

Town of Covington
Monthly meeting of Covington Town Board
October 8, 2024

The Monthly Meeting of Covington Town Board was held on Tuesday October 8, 2024 at the Town Hall. Present were Councilpersons Larry Warren, Sharon West, Rod Cummins and Paul Tobias. Also present were Supervisor Nathan Rudgers, Zoning Officer Alan Rudgers, Highway Superintendent Mike Bell, Water Operator Josh Gardner and Clerk Amy Wiedrich. Also present were Attorneys David Dimatteo and Eli McWhittney and residents Jerry Davis, John Roll, Chris Jeffres, Mike Cook and Mitch Cromwell.

Supervisor Rudgers called to order the public hearing for the proposed commercial district. Supervisor Rudgers explained and discussed the regulations and permitted uses for the Commercial District. Public Hearing was kept open

Public comment period was opened- No comments were made.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received a thank you letter from the Young at Hearts club

ZONING- Alan Rudgers

- Alan submitted his monthly report
- Received a letter from the DOT regarding some signs

Rudgers

Supervisor ~~Davis~~ opened the public hearing for the Right to Farm Law, Nathan read the notice that was published in the paper. Public Hearing remained open

Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Warren, seconded by Councilperson Cummins the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

36.) RESOLVED that the Town of Covington declares itself Lead Agency for the Highway Commercial District

Discussion ensued and Attorney Dimatteo went over Part 2- Identification of Potential Impacts- On a motion of Councilperson Warren, seconded by Councilperson ~~Warren~~ *Cummins* the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

37.) RESOLVED that after careful review the board has determined that the proposed local law will not have any large agricultural impacts and adopts a negative declaration determination

Hearing no further comment, on a motion of Councilperson West, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the public hearing regarding the Highway Commercial District is closed

Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Warren, seconded by Councilperson Cummins the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

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38.) RESOLVED to adopt Local Law #1 entitled "amending the town of Covington Zoning Ordinance to create a highway commercial District"

At this time Supervisor Rudgers opened the floor to comment on the Right to Farm law

Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson Cummins the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

39.) RESOLVED to declare itself lead agency regarding the potential environmental impacts of passing a local law establishing the right to Farm

Following a lengthy discussion and a motion of Councilperson Cummins, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS – West ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

40.) RESOLVED after careful review that the proposed local law will not result in any large and important impacts and therefore will not have a significant impact on the environment and adopts a negative declaration determination of non-significance

On a motion of Councilperson Warren, seconded by Councilperson Cummins the public hearing was closed

Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Cummins, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 3 NAYS West & Warren ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

41.) RESOLVED to adopt Local Law #2 entitled "Establishing the Right to Farm"

Pledge of allegiance opened the regular monthly meeting at 7:58 p.m.

SUPERVISOR- Nathan Rudgers

- Supervisor Rudgers submitted Town Financial report

Highway Checking.....	\$35,194.03
General Checking.....	\$33,596.85
Capital Checking.....	\$250.00
Water District #2.....	\$8126.81
Trust and Agency Checking.....	\$366.54
General Money Market.....	\$28,099.15
Highway Money Market.....	\$1.14
TOTAL.....	\$105,634.52

Had a budget workshop at the County Level

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR- Paul Tobias

- Check # 9195 was sent back to us because the bill had already been paid. Will check with the bookkeeper as to why this happened
- All other bills are paid and cleared

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

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ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSENT 0
RESOLVED to approve paying highway bills 97 thru 106 totaling \$47,833.51

On a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson Cummins the following resolution was
ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0
RESOLVED to approve paying general bills 169 thru 185 totaling \$10,509.01

On a motion of Councilperson Cummins, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was
ADOPTED AYES 0 NAYS 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0
RESOLVED to approve paying water bills 48 thru 53 totaling \$17286.92

OLD BUSINESS

- Veterans' exemption needs to be adopted at the county level. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Cummins seconded by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0
43.) RESOLVED to approve adopting veterans' exemption

NEW BUSINESS

- Stove is not working in the Highway barn, The guys will into what the problem might be
- Need to come up with a shut off and reconnect fee for the water, following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Cummins, seconded by Councilperson West the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0
44.) RESOLVED to approve charging a fee of \$125.00

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Financial Report as of November 1, 2024

Checking Accounts @ Five Star Bank

Highway Checking	76677.12
General Checking	22689.98
Capital Checking	250.00
Water District #2	8702.28
Trust and Agency Checking	591.97
General Money Market	28099.86
Highway Money Market	<u>2001.15</u>

Total \$139012.36

NY Class

Capital building account	18993.07
Water District #2	8232.22
General Fund	336249.40
Highway fund	110383.42

Certificate of Deposit @ Five Star Bank

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS

\$612,870.47