

**Village of Covington Ohio
Record of Proceedings
Covington Village Council Meeting
January 12, 2009**

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Covington Government Center with the following members present: Marc Basye, Scott Tobias, Doris Beeman, George Karayannis, Donna K. Dewey and Gary Bell. Mayor Lowell Yingst presided at the meeting. Grant Kerber, Law Director, was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Ty, Owens, Quartermaster, and Bill Wendell, Commander of the VFW were present to give Council a report on rebuilding the VFW at the same site. The fire was March 25, 2008. They are working on a limited budget to rebuild. Job trailer will be there this week and port-a-john. Two other VFW members had talked to Steve Placeway, Zoning Inspector, earlier and were told everything is ok.

Owens and Wendell had drawings of the building which will be steel and downsized from 7,000 square feet to 4,950 square feet. They will use existing structure of dining room but take the roof off and replace. Building will be handicap accessible. The fire wall did its job – door to kitchen had been left open. They will have to buy used kitchen equipment, coolers, and other furnishings. ATA from Brookville will be builders. Projected opening date is July 4, 2009. They signed contract last week. Plans are currently in rough draft stages. They will attend Planning and Zoning Board next week. Roof level will be about six to seven feet above sidewalk level. Peak would be higher – almost where it is now. VFW hopes to have fundraisers to help out with expenses.

Motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Karayannis to continue to have Council meetings the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Beeman nominating Gary Bell as Council President. Motion was made by Karayannis and seconded by Beeman for nominations to be closed. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion for Bell to be Council President: Roll call: all ayes.

The Mayor said he would have Council committees at the next meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as written.

Fund balances were reviewed. Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Karayannis for payment of bills. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Bell and seconded by Karayannis to renew contract with Miami County Public Defender at annual cost of \$826.88. Roll call: all ayes.

David Kenworthy, 203 E. Fountain Street, was present and told Council his home and others were devalued by rezoning land from Conservation to Light Industry at last meeting. He, also, said drainage for ditch is not fixed. If new school is built, there will be more water. He asked if Council was going to clean the ditch.

The Mayor said it is the property owner's responsibility to clean ditch. Architects will address drainage when new school is built.

Kerber said property owners have some responsibility in cleaning ditches; Petition would be through County Engineer.

The Mayor said drainage comes from farm fields.

Kerber said more information is needed - there are all kinds of issues.

Doug Christian, County Engineer, regulates ditches.

Kenworthy asked if he regulates ditches through corporations.

He also asked about dirt left under Railroad Bridge on N Wall Street.

The next hearing at the court house concerning dirt under Railroad Bridge is set for January 22. This will be the third time to go to court for this.

CAIC meeting will be held at 6:30 at High School Commons Area on Tuesday, January 20th. Public Open House is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Patrolman Tim DeMoss was present for Police Department – nothing to report.

Fire Chief Bill Westfall said new fire station is on schedule – completion is scheduled for end of this month.

Bob Kendig, Street Superintendent, said reported two hour parking signs on Spring Street have been erected. They have had many problems with the new truck; hydraulic issues. This is the fifth time truck has been at Kaffenbarger's. Salt is doing fine.

Ray Kimmel, BPA Superintendent, had no report.

Motion was made by Dewey to adjourn at 7:29.