

**Village of Covington Ohio
Record of Proceedings
Covington Village Council Meeting
April 27, 2009**

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 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 Dick Rice. Mayor Gary L. Bell presided at the meeting. Grant Kerber, Law Director, was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Visitors: Rhonda Shellenberger, 320 N. Pearl Street, was present to register complaint with Council about the railroad overpass. She said there are grown men driving rigged up tractors on the hills at the N. Wall Street railroad pass. She and her husband have run them off several times. She said she has called 911 but it takes the police one o one and one half hours to respond. She said is also concerned someone is going to get hurt. She asked why a lawn mower rigged up to look like a dragster allowed to drive on the streets.

Mayor Bell said Adrian Miller had given permission for one person to drive on the hills. He didn't know if others had permission.

Shellenberger said they moved here five years ago from Piqua. Their house is secluded and nice and quiet. She said Habitat was going to build homes and develop the area and that was fine. Now when it rains hey have floods and mud on North Pearl Street.

Kerber asked her to submit report listing the issues and what is going on.

Shellenberger asked if area could be fenced off.

Kerber said there will be further court filings.

Shellenberger said kids are going on the hill and riding down into rocks. Some kids are flipping.

Kerber said Council shares her concerns. He has received information this date about ownership of the land.

Harmon asked her to call 911 so they have record of service calls. Owner, Adrian Miller, had told Harmon he had given certain people the permission to go on his property. Harmon, also, told her the lawnmowers rigged up were not allowed on the streets.

Mike Maddy, Business Representative for Teamsters 957, was present representing Teamsters 957 workers and closing of Kerry Ingredients.

Maddy said prior to February 3, 2009 he had heard rumors of possible buyout. He contacted Kerry who said they would keep him informed. Plant manager called him later and said he wouldn't notice a change except in the name. February 2nd Maddy attended meeting in which he was given copy of WARN notice just prior to the meeting. He said it was a complete surprise to him. pbm official didn't give much information. Several former Kerry employees have applied for same jobs they did for Kerry but have received letters stating they would not be hired. pbm has not hired anyone yet. Jobs with pbm will pay about half what Kerry paid employees. There were 60 jobs earlier; pbm has said there will be 49 new jobs and received \$300,000 plus tax credit from the State.

Maddy asked for the councilmember's to go to pbm and tell them to maintain the people's jobs and the standard of living the employees were used to so they, too, can get part of the American dream.

Chip Brant, a former employee of Kerry, was present at the meeting with Maddy but didn't address Council.

Minutes of April 13th were approved as written.

Fund balances were reviewed. Motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Beeman for payment of bills totaling \$15,217. Roll call: all ayes.

Liquor license transfer from Stephanie Naff to David Naff. Mr. Naff was present and said it wasn't a transfer – just a stock transfer.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Dewey for Chief Harmon to continue background check and forward it to liquor Commission with council not requesting a hearing. Roll call: all ayes.

Naff said neighbors don't mow grass next to Fore Storage. Tobias said the Fore Storage sign needs to be other side of the driveway. It needs to be ten feet from the property line.

Naff said he would call sign company and have sign removed.

In Council packets was copy of questionnaire to be sent to senior citizens concerning senior housing development. Subcommittee of CAIC has put this together.

Lifeguard at Park Pool: Tobias said he wanted to talk to Health Department prior to advertising to see if we can change designation to wading pool and this would alleviate need for lifeguard.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Dewey to advertise for life guard at park pool contingent upon information received from the Miami County Health Department ruling on wading pool. Roll call: all ayes.

Mayor Bell has proclaimed the week of April 27th through May 1st as Annual Clean-up Week.

Sandy Abel present at Council meeting said she had neighbors on each side that needed to clean up their properties.

She, also, said she had 2 ton of rock brought into her back yard. Mow kids are coming in from the back of her property and throwing the rocks into the creek. She said she was not buying a security camera.

Harmon told her to call 911.

Lands and Building Committee will meet on Monday, May 11th after Council meeting.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Tobias to place Ord. 02-09A on third Reading for increasing water rates effective July 1, 2009. Roll Call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Tobias Ord-09A pass Third Reading. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Tobias to place Ord. 03-09A increasing sewer rates effective July 1, 2009. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman to pass Third Reading. Roll call: all ayes.

Police Chief Harmon said he wanted to clarify times of response given by Sullemberger for railroad overpass; times of response have been 2 minutes, 4 minutes and 5 minutes.

Bob Kendig, Street Superintendent, asked permission to have F450 bed painted at the cost of \$1,550. Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Beeman to have truck bed painted at coat of \$1,550. Roll call: all ayes.

Basye said Street Committee met prior to Council meeting and recommended a salter and snow plow for the one ton be declared as surplus property and advertised for sale on govdeals. Motion was made by Basye as so stated and seconded by Beeman. Roll call: all ayes.

Street Committee has drawing for Adams Street but is awaiting specification sheets from the Engineer.

Recycling bins will be monitored for 30 days; some people are putting trash in them and then recycling people are taking it to Troy rather than recycling site.

Fire Chief Bill Westfall reported Doug Peterson is no longer probationary fireman. He moved from residence requirement of certain distance. Fire Department has formally accepted his recommendation

Ray Kimmel, BPA Superintendent, said he had no report; things are good with them.

Mayor Bell thanked citizens for successful garage sale day; majority of persons didn't post signs on poles per Council legislation. There were no fender dents and no locked out cars.

Dewey moved meeting be adjourned at 7:40.