

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, **April 5, 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
Absent: Marc Basye

Minutes – 3/1/10 change Chris Haines spelling
Approve Robertson seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Financial – Council received fund balances and line item year to date. No questions. A motion was made by Schafer and seconded by Beeman to accept the financial statements.

Bills – The bills will be approved at the workshop meeting

School Update

A representative from Covington School was present to update the Council on the location of the potential new K – 12 school. The school has options to purchase land with 2 farmers off of Route 36 with access off of Brown Rd and Chestnut. Also discussed a possible drainage scenario. The School Board may consider deeding the elementary school to the Covington Area Improvement Assoc.

Streets

An E. Park St. resident expressed concern that half the street is unpaved. Approximately 70 yards remained unpaved. Tobias explained that the street committee would like to do an entire street – curb, sidewalk, gutter rather than a temporary 2-4” asphalt solution. However, no repaving anywhere is scheduled for this year.

Zoning Meeting

A motion was made by Tobias, and seconded by Rice to leave meeting and hold an advertised open planning and zoning hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Tobias informed the rest of Council that the hearing is for a zoning change request by Coppock for the property located at 150 N. High St to change from central business to single family residential. There were no hearings last year to approve change. Neighboring properties have been notified of the hearing. Tobias answered several questions from residents. Parking was the main issue and the idea of spot zoning.

A motion to reconvene in council made by Rice and seconded by Tobias. All ayes.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman to deny zoning request change for 150 N. High St. All ayes. Motion carried.

175th Anniversary Celebration

Mayor McCord announced that Saturday, Ft. Rowdy will be hosting a 175th birthday party honoring current and former council members. This Saturday is also the 175th anniversary Queens pagent.

Greenville Falls property

Rice updated council that 5-6 years Rangeline Rd. on Covington Gettysburg to Stillwater river. Our sewer plant and well fields are on property. Miami County park district is interested in developing with a bike trail. The park district would need an easement across the water plant. Discussed transferring unused portion of property to the park district. Park district will do survey of land. Rice wanted to ensure that Council was in tentative agreement before notifying Park District to go ahead with survey. Rice said Park District needs ownership in order for us to avoid maintenance and liability.

Income Survey

Results must be turned in by 5/1/10 in order to have a valid survey. Still need approximately 40 valid surveys.

Agenda

A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Robertson to amend the agenda to add acceptance of the trash truck bid.

Rte 36 and 48 intersection

Restructuring intersection and changing street lights. Lenee will prepare emergency resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into contract with ODOT for the next meeting. The Villages cost for the project is \$1,170.00

Walnut St Bond

\$255,000 5-year bond with interest not to exceed 6 ½% for phase I of Walnut St. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman to approve Ordinance # 05-10 Authorizing the issuance of not to exceed the \$255,000 of general obligation limited tax bonds for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, resurfacing and improving Walnut Street.

Building permit fees

Council held the first reading of Ordinance #05-10 amending Ordinance #00-2A changing permit fees.

Park

Mayor is recommending that we hire Monty Dysinger to clean restrooms and shelterhouses. Street department will mow. Rice said we cannot approve at this time. Salary Ordinance needs to be amended.

Walnut Street

Council was given copies of Change Orders # 1 and #2 from Frinfrock. A motion was made by Shafer and seconded by Beeman to approve change Orders #1 and #2. A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Robertson to approve application for payment #1 from Frinfrock Construction. All ayes. Motion carried.

Water

A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Schafer to approve the interior painting of the larger water at a cost of up to \$75,000. This project was discussed in depth last year but was unable to be scheduled until now. All aye. Motion carried.

Trash Truck

Ed informed council that the Village received one bid for the trash truck. The bid was advertised and due today. They did not receive a quote to have the truck equipped with a dumpster lift.

The screen charge to have the toters marked with a logo is \$300.00 total. Discuss what Council wants the logo to be at the workshop meeting.

Recycling: 18 gallon bins are 9.80. 48 gallon recycling toter are \$45.96.

Council directed McCord to order 1500 18 gallon recycling bins.

Need to discuss how overflow trash and recycling that exceeds provided containers will be handled.

Bob said that there are approximately 1105 current trash customers. Council is trying to determine how many 96 gallon toters to order. Council directed to order 1200 toters.

A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Schafer to accept the truck bid from Bestway for a truck cost of \$156,785, 1500 recycling bins @ 9.80/each and 1200 96 gallon trash toters at 45.96/each. All ayes. Motion carried.

Personnel

Council discussed timeclocks. The Village currently has one working timeclock that the street department uses. Rice said he wants to correct an audit finding regarding employee recordkeeping.

A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman authorizing the purchase of two timeclocks at a cost of up to \$700.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police: A donation was received from the Eagles in the amount of \$2,000 for the police auxiliary fund.

Harmon informed Council that the Safe Routes to school grant in the amount of \$2,000 have been tentatively approved. Final paperwork needs to be completed.

The miscellaneous fee schedule has been updated as discussed last month.

BPA: Ray informed council that there is a problem at the park with kids throwing pea gravel and plastics being put into the toilets and clogging the lift stations. They have them temporarily up and running. Ray hopes but cannot guarantee to keep both park restrooms working until grant money is approved for a permanent lift station replacement. Spring hydrant flushing is scheduled for April 14th through the 15th.

A motion was made by Schafer and seconded by Beeman to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor