

Town of Covington  
Meeting of the Covington Town Board  
April 12, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Covington Town Board was held on Tuesday April 12, 2011 at the Covington Town Building. Present were Councilpersons Larry Warren, Paul Tobias, Brian Murphy and Sharon West. Also present was Supervisor Jerry Davis, Zoning Officer Alan Rudgers, Town Clerk Amy Wiedrich and Highway Superintendent Mike Bell. Auditor Don Przybyl, Book keeper Deb Long and residents Glen Taylor, Karl Smith and Bruce & Beverly Torquato also attended the meeting.

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

Don Przybyl submitted his report on the audits he did on the town clerk account and the town justices Karl Smith and Deborah Hagen accounts. Everything was determined to be accurate and balance correctly. Following a brief discussion and a motion made by Councilperson Tobias and seconded by Councilperson Murphy the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

16.) RESolved to approve and accept the audit done by Don Przybyl.

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

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

RESolved to accept the March 8, 2011 minutes as read.

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

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

17.) RESolved to approve the paying of general bills 53 thru 64 totaling \$4,729.35.

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

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

18.) RESolved to approve the paying of highway bills 22 thru 30 totaling \$11,939.25.

**ZONING-** Alan Rudgers

\* Alan Rudgers submitted his monthly report.

\*Planning board met on March 23 to discuss the Taylor special use and the Cromwell land separation.

Glen Taylor spoke at this time and wanted to know the status of the application for the fireworks permit that he turned in. Supervisor Davis advised that he didn't have a problem with it. Alan said that if he could get that as a motion he would go ahead and issue the permit, therefore on a motion of Councilperson West and a second by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

19.) RESolved to approve the fireworks permit to the Motocross track for the July 2, 2011 event.

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**HIGHWAY-** Mike Bell

- \* Mike wants to order salt to fill the barn- wants to try to be ahead going into winter.
- \*Would also like to see some of the snow index be put into road work.
- \*The east side of town all road signs have been replaced- West side of town to be completed by next year.
- \*Town of Covington has three(3) “open” intersections, Mike would like to purchase stop signs for Brownell & Crossman, Crossman & Wyoming and Kendall & Lake Leroy. On a motion of Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

20.) RESolved to approve the purchase of the stop signs for the open intersections.

- \*Mike mentioned the County has done its annual bidding and the fuel bid has been awarded to Reisdorf. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson West the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

21.) RESolved to accept the County bid on stone, gravel, asphalt, hot mix, striping and surface treat.

- \*Mike mentioned again about John retiring- he has a preliminary date of June 29<sup>th</sup>. It has been quite a number of years since the town has had to hire an employee so discussion ensued about what needs to happen. Jerry said the position needs to be advertised, Mike questioned if the applicant must be a town of Covington resident. Supervisor Davis stated that he thought preferably a town resident but definitely a Wyoming County resident. Jerry will check with Wyoming County and see what the law actually is.

- \*Todd from Wyoming County Highway is re-designing Big Tree Rd & Peoria Rd. The County has been working up there.

- \* Mike received an update on replacing radios, there will be some funding available.

- \*Mike passed out a couple advertisements on snow plows to give an estimate on what they are going for. Board suggesting he go look at the used equipment @ Tracey Road Equipment.

**DEPUTY SUPERVISOR-** Paul Tobias

- \* All bills are paid and cleared

**SUPERVISOR-**

- \* Supervisor Davis submitted his monthly report on town monies:

General Repair Reserve Fund.....	\$979.37
Highway Checking.....	\$12,136.02
General Checking.....	\$23,648.61
Trust and Agency Checking.....	\$3,703.62
General Money Market.....	\$204,965.55
Highway Money Market.....	\$292,239.58
TOTAL.....	\$537,672.75

- \* Supervisor Davis advised that he awarded the 4-H campership to Olivia Draper.

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\*Jerry mentioned that Marion Taylor's term expired, so on a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Supervisor Davis the following resolution was  
ADOPTED            AYES 5            NAYS 0            ABSENT 0  
ABSTAIN 0

22.) RESolved to re-appoint Marion Taylor to Board of Assessment Review for another five (5) year term.

\* Jerry mentioned that with the rising cost of insurance a lot of the towns are looking at going to the High Deductible Insurance Plans.

\*Supervisor Davis advised that after doing some research it was determined that we owe Pavilion Fire Dept a payment of \$2500.00 from 2008 and a payment of \$2500.00 from 2011. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was

ADOPTED            AYES 4            NAYS 0            ABSENT 0            ABSTAIN- Tobias

23.)RESolved to approve the paying of \$5,000.00 to Pavilion Fire Department.

\* Jerry mentioned the right to farm law, the board does not think it is necessary, Farm Bureau might want to come and speak at one of our board meetings.

\* Supervisor Davis received a call from Tax Collector Elaine Moag and she had been on the phone with Williamson Law regarding her tax collector software and they told her that the town had not paid the annual maintenance fee. Williamson send they would re-send the bill to the correct address.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

\* Supervisor Davis received correspondence from the Town Historian requesting funding so she can purchase an external hard drive, become a member of Government Appointed Historians of Western New York and attend their annual meeting and receive Historical Wyoming; Following a brief discussion and a motion by Supervisor Davis, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED            AYES 4            NAYS 0            ABSENT 0            ABSTAIN- West

24.)RESolved to approve the funding requested by Historian.

\*Attorney David Dimatteo drew up a resolution authorizing the purchase of the Purcel property therefore on a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was

ADOPTED            AYES 5            NAYS 0            ABSENT 0            ABSTAIN 0

25.) RESolved to approve the purchase of the Purcel property located at 584 Route 246 in the Town of Covington.

\*Census results are in and they show that Covington has gone down.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

\* Jerry received a call from Ron VanAllen stating that they will not have enough money to mow the Lagrange cemetery. Board recommended offering \$1,000 to the cemetery committee, Discussion ensued about funding the cemetery. Jerry will go the cemeteries board meeting Thursday night and see what their actual situation is.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

\* There will be a "building Committee" meeting at the town hall on Tuesday April 19 at 7 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.