

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

The monthly meeting of the Covington Town Board was held on Tuesday July 12, 2011 at the Covington Town Building. Present was Supervisor Jerry Davis, Town Clerk Amy Wiedrich, Highway Superintendent Mike Bell and Historian Alexis Godat. Also present were Councilpersons Paul Tobias, Larry Warren, Sharon West and Bookkeeper Deb Long. Residents John Moag, Elaine Moag, Karl Smith and Gordon Appleton were also present.

Councilperson Brian Murphy and Zoning Officer Alan Rudgers were absent.

A plaque & a watch were presented to John Moag for his retirement after 35 years with the Highway Dept.

The pledge of allegiance opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Supervisor Davis opened the public hearing, There were no comments so the hearing was left open to continue on with the meeting.

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

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 ABSTAIN 0

RESolved to approve the June 14, 2011 minutes as read.

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

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 ABSTAIN 0

33.) RESolved to approve the paying of general bills 114 to 143 totaling \$7,229.54.

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

ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 ABSTAIN 0

34.) RESolved to approve the paying of highway bills 60 to 75 totaling \$9,822.70.

**ZONING-** Alan Rudgers

\* Alan submitted his monthly report.

**HIGHWAY-** Mike Bell

\* Mike met with a guy from Cornell Local Roads, regarding signs, he tested some of our signs with his reflectometer.

\* Mike mentioned that Bryan Smart has started working and he is doing well.

\* Oil & Stone work has been done and plan on black top next week on parts of Kendall Road and Morrow Road. They have also been digging & patching on Peoria Rd.

\* Received a bulletin for a fema meeting regarding the process needed to submit claims for damages due to all the rain in the spring.

**DEPUTY SUPERVISOR-** Paul Tobias

\*All bills are paid and cleared

\* Paul went to the Mt. Ash cemetery meeting, they are getting some donations but would

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like help paying for two (2) lawn mowings. They mow 8 times a year @ \$350.00 each, that would help them get through the rest of the year.

**SUPERVISOR-** Jerry Davis

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

General Repair Reserve Fund.....	\$979.50
Highway Checking.....	\$50,429.92
General Checking.....	\$14,680.94
Trust and Agency Checking.....	\$3,704.20
General Money Market.....	\$142,258.20
Highway Money Market.....	\$202,342.42
TOTAL.....	\$414,395.18

\* Jerry mentioned that to replace the floor in the town building- it would be need to be sent out to bid.

\* The building committee did meet with Ed Smart- He is going to sent Jerry some "Request for proposal" templates. They need to be sent out to engineering firms for architectural work on new projects. Following a brief discussion and a motion from Supervisor Davis, seconded by Councilperson West the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 ABSTAIN 0

35.) RESolved to approve to send out the R F P's.

\* Alexis has scanned and saved all the burial information. Alexis has contacted the Historian at GCC & looked into grants for the new building. Jerry gave Alexis some papers to look into some more grant funding.

\* Jerry mention the 2% tax cap and stated that the state will bankrupt the Counties.

\*Jerry advised that the IRS has raised the mileage rate effective July 1, 2011 to 55 ½ cents from 51 cents. On a motion of Supervisor Davis , seconded by Councilperson Tobias the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 ABSTAIN 0

36.) RESolved to approve the adoption of the mileage rate increase to 55 ½ cents.

\* Supervisor Davis mentioned that some deputies are writing more traffic tickets than others during the same time period. He is going to speak with Sheriff Ferris regarding this.

\* Jerry advised that a perk test needs to be done at the Pursel Building. He will get together with Mike to figure out a time the digging can be done.

\*Deb Slusser is mowing the lawn at the Pursel property for \$60.00 per trip.

\* Jerry mentioned that Lagrange cemetery is looking for \$750.00 and Mt Ash is looking for \$700.00. Following a brief discussion it was decided to table the cemetery discussion until the next board meeting.

The public hearing resumed and Jerry advised that Alan Rudgers recommended a fee of \$75.00 for the land separation and subdivision applications. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was ADOPTED AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1 ABSTAIN 0

37.) RESolved to approve the \$75.00 fee for a land separation and land subdivision applications.

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On a motion Councilperson West, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the public hearing was closed.

\* Jerry mentioned that the 2% money was received and deposited right away and the checks have been issued to the Fire Dept's.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

\* Received notice that Horizon Wind Energy has officially changed its name to EDP Renewables.

\*Received notice from Ladder Capital Finance- (the mortgagee for the trailer park) that they request written notice if there is any change in status of the special use permit.

\*Jerry received a thank you note from Donna Morgan for getting involved in her issue with the Town Assessor

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.