

Village of Covington Ohio
Record of Proceedings
Covington Village Council Meeting
January 28, 2008

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, Jan. 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Government Center with the following members present: Marc Basye, R. 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.

Minutes of Jan. 14, were approved as written...

Fund balances were reviewed. Motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Tobias to transfer \$25,000 from the Income Tax Fund to the General Fund. Roll call: all ayes.

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

There was letter from Mark Schilling, Covington-Newberry Historical Museum President, asking no more railroad bridges be raised. Village does not own the bridges. Adrian Miller owns them and would have to go through Planning & Zoning Board before any other demolition was done.

Permission was requested from Adrian Miller for time extension on demolition of Pearl Street overpass to march 1, 2008. The saw he was using will not work except in certain temperatures; he is now drilling holes to expand the joints but this also involves temperature.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Basye to grant time extension requested by Adrian Miller to March 1, 2008. Roll call: all ayes.

Fire trucks can get back there in event of emergency.

Bell informed Council he has talked with Doug Christian, Miami County Engineer, about the East End drainage problem. Council minutes since 1991 dealing with East End drainage have been forwarded to Christian. He will review what he has with what has been forwarded to him. Then he will meet with Lands & Building committee.

Bell has spoken to Josh Burns and informed him of what has taken place. Burns is serving as spokesperson for East End residents about drainage problems.

Bell said there are no guarantees – just trying to take positive steps to determine if there is a solution.

Mayor said Star Excavating did work for Bob Smith – there was dirt holding water where farmers had plowed and made a ridge. Smith had wanted to come 100 feet onto school property and do swail; school said no. Smith wanted water to go South to drainage ditch. Mayor said this can't be done because you run chances of flooding somewhere else.

Tobias questioned where water goes out now.

Bob Kendig, Street Supt., said it might be way it is plowed. There is a 24" tile that doesn't run full when it is flooded.

Kendig said there is a blocked drain on the North side of Brown Road. It is about five feet in on the North side; County is aware of this and it is their problem.

Mrs. Leon Fields, 800 E. Walnut, made Kendig aware of it. Between her residence and Dilley residence at 723 E. Walnut St is where pipe started.

Kendig said Paul Johnson with the Miami County Engineer's office is aware of this.

Also, Kendig said there used to be tile in the practice field. Smith ran chisel plow through it and broke it down. This could be part of drainage problem.

Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Karayannis to adopt Public Records Policy. Roll call: all ayes.

There has been a lot of interest in the Walnut St/Brown Road Water Main Replacement project from contractors. Bids will be opened on Feb 6th.

Motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Beeman placing Ord. 07-12A on Third Reading, No Parking on South Side of Dodd Street. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Bell and seconded by Basye Ord. 07-13A pass Third Reading. Roll call; all ayes.

Street Committee will meet after Council.

CAIC will meet on Feb 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Police Chief Lee Harmon had no report.

Fire Chief Bill Westfall had no report.

Bob Kendig, Street Supt., had no report.

Kay Kimmel, BPA Supt., presented a list of accomplishments for 2007 done by BPA. Big money saved was water leak Detection Company hired by the Board who located some major undetected leaks within our system to reduce the amount of unaccounted water. Cost of survey was \$2,600; repairs were approx. \$3,400. Estimates savings from repair of these undetected leaks was estimated to be an annual savings of \$76,000.

Board will contract with same company again this year to look for undetected leaks.

Finrock Construction has been working on fire hydrants. They replaced hydrant at Broadway & High; parts for old one were obsolete.

Hydrant at Pearl & Broadway will also be replaced.

BPA has hydrants on hand at all times.

Motion was made by Bell and seconded by Beeman to suspend the rules and place on Emergency Legislation Ord. 08-02A, Adoption of 2008 Ohio Basic Code. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Basye Ord. 08-02A pass Emergency Legislation. Roll call: all ayes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 with motion by Dewey.