

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

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

MINUTES – The December 2, 2008 meeting minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Spannuth presented the current financial report.

NATIONAL SERV-ALL BILLING - Discussion ensued regarding the best time for the Town to begin billing for garbage collection services. Details were discussed about the specifics of the existing contract and when rate adjustments are applied. Since the contract year is from July 1 to June 30 of every year, the council discussed waiting until July 1 to begin billing versus the previous decision to begin billing starting January 1. Mr. Steffens recommended that the council wait until July to begin billing. A July 1 start date will allow more time for better public notice regarding the change as well as prevent having a rate change occur after the printing of the payment books. Mr. Clendenen urged the council to continue to move forward on this change in service even if the billing is postponed. Mr. Clendenen moved to recommend to the stormwater utility to bill for the first two quarters of 2009 in order to allow the town time to prepare billing for solid waste concurrent with stormwater utility services beginning July 1, 2009. Mr. Eastes seconded the motion; motion passed by a unanimous vote.

GERIG ROAD STORMDRAINAGE PROBLEM – Mr. Richards was present to discuss several improvement projects that the stormwater utility board is considering. He presented a ‘project priority list’ to the council. He discussed the smaller projects of Shoreline Drive and Nugget Trail. The repairs/improvements at SR1 & Hosler and Amstutz and Hosler were also addressed. Larger capital projects were identified as Manning Street, Ivan’s Lane (SR1), Riverview Drive, and Gerig Road.

Mr. Richards discussed his understanding of the history of the stormwater problem on Gerig Road. The initial estimate for the Gerig Rd. repairs were low compared to the last estimate, which is approximately \$86,000.00. Brief discussion ensued pertaining to the details of several options for providing stormwater relief. Several Gerig Road residents were present to discuss how the flooding problems in this area affect their properties. Mr. Young urged the council to consider assisting in the funding needed to address the problem on Gerig Road. Mr. Clendenen and Mr. Eastes

also agreed with Mr. Young that the council should be willing to partner with the stormwater utility. Mr. Vollmuth added that the current stormwater utility rate does not support large capital projects and a rate that would produce enough funds for such projects would be extremely high.

SNOW BLADE ATTACHMENT – Ms. Garton discussed the optional attachments for the Mule and/or the Bobcat. She presented prices for repairs, attachments and for making the Mule street legal. The purpose of the piece of equipment was discussed. Cost estimates for Mule upgrades were: \$350.00 to make it street legal (minimum cost), \$1,680.00 for a snowplow blade, and \$900.00 for a spreader. Ms. Garton read a statement from the park stating that the park would not approve any park funds for the attachments for the Mule. She expressed her concern that the attachments would not be useful if anything happened to the Mule. Mr. Young encouraged the use of this piece of equipment and sought input on the practical uses of it. Ms. Spannuth recommended that a blade not be purchased at this time and further stated that the practical purposes of this piece of equipment will become evident after the spring/summer season. Since the prices of a bobcat snowplow blade and a Mule snowplow blade are the same, a recommendation should be sought from the maintenance department. Mr. Liechty supported acquiring a spreader for the Mule for the purpose of spreading salt. Documentation on a spreader will be presented at a later date. Mr. Young asked Ms. Garton about the maintenance program for the vehicles. Mr. Eastes asked further details on the proposed spreader attachment; this will be provided along with the requested documentation.

ADA HANDRAILS – No new information on the handrails for the office.

ORDINANCE 2008-08 – Ordinance regulating solid waste collection was tabled pending further discussion and attorney review.

ORDINANCE 2008-09 – 2009 SALARY ORDINANCE. The 2009 Salary Ordinance was introduced; a special meeting for the purpose of adoption is set for December 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2008-10 – CREATION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES FUND – The ordinance for the creation of a solid waste services fund was introduced. This fund will be required to collect the revenues from billing for garbage utility services as well as paying the service fees to the contracted provider.

RESOLUTION 2008-11 – DEDICATION OF RIGHT OF WAY ON NORTH LEO DRIVE – Mr. Clendenen read the resolution prepared supporting the previous council decision to accept the dedication of right-of-way known as N. Leo Drive extension. Mr. Eastes moved to adopt Resolution 2008-11, Mr. Steffens seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The document will be recorded in the Allen County Records office.

VOUCHERS – The council approved the December 16, 2008 line item voucher form.

The meeting was adjourned until December 30, 2008.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

John Clendenen
Council President

Pamela Spannuth
Clerk-Treasurer