

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

AGENDA – The agenda was approved with flexibility.

LAKEVIEW DRIVE – Mr. Phil Linn was present at the meeting to request that the council resurface Lakeview Drive this budget year. He stated that the residents were previously told that this road would be resurfaced this year, as it is the only road that has not been repaved in the area. He further added that many walkers use this road. He also requested that streetlights be installed on this road. Mr. Clendenen stated that the town council had requested that the town engineer rate the roads within the town; Lakeview Drive was rated as number 6 on streets needing improvements.

Mr. Young stated that roads that are in much worse condition would require all available budgeted funds. Mr. Liechty asked if there were any storm water problems on this road; Mr. Linn stated there are no significant issues in this area as the soil content is mainly sand.

PUBLIC SPEAKS RE: GARBAGE ORDINANCE – Mr. Fred MacFarland requested to speak to the council regarding the ordinance on solid waste collection. He owns rental property in Leo-Cedarville and expressed concerns with the new billing rules for trash collection. He would like the option for the tenant to remain responsible for trash collection. He stated that landlords have many costs related to owning rental properties and being held responsible for garbage collection adds to the burden. Empty units will also incur charges. He agreed that a landlord should guarantee payment on a property but feels that the bill should go to the tenant first. Ms. Spannuth discussed the purpose behind the way the ordinance addressed this issue namely due to collection and administration issues. Mr. Liechty recommended that the landlord give the booklet to the tenant to pay. Mr. MacFarland stated that different landlords pay different utilities according to their leases and he currently pays the storm water fee but holds his tenants responsible for garbage. Mr. Clendenen addressed the changes that were made as it pertains to the minimum garbage suspension period. He stated that decisions be made according to what's best for the community as a whole and it should be up to the landlord how he runs his business; Mr. Young agreed. Discussion ensued regarding the \$25.00 re-start fee for garbage service. Mr. Clendenen moved to waive the first reading of ordinance 2009-03; Mr. Liechty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clendenen moved to amend B4 by striking "Service may be suspended for a minimum of three months." Mr. Liechty seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The ordinance will be amended and published in the East Allen County Courier.

JUNE 16, 2009 MEETING MINUTES – The June 16, 2009 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

JUNE 2, 2009 MEETING MINUTES – The June 2, 2009 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

COUNTY BRIDGE FUNDING –Mr. Buskirk, county councilman, will be present at the next meeting to talk about the topic of bridge funding. Mr. Young stated that the county council's vote was close, 4 to 3, on the decision to increase the wheel/surtax. Discussion ensued regarding the legislative decision to approve the use of the major bridge fund to maintain all bridges within the county as well as any incorporated areas that have an inter-local agreement with Allen County. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed inter-local agreement.

AMSTUTZ ROAD/RESTROOM BIDS – Ms. Spannuth stated that the advertisement for bids for both the Amstutz Road resurfacing project and the Riverside Gardens Restroom is due to be published within a week.

ADDITIONAL ROAD PROJECTS - Mr. Clendenen recommended that the council take other street projects under advisement after the bids are received in case the Amstutz Road resurfacing project comes in under the estimated price. Other smaller road projects should then be considered, funds permitting.

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

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Paul Steffens  
Council President

Pamela Spannuth  
Clerk-Treasurer