

# COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, **May 17, 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

Minutes –A motion to approve the minutes from 5/3/10 was made. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bills – A motion to pay the bills was made by Tobias and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Financial reports were presented including estimated 2010 budget, year-to-date revenue and expenses and a debt service schedule. Council reviewed and had no questions.

## **Visitors**

None.

## **Correspondence**

A thank-you to the police department was received from the superintendent of Covington Schools for working school events.

An invitation was received for the Mayor and Council to ride in the Memorial Day parade.

The Miami County Engineer sent the Village a bridge report stating that all the bridges within the corporation are rated good or excellent.

## **Walnut Street Project**

Vectren Gas has replaced some service lines on Walnut and is going to replace the main line. This will push the project completion date back approximately two weeks. Mayor, McCord will notify residents.

## **Trash**

Rice compiled a flyer listing recyclables and trash collection rules. The flyer will be delivered by the street department with the toters.

McCord signed the paperwork today for the trash truck and toters. Delivery to the Village is expected in early June.

### **Ordinance**

A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Robertson to have Lenee draft an Ordinance for the next meeting repealing Ordinance #82-07 passed in June of 1982. This would remove the gaming license requirement for businesses with pool tables, games, etc. The Village hasn't enforced the ordinance for many years.

### **Income Survey**

Ron Puthoff presented the results from the income survey. He explained how the survey was conducted and that the final results placed Covington as 57.7% low to moderate income. He also provided a hand-out listing available grant sources with the eligibility requirements of those sources. Ron requested that the Village inform him with the name of the person Council wishes to use as the contact person to discuss grant opportunities and to compile a project prioritization list for him.

### **Street Lights**

The cost to the Village from Miami Valley Lighting for street light electric and maintenance is approximately \$40,000 a year. Many other Villages pass this cost on to the resident through property tax assessments. Rice would like to schedule a special workshop meeting to address this topic.

### **Misc**

A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman to approve the purchase of a lectern for the Village council chambers at a cost of up to \$300.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rice directed Bob Kendig to pour a cement pad on the side-lawn of the Government Center to place the large plaque that recognizes Josephus B. "Joe" Thompson, from Covington, as the inventor of the Flutophone.

### **Police**

This Thursday is the trip to Kings Island with the Covington school. The county-wide press release for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade program will be held at the Covington Government Center on 5/25/10 at 8:00.

### **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Joyce Robertson invited the Mayor and all council to participate in the 175<sup>th</sup> parade on 7/10/10. All agreed to participate.

### **Fire-Bill Westfall**

None

### **BPA-Boehringer**

### **Street-Kendig**

None

**Executive**

A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Basye to enter executive to discuss personnel. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rice and seconded by Basye to leave executive. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Misc**

Council discussed scheduling of various topics including income tax review at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in June, health insurance review, and records retention in June.

A motion was made by Schafer and seconded by Robertson to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor