

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regularly scheduled workshop meeting on Monday, **MARCH 15, 2010** at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington.

Mayor, Ed McCord, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Lenee Brosh, attorney, was present and the following roll call was taken for council:

Present:	Dick Rice Joyce Robertson Chip Shafer Scott Tobias Doris Beeman Marc Basye
Absent:	none

Trash: Council was given the minutes from the 2/16/10 trash meeting and a copy of the 2008 trash Ordinance.

Commercial Accounts: Council was in agreement that the commercial accounts would be billed the same as residential on a per “tipper” basis at a charge of \$18.00/month for both recycling and trash. The rates will remain as-is until the tipper and new truck system is implemented. At that time, the existing trash Ordinance will be modified.

Large Trash: Council agreed to keep the \$5 fee the same. However, large trash pick-up will be limited to 2 times a month on the 1st and 3rd Friday’s. Customers must prepay the \$5 charge at the Village office in order to have their name added to the pick-up list.

Yard Waste: Yard waste is not allowed in the toters. Ed is going to check into what Siegels may be able to sell as clear yard waste bags that can be thrown directly into our compost facility.

Recycling: Ed is going to get a quote for 48-gallon toters to be used for recycling. He will also get information on a removable lift arm for the old trash truck . Council will review the cost versus the convenience benefit after total numbers are obtained.

Vacant Homes: The current Ordinance states that in order to discontinue trash service billing, the structure must be unoccupied and vacant for 90-days. Council would like to leave this as-is.

Ed will obtain some area towns' trash policies and procedures for the next meeting. Items to be addressed include toter overflow, times frame that toter can be at curb, tires/battery policy, etc.

The target implementation date is 6/1/2010.

Fees/Permits:

The planning and zoning board met in regular session on 2/17/10 and reviewed the building permit fees established by Ordinance #00-2A on 4/17/2000. The zoning board will be providing a recommendation at the 4/5/10 council meeting to increase the fees. Council seemed in agreement on the recommended fee schedule.

Lee Harmon presented a proposal for the pricing of Webchecks (30.00), Police reports (.25/page), photo prints (1.00), photos on CD (5.00), and DVD's (15.00). Council seemed in agreement on the recommended fee schedule.

Council reviewed Ordinance #82-7 amending the rules and regulations for billards and pool and coin operated amusement devices. The Ordinance establishes a fee of \$25.00/yr for the 1st machine and \$10.00/each thereafter. Council was unaware of how long the Ordinance has not been enforced. Council would like more information on how much revenue enforcing this Ordinance would generate. Beeman stated that she would endorse removing the Ordinance from the record. Council will review at the next meeting.

The large park shelter house fee is \$30.00/day. Council agreed to keep the rate the same for the 2010 summer. Ed will develop a rental form.

Council discussed researching the practices and fees that other localities charge for festival use of Village grounds. Council will review at the next meeting as it applies to the Ft. Rowdy celebration held at the park. In addition, the Village will require proof of insurance in respect to the Fort Rowdy celebration.

2010 Goals

Ed gave Council members the opportunity to express any Village goals they would like to see accomplished this year. Schaefer listed the goals of:

1. Develop communication between residents and Village administration through a website.
2. Create a Village marketing and development plan.

3. Improve department communication.

Robertson stated that she would like to see Council develop a 1, 5, and 10-year plan.

Tobias would like to see Council address a sidewalk program, maintenance in the park including the lift station and a memorial tree program in the park. Robertson stated that if the tree program is implemented, the Village should consider a tree in memory of Gary Bell and/or a 175th anniversary tree.

McCord stated that he is meeting with Ray Kimmel on Wednesday in regards to the park lift station.

A motion was made by Schafer and seconded by Beeman to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor