

**Village of Covington Ohio
Record of Proceedings
Covington Village Council Meeting
December 28, 2009**

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, December 28, 2009 for end-of-year meeting with the following members present: Marc Basye, R. Scott Tobias, Doris Beeman, Dick Rice and Edward L. McCord. Council member Ann Bell was out of town. Mayor Donna Kay Dewey presided at the meeting. Lenee Brosch Attorney, from the law firm of Shipman, Dixon & Livingston was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Special guests introduced by McCord were his wife, Lisa; daughter Sara and friend Kevin; daughter Kate and fiancé, Brady; sister-in-law Mary Baskerville and her son, Alex Baskerville.

Minutes of December 14th were approved as written.

Fund balances were reviewed. Village income tax fund is now part of General Fund. State has mandated this as monies were being transferred from Income Tax Fund to the General Fund and/or other funds.

Motion was made by McCord and seconded by Beeman for payment of bills. Roll call: all ayes.

Copies of 2009 appropriations thru December 28th were presented to council members.

Correspondence: Letter from Ohio EPA concerning satisfactory rating for the West Water Plant as result of recent inspection.

Ray Kimmel, BPA Superintendent, said Board members have not seen report yet. It will be necessary to have infiltration and lining done next year according to what he has read.

New Business: Motion was made by and seconded by Beeman to place Ord. 12-09 on Emergency Legislation establishing the position of Assistant Fiscal Officer. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Rice Ord. 12-09 pass Emergency Legislation. Roll call: all ayes.

Mayor asked McCord to give information about the appointment of the Assistant Fiscal Officer. McCord said it would be necessary to hire an Assistant Fiscal Officer because the law doesn't allow two Fiscal Officers at the same time. Person appointed would serve as Assistant Fiscal Officer until the end of February. On March 1st she will become Fiscal Officer.

McCord said Carmen Siefring lives on North State Route 48, in the Covington School District as far as north as possible to be in the local school district. She is a graduate of Coldwater High School and has a four year degree from Wright State University in Accounting/Finance. She has been fiscal officer of Russia since 2002 and is active in the community; she brings a wealth of experience.

A committee looked at a number of candidates; however, her experience in government financing set her apart from the others.

Motion was then made by McCord and seconded by Rice to appoint Carmen K. Siefring as Assistant Fiscal Officer from January 4, 2010 to February 28, 2010. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman to suspend the rules and place on Emergency Legislation Ord. 09-11, 2010 Temporary Appropriations. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Beeman Ord. 09-11 pass Emergency Legislation. Roll call: all ayes.

The 2009 Salary Ordinance has been reviewed per stated on annual basis.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Tobias, after review, salary ordinance with remain as is for 2010. Roll call: all ayes.

The next Council meeting will be Monday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m. Oath of Office will be given to new council candidates and BPA member at 6:30 p.m. on January 4th.

There will be a Work Session on Saturday, January 16th to discuss trash collection.

Another regular-scheduled Work Session will be held on Tuesday, January 19th. It will be on the 19th due Martin Luther King Day on January 18th.

Department Reports: Officer Steve Blei was present representing the Police Department for vacationing Chief Lee Harmon. Officer Blei had no report.

Bob Kendig, Street Department Superintendent, had no report

Bill Westfall, Fire Chief, had no report.

Ray Kimmel, BPA Superintendent, had no report

Mayor Dewey administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Edward. L. McCord effective January 1, 2010.

Mayor Dewey said this year has been an emotional and mental rollercoaster with three mayors in one year. She wished McCord the best as he begins the mayoral duties in 2010.

Council President Dick Rice presented a gift of appreciation to Mayor Dewey for her years of service to the Village of Covington.