

**Village of Covington Ohio
Record of Proceedings
Covington Village Council Meeting
July 28, 2008**

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, July 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Covington Government Center with the following members present: R. Scott Tobias, Doris Beeman, George Karayannis, Donna K. Dewey and Gary Bell. Councilmember Marc Basye was not present. Mayor Lowell Yingst presided at the meeting. Grant Kerber, Law Director was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Karayannis to excuse Councilmember Basye from the meeting. Roll call: Tobias, yes; Beeman, no; Karayannis, yes; Dewey, no; Bell, no.

Jay Wackler, President of the Covington Chamber of Commerce, was present to give a brief overview of what the Chamber does. He presented each member a draft brochure citing the mission and objectives of the Chamber stating it was for the economic welfare of the community and vicinity. He read the categories in the brochure: Social & Networking, Educating Your Business, Marketing your Business and Value added and Health Benefits.

He said he had read earlier in the morning Covington Council joined Dayton Chamber of Commerce to get reduction in hospitalization insurance rates for its employees.

He informed Council Covington has a Chamber and it is alive and well. Covington is member of the local chamber. Wackler said he could have saved the Village the \$425.00 membership fee to Dayton Chamber and get same benefits. He said there are three from the Dayton area who belong to Covington Chamber because the membership fees are less. Also, Chamber offers group rates. Wackler, also, informed Council there are three insurance broker members in Covington Chamber who did not get the opportunity to get rates for the Village. Wackler said we, in Covington, would love to see you get Covington involved.

Bell, Financial Committee member, said rates were reviewed and the best offer was through Anthem if Council joined Dayton Chamber of Commerce. Covington was working through McGohan Brabender who send out employee census sheets to various companies to get best rates.

Minutes of July 14th were approved as written.

Fund balances were reviewed.

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

Bell informed Council he was present at Government Building when the Park Supt. came to report the Miami County Health Dept. inspection of the wading pool. Items needed were rubber apron, boots, gloves and shield for putting chemicals in pool; acidic sheets posted; and gate to automatically open and shut. Also, pump meter had to be changed from metric as required last year to gallon.

Bell related to Jeff Dross about gate. Dross called several companies, drove to three different cities and donated all his work, time and expenses because he wanted to have the pool open for the kids.

Letter of appreciation was sent to Dross.

Karayannis asked if letter could be sent to Adrian Miller about the weeds on the railroad property.

The Mayor said he had accidentally run into Miller early last Saturday.

Kerber said the work could be placed on Miller's property taxes if Village has to do it.

Weeds will probably have to be sprayed rather than cut out.

Certified letter should be sent but he will not sign for them. Letter will be sent in regular mail and can be posted on his property.

Diane Wackler, neighbor of area, said she had mowed them once.

Neighbors in attendance said they would rather look at dead weeds.

Karayannis asked if a couple digital pictures could be taken once a week from the same view to show what we're talking about rather than just having to take our word.

Motion was made by Bell and seconded by Beeman to increase Elaine Christian's contract with the Village by \$25.00 per month increasing contractual agreement to \$800.00 for income tax services. Roll call: all ayes.

Beeman announced Ordinance Committee had met earlier at 6:00 but nothing to report tonight.

Street Committee will meet after Council.

Bell, Chairman of Lands & Buildings, reported light pole in parking lot is up; pump in basement is working and area on South side of building will be reseeded.

Police Chief Lee Harmon reported the Covington Police Dept. will be participating in Troy National Night Out. There is free food and literature about safety, etc. to be handed out. Event will be at Troy City Park.

Bob Kendig, Street Supt., reported the new truck has been delivered and is in Dayton getting new equipment installed.

Also, Kendig reported he has checked bridges and ditches not checked by Miami County and sees no further problem with them from last year.

Ray Kimmel, BPA Supt., had nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee will meet on August 11th at 6:00 prior to the next regular Council meeting.

Karayannis asked that committee reports prepared by McKinney not be in capital letters as was done on recent Financial Committee meeting and Police and Fire Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 with motion by Dewey.