

TOWN OF COVINGTON  
MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD  
AUGUST 10, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Covington Town Board was held on Tuesday August 10, 2010 at the town building. Present were Councilpersons Brian Murphy, Sharon West and Paul Tobias. Also present were Highway Superintendent Mike Bell, Supervisor Jerry Davis and Town Clerk Amy Wiedrich. Zoning Officer Alan Rudgers and resident Karl Smith also attended the meeting.

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

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

ADOPTED      AYES 4      NAYES 0      ABSENT- Weaver  
Resolved to accept the July 13, 2010 minutes as read.

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

ADOPTED      AYES 4      NAYS 0      ABSENT- Weaver  
32. resolved to approve the paying of Highway bills 97-116 totaling \$54,206.71

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

ADOPTED      AYES 4      NAYS 0      ABSENT-Weaver  
33. resolved to approve the paying of general bills 96-102 totaling \$2118.83

**ZONING REPORT**- Alan Rudgers

- Alan Rudgers submitted his monthly report
- There will be no planning board meeting in August
- He has no further information regarding Lenepe Gas Co. , probably won't receive a completed application until after August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Alan mentioned that there could be some possible issues with parking at the Motocross Track.

**HIGHWAY REPORT**- Mike Bell

- There is 6 miles of road work done.
- The CHIPS funding is still up in the air.
- They changed a culvert on Van Allen Rd.
- Mike said he is able to get some millings from the Wal-Mart parking lot and he will probably use them on Van Allen Rd.
- The salt building project will begin on or around August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Mike received a letter and a visit from a Boyles Salesman regarding the letter we sent. They were very apologetic and will try to figure out a way to make it up to us. Mike is awaiting a return call.
- Mike spoke with Meg Ryan from Unicell and she said they would be able to save us some money on the snowplow for the pick up. After looking over all the bids

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34. resolved to approve the purchase of the 2011 Dodge Ram 2500 4x4 from Albany Dodge and the plow from Unicell.

Councilperson Ken Weaver entered the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

- Mike mentioned that he would like the board members to look at the 10 wheelers when they get a chance as they are the next purchase that will have to be made.
- Supervisor Davis has received the new snow contracts for the 2011-2012 and 2012- 2013 seasons so on a motion of Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Weaver the following resolution was

ADOPTED      AYES-5      NAYES 0      ABSENT-0

35. resolved to sign the snow contracts and return them to the County.

- Supervisor Davis received a letter from a resident who would like us to put signs up on West Middlebury Rd and Starr Rd. The County will look at traffic flow and see if this is warranted.

**DEPUTY SUPERVISOR**- Paul Tobias

Check # 4179 has been cleared

Check # 5503 has been voided due to incorrect amount and check #5514 has been issued in its place.

Check #4192 for Hanson has not been cleared.

**SUPERVISOR**- Jerry Davis

Jerry submitted his report on town monies:

General repair Reserve fund.....	\$979.05
Highway Checking.....	\$ 24404.51
General Checking.....	\$9722.47
Trust and Agency Checking.....	\$ 3620.32
General Money Market.....	\$8867.96
Highway Money Market.....	\$53926.02

- Jerry mentioned that since the State is no longer going to be involved in the dog licenses, all the Wyoming County Clerks are working together and will have unified fees for all the towns, Fee for spayed/neutered will be \$9.00 and unsprayed/unneutered will be \$18.00.
- The grant application has been submitted for the water district.
- A letter of resignation for Town Justice was received from Deborah Hagen effective 7/31/10. On a motion of Councilperson Weaver, seconded by Councilperson Murphy the following resolution was

ADOPTED      AYES-5      NAYES-0      ABSENT-0

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36. resolved to accept the resignation for Town Justice from Deborah Hagen effective July 31, 2010.

Amy completed the vacancy notice and Supervisor Davis will deliver to Board of Elections.

- Republican Caucus is August 24,2010.
- Supervisor Davis received a letter from Partners for Prevention requesting a donation, The Board is not sure if are able to do that, so on a motion of Councilperson Weaver, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the afore mentioned conversation was to be tabled for a month.
- National Grid is running an energy efficiency program, National Grid will do a no obligation energy evaluation of lighting and let you know how much you can save. Board agreed it was a good idea, Supervisor Davis will contact National Grid.
- Jerry mentioned that the State passed a legislation that allows Towns to give money to cemeteries rather than take them over. Supervisor Davis thinks we should budget for this.
- Jerry mentioned that we still have openings for Town Historian and alternates for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board.
- Supervisor Davis believes the town will start receiving pressure for a better court facility- A State Architect needs to put seal of approval on the bench. Jerry would like to get Pat Brennan and Tom Carpenter and see what type of funding is available; our new building would be a disaster Center. Supervisor Davis said we need to get an architect design and begin the process of a new building as it looks like the Justice System will have a say in how we build the building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.