TOWN COUNCIL OF LEO-CEDARVILLE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2010

ATTENDANCE:
Paul Steffens – Council President
Michael Young
Gordon Liechty, Jr.
John Eastes
Pamela Spannuth – Clerk-Treasurer
Patrick Proctor – Town Attorney

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

AGENDA – The council unanimously approved the agenda with flexibility.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2010-04 – The council, together with Mr. Proctor, reviewed Ordinance 2010-04, regulating the use of alleyways within the corporate boundaries of Leo-Cedarville. A resident present at the meeting stated that there was an error in the version published in the Courier. Discussion ensued regarding the incorrect incorporation date that was published in the Courier; the corrected version had been published on the town's website. Mr. Proctor stated that the error did not change the nature of the ordinance; the ordinance was read in its entirety. Mr. Eastes moved to amend paragraph 5 by stating that reasonable notice will be provided with the exception of an emergency. Mr. Proctor will also address that automobiles blocking an alleyway are subject to being towed. This will be on the next agenda for adoption. The ordinance will also be re-published in the Courier and corrected on the website as soon as the revised version is received.

GARBAGE BILLING DISCUSSION – Ms. Day was asked to attend the meeting to provide specific input on the topic of garbage billing. She confirmed that there are complications with collecting for both the Stormwater and garbage fees together on the quarterly bills. Mr. Proctor asked the council why they want to retain billing for garbage after identifying the complications. He recommended that if the town wishes to retain billing, fewer exemptions should be permitted to ease in the administrative complications created. If the town wishes to allow people the option to opt out, or to add and remove various services, then they should consider having National Serv-All bill directly. Ms. Spannuth stated that the town is incurring significant unnecessary administrative expenses for a service that can be more efficiently provided by the garbage contractor. Mr. Young moved to have National Serv-All bill residents directly. Mr. Eastes seconded. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. The new garbage rate will be $9.14 per/month. Mr. Proctor amended the current garbage ordinance according to the new awarded garbage bid.

MEETING MINUTES – The June 1, 2010 and June 7, 2010 meeting minutes were approved as distributed by the councilmen present.

STORMWATER UTILITY BILL - Discussion ensued regarding the Stormwater utility and the options available for collecting revenue.

ORDINANCE 2010-05 – Town ordinance 2001-05 establishing rates for the collection, treating and disposing of garbage in a sanitary manner was amended to reflect the current intentions of the council. Mr. Proctor presented the amended garbage ordinance. Mr. Eastes moved to consider 2010-05 as a first reading as well as waive a complete reading. Mr. Liechty seconded. Motion approved. The ordinance will be on the next agenda for adoption.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LOAN – Ms. Spannuth discussed details regarding the capital improvement loan. Discussion ensued regarding the qualification process required by Huntington Bank prior to closing on the loan that was quoted by them. The proposal from Grabill Bank was reviewed and discussed by the council as well. The council agreed to reject the original bids for the $850,000.00 loan, as the bid that was accepted was a quote and not a formal commitment to loan the funds. Mr. Eastes moved to accept the proposal from Grabill bank as per the document, and further moved to amend ordinance 2010-02 to state Grabill Bank and remove Huntington Bank. Mr. Liechty seconded; the motion passed by a majority with Mr. Young abstaining and Mr. Clendenen absent. Mr. Young stated that although he agrees with supporting Grabill Bank, he is against acquiring the loan.

NO CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC ORDINANCE – Ordinance tabled until the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Spannuth presented a copy of the June 15, 2010 fund and appropriation report.

VOUCHERS – The June 15, 2010 line item voucher form was approved. The May 2010 payroll vouchers were also approved.

ADVERTISEMENT PROPOSAL – The council discussed the solicitation from Fort Wayne Newspapers to share in a full-page advertisement with other local communities. The council does not wish to participate in this proposal at this time due.

ADJOURNED – The meeting was adjourned until July 6, 2010.

APPROVED: ATTEST:

Paul Steffens
Council President

Pamela Spannuth
Clerk-Treasurer