employers Section 125 cafeteria plan. Mr. Clendenen also agreed that this would be a valuable benefit. Mr. Eastes further urged the council to act quickly on decisions regarding what roadwork should be completed in 2009; he stated that prices might quickly be increasing. Mr. Clendenen added that the town engineer agrees with that prediction. He further stated that several of the larger town projects might qualify for new proposed federal funding programs under the new government administration.

UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT – Mr. Liechty presented his completed conflict of interest statement regarding his relationship to Pioneer Water and Con-Del, Inc. This form has been completed according to law and will be submitted to the required entities.

VOUCHERS – The December 31, 2008 line item voucher form was approved.

ADJOURNED – Mr. Eastes moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Young seconded. Motion to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned until January 20, 2009.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Paul Steffens
Council President

Pamela Spannuth
Clerk-Treasurer