

Town of Covington
Monthly Meeting of the Covington Town Board
March 13, 2012

The monthly meeting of Covington Town Board was held on Tuesday March 13, 2012 at Covington Town Hall. Present were Councilpersons Paul Tobias, Larry Warren, Brian Murphy and Sharon West. Also present was Supervisor Jerry Davis, Highway Superintendent Mike Bell and Town Clerk Amy Wiedrich. Bookkeeper Deb Long, Municipal Accountant Don Przybyl and residents Karl Smith & Bill Zuber were also present.

Zoning Officer Alan Rudgers was absent.

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

Municipal Accountant Don Przybyl submitted his report on the 2011 audits he completed on the town clerk records, the tax collectors records and both justice accounts. All records were proven satisfactory and following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

7.) RESolved to accept report and approve payment of \$893.00 to Don Przybyl.

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

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

RESolved to approve the February 14, 2012 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

RESolved to approve the paying of general bills 19 to 40 totaling \$63,019.89.

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

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

RESolved to approve the paying of highway bills 22 thru 39 totaling \$9,823.32.

HIGHWAY- Mike Bell

*Did purchase wing blades

*Mike mentioned that Gordie came to work on crutches, he is not sure how long he will be out, Jerry said to get a letter from regarding his intent to retire.

* Mike advised they are having problems with the overhead doors, they will not go up or down properly and the bottom panels are wearing pretty thin. Mike got prices from "Overhead Door" for new and to repair. Jerry suggested putting it out to bid if we were seriously considering the door purchase. Board suggested Mike get quotes from a few different companies and bring to next months meeting.

* Mike got some prices on trucks- we are looking at \$200,000 to purchase new. Mike is

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planning on going to the equipment show April 5, he will get comparisons from different vendors. Following a lengthy discussion and a motion by Supervisor Davis, seconded by Councilperson Murphy the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

8.) RESolved to approve Mike to get vehicle specs so truck can be put out to bid next month.

* Mike mentioned that the county is applying for a grant to have a study done regarding speed on curves.

* Jerry received notices regarding speed limits on four different roads. Supervisor Davis is going to send letter to traffic safety board to investigate those areas.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR- Paul Tobias

*All bills are paid and cleared.

SUPERVISOR- Jerry Davis

* Supervisor Davis submitted his monthly report on town monies:

General Repair Reserve Fund.....	\$979.82
Highway Checking.....	\$52,174.12
General Checking.....	\$57,282.00
Trust and Agency Checking.....	\$3,736.86
General Money Market.....	\$243,156.43
Highway Money Market.....	\$316,723.18
TOTAL.....	\$674,052.41

*Supervisor Davis mentioned that the planning board was not paid last year, therefore on a motion of Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

9.) RESolved to approve the paying of planning board members for 2011.

*Town website needs to be updated- Jerry will take care of that.

*Supervisor Davis would like to enter an agreement with Sheriff Department for additional road patrol. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Warren, seconded by Councilperson Murphy the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

9.) RESolved to approve the agreement with Sheriff Department to provide additional road patrol.

* Jerry advised the memorandum of understanding-a \$50,000 grant to perform a water study. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Supervisor Davis, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

10.) RESolved to approve the County to apply for \$50,000 grant to form Wyoming County Water Resource Agency.

* \$30,000 Justice grant needs to be spent within 180 days.

*Supervisor Davis mentioned that this was a contract year and he would like to switch to

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a high deductible health insurance plan and not go with the teamsters.

* David Dimatteo sent a letter regarding ethics policy- Jerry will get with him to discuss.

* Supervisor Davis mentioned the 4-H campership, following a brief discussion it was suggested that it be given to the Draper Family again.

* Supervisor Davis received a letter regarding the town of Warsaw passing a resolution allowing ATV's to ride on town roads to get to trails. Discussion ensued and on a motion of Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

11.) RESolved to ignore the resolution regarding the ATV's.

* Supervisor Davis mentioned the mowing of the cemeteries, he stated he is meeting with an auditor on Lagrange Cemetery. Cemeteries will be coming to the towns again this year needing money. With regards to the mowing of the cemeteries, the discussion was tabled.

* Jerry mentioned the possibility of having Jeff Smith come speak at the next meeting.

* There will be a building meeting on Tuesday March 20 at 7:00, Smart Design has been invited to attend.

* Supervisor Davis has a documentary on hydrofracking- He will take it home and watch it.

NEW BUSINESS

* It was mentioned that money could possibly be saved on the phone bill by switching to Time Warner and getting a Verizon card for internet at the clerks office. Sharon will look into this and let Jerry know.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.