

Town of Covington
Monthly Meeting of the Covington Town Board
September 14,2010

The monthly meeting of the Covington Town Board was held on Tuesday September 14,2010 at the town building. Present were Councilpersons Paul Tobias, Brian Murphy and Sharon West. Also present were Town Clerk Amy Wiedrich, Supervisor Jerry Davis and Highway Superintendent Mike Bell. Oatka Watershed representative Rick VenVertloh and residents Karl Smith and Dan & Beverly Torquato were also present the meeting.

Zoning officer Alan Rudgers and Councilperson Kenneth Weaver were absent.

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

The Oatka Watershed committee representative did a brief PowerPoint presentation on what the Oatka Creek has to offer and about preserving water quality. They are interested in working with the town and getting input on what can be done. There focus is on preservation rather than restoration in our area.

On a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson West the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Weaver
Resolved to accept the August 10, 2010 minutes as read

On a motion of Councilperson West, seconded by Supervisor Davis the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Weaver
37.) resolved to approve the paying of general bills 103 to 119 totaling \$15,927.64.

On a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson Murphy the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Weaver
38.) resolved to approve the paying of highway bills 117 to 129 totaling \$13,688.19.

On a motion of Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson West the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Weaver
39.) resolved to approve the paying of Pavilion and Wyoming libraries \$500.00.

HIGHWAY REPORT- Mike Bell

- * The salt building extension project is complete, Mike is very pleased with the work.
- * Mike is scheduled for 3 days of Nihms training
- * There was an exhaust manifold leak in the 10 wheeler.
- * Mike also mentioned there is a small exhaust manifold leak on his pickup. Paul suggested we not repair it, because you can never tell what kind of other problems could arise when doing that and the truck will be gone soon. Mike however did just put new brakes on the pickup.

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- * They changed a culvert on Morrow Rd.
- * Mike mentioned that the energy audit on the town building had been completed and Supervisor Davis had the recommendations.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR- Paul Tobias

All checks are paid and cleared

SUPERVISOR REPORT- Jerry Davis

Jerry submitted his monthly report on town monies:

General Repair Reserve Fund.....	\$979.09
Highway Checking.....	\$29,384.33
General Checking.....	\$14,945.62
Trust and Agency Checking.....	\$3620.47
General Money Market.....	\$46,694.37
Highway Money Market.....	\$25,101.63
TOTAL.....	\$120,725.51

* Jerry mentioned the possibility of trading loaders every year, Other towns are doing it and spending \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year and getting a new loader. Paul thought that sounded a little costly, Jerry said we would never have to buy tires and there would be very little maintenance because you are only keeping them for a year.

* Supervisor Davis mentioned that Wyoming County has their own flag and he would like the town to purchase one. Following a brief discussion and a motion by Councilperson Murphy with a second by Councilperson West the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES-4 NAYS-0 ABSENT-Weaver

40.) resolved to approve the purchasing of a Wyoming County Flag.

* Jerry mentioned that Horizon is renewing the Met test towers and due to that the wind project appears to not be dead.

*The town website has been updated and the meeting minutes are posted.

*Budget needs to be passed before November 1st, a public hearing will be scheduled for October.

*Clerks will be in charge of all aspects of dog licensing effective January 1. County would like to take over enumerating dogs for all the towns.

*We need to get a copy of grant application to go towards the new court facility and get the process going.

*Supervisor Davis would like to hire George Carrick as our computer technician, the board agreed we could use him on an as needed basis, we would not need to enter into a written contract.

CORRESPONDENCE

* Supervisor Davis received notice from the County that following their study the intersection of Starr Rd. & W. Middlebury Rd's does not warrant a 4 way stop.

* Supervisor Davis received a letter from Dave Dimatteo providing a list of attorney's we could use for the Lenepe Gas project. Jerry doesn't think Middlebury is contesting us

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being lead agent, so perhaps we should set up a committee for this project between our town and theirs.

* Town received a resume from Alexis Godat for the Historian position, so following a brief discussion, On a motion of Supervisor Davis, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES-3 ABSTAIN-West ABSENT- Weaver
41.) resolved to appoint Alexis Godat as Historian effective January, 1,2011.

* Received a letter from Town Assessor Sue Kibler stating she would like the towns to pay her health insurance premium. On a motion of Councilperson West ,seconded by Councilperson Murphy the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT- Weaver
42.) resolved to reject the paying of the Town Assessor's Health Insurance Premium.

* Lime Energy came out and did the audit on behalf of National Grid and found that if all the lights in the town building were replaced, we would have an annual savings of \$865.74. The initial cost of the project would be \$4,424.46, National Grid would contribute \$2,024.21 and the town would be responsible for \$2,400.25, We are given the option to pay in full(if we choose this we get a 15% discount, or we can pay monthly added right to our electric bill. Following a discussion and a motion by Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson Murphy the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT-Weaver
43.) resolved to approve the purchasing of new lights and paying the lump sum of \$2,040.21.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.