

Town of Covington
Meeting of the Covington Town Board
March 8,2011

The monthly meeting of the Covington Town Board took place on Tuesday March 8,2011 at the Covington Town Building. Present were Councilpersons Paul Tobias, Brian Murphy, Sharon West & Larry Warren. Also present was Supervisor Jerry Davis, Town Clerk Amy Wiedrich, Zoning Officer Alan Rudgers and Highway Superintendent Mike Bell. Bookkeeper Deb Long, residents Karl Smith and Dan & Beverly Torquato were also present.

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

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 February 8, 2011 minutes as read.

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

ADOPTED Ayes 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0
10.) RESolved to approve the paying of general bills 44 thru 52 totaling \$1,146.04.

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

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0
11.) RESolved to approve the paying of highway bills 10 thru 21 totaling \$15,755.77.

ZONING- Alan Rudgers

- * Alan Rudgers submitted his monthly report
- * Planning Board will meet regarding the Cromwell land separation on Dow Road.

HIGHWAY- Mike Bell

- *We are at about 1100 ton consumption for salt which is about average.
- *Mike did receive one complaint from someone who couldn't get up the hill on Lamb Rd.
- *There was some shoulder damage on Altoft Rd that has been repaired.
- *Mike has been working on the roadway signs and some have been replaced.
- *Todd @ Wyoming County Highway has not received application for grant to replace radios, there is nothing to apply for yet.
- *Mike mentioned that John Moag has expressed interest in retiring this year- He has not heard of an exact date yet.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR- Paul Tobias

- * All bills are paid and cleared
- * Paul did a walk through of the Purcel building- it is insulated and has concrete floor, he said it would make a good storage building or shop. Supervisor Davis mentioned that are looking at a closing date of around April 1st. Attorney Dimatteo needs to order a survey. Jerry would then like to set up a building committee as there are four (4) grants that could be applied for.

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SUPERVISOR- Jerry Davis

Jerry submitted his monthly report on town monies:

General Repair Reserve Fund.....	\$979.33
Highway Checking.....	\$38,937.20
General Checking.....	\$49,718.23
Trust and Agency Checking.....	\$5,000.63
General Money Market.....	\$195,504.91
Highway Money Market.....	\$291,890.68
TOTAL.....	\$579,030.98

*Jerry mentioned that he would like the Historian and possibly the clerk to work together on the cemeteries in town and put who is buried where on disc as the maps we currently have are getting very old and hard to read.

* Jerry stated that Mike had found some scrap money in his desk from 2006. Amy typed up a policy and procedures for scrap materials and on a motion of Councilperson Tobias, seconded by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

12.) RESolved to adopt the scrap materials policies & procedures.

Attorney David Dimatteo entered the meeting at 8:05 pm and discussion ensued regarding the Motocross track wanting to close part of Taylor Rd for an event in July which would entail the track to be extended across the road and the racers would cross Taylor Rd. Mike does not like the idea of closing the road or the damage of the road that could come from the racers crossing it. Jerry spoke with Frank from Tompkins Insurance and was advised that the insurance would have no issue if the town decided to do it. Attorney Dimatteo said the board really has no say, it is ultimately Mike Bell's decision. Highway Superintendent Mike Bell votes No to closing Taylor Rd and the board agrees it is not a good idea.

* Attorney Dimatteo drafted a fireworks permit and sent it to Glen Taylor to fill out and return to the town to get approval to have fireworks at an event. Following a brief discussion and a motion of Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Warren the following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

13.) RESolved to accept applications for anyone who wants a fireworks display with a fee schedule of \$100.00 and 45 day advance notice.

*Jerry brought up the senior citizen exemption the town has- Attorney Dimatteo will draft a new proposal and the town will re-visit..

*Board of supervisors had their annual meeting and it was mentioned that Covington is one of the few towns that has not adopted the right to farm law, following a brief discussion Councilperson Tobias made mention that there really was NO reason to adopt it and the board agreed.

* With regards to the ambulance issues- Supervisor Davis wants a meeting for all involved to be held in Dimatteo's office. Jerry will call Dimatteo's office and set up the appointment.

* On a motion of Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Tobias the

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following resolution was

ADOPTED AYES 5 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN 0

14.) RESolved to accept the workplace violence prevention program as submitted by Attorney David Dimatteo.

* Jerry received the 2 percent money and sent the Fire Companies their share and the check to Wyoming was returned by the post office, Councilperson Warren was going to hand deliver the check.

* Don Przybzl is coming to audit justice and clerk accounts.

* Jerry mentioned that the senior ball is coming up and he needs to nominate a senior citizen who is worthy of recognition. Vera Pursel, Shirley Jeffres, and Karen Milligan were some of the names mentioned.

* Town also needs to nominate a child for the 4-H camp scholarship, Mike is going to ask his wife for some possible names for that.

* If a town has a website the tax roll assessment must be posted on it.

* Cable will stop sending certified letters and will e-mail any changes instead.

* Jerry purchased a new lap top and the desk top will only be used to run the camera. Jerry would like to have George come over and look at all our computers and security and make sure we are updated and current.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.