

Town of Covington
Monthly Meeting of Covington Town Board
May 13, 2014

The Monthly Meeting of Covington Town Board was held on Tuesday May 13, 2014 at the Town Building. Present were Councilpersons Sharon West, Rod Cummins and Paul Tobias. Also present were Supervisor Jerry Davis, Highway Superintendent Mike Bell, Town Clerk Amy Wiedrich, Zoning Officer Alan Rudgers and Town Attorney David Dimatteo.

Pledge of allegiance opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Attorney David Dimatteo advised that he has challenged for lead agency on our behalf with regards to Texas Brine. He questioned whether we wanted sole or joint with Middlebury. Supervisor Davis stated that it would be fine if the Town of Middlebury got lead agency- We just care that the conversations happen locally.

On a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson West the following resolution was ADOPTED
AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Warren ABSENT 0
RESOLVED to approve April 8 minutes as read

On a motion of Paul Tobias, seconded by Councilperson Cummins the following resolution was ADOPTED
AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Warren ABSTAIN
RESOLVED to approve paying general bills 69 thru 87, with a correction made to #69, the total was \$10,452.11

On a motion of Councilperson West, seconded by Supervisor Davis the following resolution was ADOPTED
AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Warren ABSTAIN 0
RESOLVED to approve paying highway bills 39 thru 57 totaling \$10,778.34

ZONING-Alan Rudgers

- Alan submitted his monthly report
- Issued permit to Jeffres for new structure on Crossman Rd
- Mailed land separation application to Jerry Schumacher
- There is a pilot program called "Refugee Milking Program" It will bring in four (4) families and one (1) single man into the County to work

HIGHWAY- Mike Bell

• Mike received county bids for stone, gravel, asphalt and striping, following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson Cummins the following resolution was ADOPTED
AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Warren ABSTAIN 0
14.) RESOLVED to approve accepting County bids

- Had repaired the Sterling truck at Thruway Springs
- Wayne Taylor tiled at the new property and asked about leveling the dirt
- Transit Road will be the capital project this year
- Ordered culvert pipe
- Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Cummins, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Warren ABSTAIN- 0
15.) RESOLVED to approve purchase of loader bucket

• Lengthy discussion ensued regarding pickup trucks and on a motion of Councilperson Cummins, seconded by Councilperson West the following resolution was ADOPTED
AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Warren ABSTAIN 0
16.) RESOLVED to declare the current pickup surplus and send it out to bid and order a new preferably extended cab pickup truck

- Town boundary signs are no longer in compliance with the state- will be working on changing them

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR- Paul Tobias

- All bills are paid and cleared

SUPERVISOR- Jerry Davis

- Supervisor Davis submitted his report on Town monies

General Repair Reserve Fund.....	\$980.79
Highway Checking.....	\$29,122.72
General Checking.....	\$17,309.13
Trust and Agency Checking.....	\$358.03
General Money Market.....	\$171,365.71
Highway Money Market.....	\$284,633.98
TOTAL.....	\$503,770.36
- Mortgage tax has been approved
- Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Cummins, seconded by Councilperson Cummins, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Warren ABSTAIN 0

17.) RESOLVED to accept the All Hazard Mitigation plan

- Discussion ensued regarding the Pearl Creek cemetery, on a motion of Councilperson West, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Warren ABSTAIN 0

18.) RESOLVED to approve paying for the cemetery insurance and the gas to mow the lawn

- Jerry mentioned we should take a look at our age exemptions for property tax

OLD BUSINESS

- With regards to the 4-H sign project- Jerry advised that most towns are offering to pay for the signs. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson West, seconded by Councilperson Cummins the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT- Warren ABSTAIN 0

19.) RESOLVED to order three (3) signs and pay for half the cost

- Supervisor Davis received an e-mail from Ed Smart, Organic material was found in the middle of the pad after the Geo-Survey. Whitney East is going to take care of it and the project will be moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.