

TOWN OF COVINGTON  
MONTHLY MEETING OF COVINGTON TOWN BOARD  
January 8, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Covington Town Board was held on Tuesday January 8, 2013. Present were Councilpersons Paul Tobias, Larry Warren and Sharon West. Also present were Supervisor Jerry Davis, Town Clerk Amy Wiedrich and Highway Superintendant Mike Bell. Attorney David Roach, Rick Dean from Real Property Tax and resident William Zuber were also in attendance.

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

Attorney David Roach spoke regarding the Synergy lawsuit. He passed out all documentation regarding the lawsuit for Board members to review. Synergy has proposed entering into a PILOT agreement. Attorney Roach stated that this could give the town a resolution that they had some control of rather than putting everything in the hands of the court. He advised that there would be some sort of stipulation that no lawsuit could come once PILOT is completed. With that being said he also feels very strongly that we have a great argument should this go through the courts. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Supervisor Davis, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

1.) RESOLVED to entertain a PILOT agreement with Synergy.

Rick Dean from Real Property Tax explained a little about county wide assessing. There are several options available. He also passed out pamphlets regarding the different options. The Board stated that we would be interested in Countywide Assessing. It would be a lengthy process and a local law would have to be passed.

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

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

RESOLVED to approve December 11, 2012 minutes as read.

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

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

RESOLVED to approve December 28, 2012 minutes as read.

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

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ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

RESOLVED to pay general bills 191 thru 200 totaling \$5,160.83 and 1 thru 10 totaling \$8,800.64.

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

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

RESOLVED to pay highway bills 189 thru 198 totaling \$13,219.37 and 1 and 2 totaling \$1034.65.

**HIGHWAY-** Mike Bell

- New truck needed a new cylinder, Valley did the job quickly.
- John Deere mowing tractor will need new tires.
- Had the snow blower down on South Street doing some work.
- Received a call from Don Wallace complaining about yard damage from plow.

**DEPUTY SUPERVISOR-** Paul Tobias

- General check #6453 and 6457 have not been cashed
- Highway check #4772, 4780 and 4782 have not been cashed.

**SUPERVISOR-** Jerry Davis

- Supervisor Davis submitted his report on town monies:  
General Repair Reserve Fund.....\$980.23  
Highway Checking.....\$ 14773.05  
General Checking..... \$16181.29  
Trust and Agency Checking..... \$3759.68  
General Money Market..... \$114,548.93  
Highway Money Market.....\$25849.57  
TOTAL.....\$176,092.75
- Having problems with desk top computer- keep getting an error, with the cost of new ones it would probably be better to buy a new one. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Supervisor Davis , seconded by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

2.) RESOLVED to purchase a new computer at no more than \$400.00.

- Karl Smith called and spoke with Jerry and resigned effective 12/31/12. Bill and Karen feel they can continue at least until spring. We can borrow a judge from another town if needed.

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- Ed Smart will be at our next meeting to talk about what our next step should be.
- Board will need to talk to a few prospective Councilpersons for Brian's position.
- Bill Zuber will need to be added on as an additional signer on Karl Smith's justice account. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Warren, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED      AYES 4    NAYS 0    ABSENT 0    ABSTAIN 0

3.) RESOLVED to add William Zuber as additional signer to Karl Smith's justice account at Five Star Bank.

- There will be a special meeting January 22, 2013 at 7 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Mike advised that Jeffres is not interested in pickups this year, but possibly next year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.