

**Village of Covington Ohio  
Record of Proceedings  
Covington Village Council Meeting  
April 13, 2009**

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 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.

Chris Haines, President of CAIC, was present as a follow up to the recent Work Session held with Council and CAIC officers. Haines said he wants to keep the lines of communications open. He said there are two major things CAIC has been working on – Senior Citizen housing and Business Retention/Expansion. There are three developers who would to sit down with them as a fact finding meeting. Haines said CAIC will not represent Village but will listen to what developers have to say. Under economic development, via e-mail, CAIC learned of a plastic company looking for a location in Western part of state. They needed pictures so they hurried and got pictures of former Starbrook building and sent them. County is taking care of economic development through State. Two other committees in CAIC are Tourism and Agribusiness.

Next meeting of CAIC will be on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Department training room to recap with CAIC members the meeting held with Council and CAIC.

Haines said as they need some type presentation, they will return to Council. CAIC is not going off on their own.

Minutes of March 23<sup>rd</sup> were approved as written.

Fund balances were reviewed. Motion was made by Basye and seconded by Beeman for payment of bills. Roll call: all ayes.

Fire Department will hold their Open House on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-4:00 p.m. Public is invited.

Bell informed Council he had received letter of resignation from BPA from William R. McKinney effective April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Karayannis and seconded by Rice to accept the resignation. Roll call: all ayes.

Copies of bridge report concerning North Wall Street overpass were distributed to Councilmember's. Report was done by Mannik and Smith, namely James Moore, PE, Chief Structural Engineer. Under Evaluation and Recommendations, Moore writes, "The general condition of the structure is fair to good. The only significant issue is associated with the partial removal of the arch superstructure. Due to the nature of an arch style bridge, the absence of arch elements at mid-span of the south side of the structure presents significant concern. Removal of keystone element in this area has resulted in a condition which does not allow this portion of the structure to support itself. Over time, joint separation between masonry blocs will increase and propagate to other portions of the structure. Eventually, portions of the structure will fall. This will potentially result in limestone masonry elements falling on North Wall Street. It is not possible to determine the exact timeframe which this may happen or the severity of this deterioration. However, the current state of the structure will result in further deterioration."

Moor continues with three options:

“1. Open North Wall Street (no additional actions). This would generate numerous safety concerns to the general public. This could result in dangerous conditions to the general public; would generate concerns relating to vandals. Full access to the site will allow any individual to climb up onto the bridge and dislodge a portion of the structure. This may result in injury or death due to the existing structure condition. Moore does not recommend this option for obvious safety concern.

2. Repair existing structure to assure stability. Moore believes it is feasible to perform repairs to the structure to restore its stability. Work would include temporary support of portions of the structure, select removals to prepare the superstructure area for repairs, installation of new stone masonry units, and miscellaneous costs of additional materials and equipment mobilization. Such work is feasible but not common. Estimates for work will range from \$50,000 to \$80,000. Though the completion of the work would restore the structural stability of the bridge, the structure itself would remain. The presence of the structure alone may present potential safety and economic issues in the future.

3. Complete demolition of the structure. The option of complete demolition of the structure has been investigated by Village. It is our understanding that a local contractor has stated that full demolition of the structure could be accomplished for a cost of approximately \$60,000. Complete removal of the structure would be the best option regarding safety and would eliminate the need for future expenditures regarding the bridge.

Moore continued stating based upon the options considered; his recommendation would be performing the complete removal of the structure. This will result in the elimination of future safety concerns as well as potential future cost incurred by the Village as compared to other options. The upfront cost of structure removal, based upon the information available, would be relatively equivalent to restoration of the superstructure. But in the end, the elimination of the future safety and economic concerns makes full removal of the structure the most desirable option.”

Bell thanked the Miami County Engineer’s Office for making the signs to post the area of the overpass as dangerous with no one permitted in the area and/or on the overpass.

Kerber said he understands Adrian Miller has submitted an application to the Planning and Zoning Board to remove the overpass. He is requesting North Wall Street be closed while he takes down overpass. Kerber said Miller is to report to jail April 30<sup>th</sup>. Kerber is looking into property owners of land around the overpass.

Motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Karayannis to enter into contract with Bug-A-Boo for mosquito fogging this summer with 6 applications at a cost of \$1,170. Roll call: all ayes with Tobias abstaining.

Motion was made by Karayannis and seconded by Basye for the Mayor to sign paperwork for Phase II of East Walnut Street reconstruction for 2010. Project cost is estimated at \$121,792.00. Roll call: all ayes. Phase II will be from Harrison Street East to Wenrick Street.

Planning & Zoning Board will meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Beeman to place Ord. 02-09A on Second Reading for water rate increase effective July 1, 2009. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Rice and seconded by Beeman Ord. 02-09A pass Second Reading. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Rice to place Ord. 03-09A on Second Reading for purpose of sewer rate increase effective July 1, 2009. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Dewey Ord. 03-09A pass Second Reading. Roll call: all ayes.

Police Chief Lee Harmon asked Council if they wanted him to pursue work on web site. Chris Haines has said he would help.

Council indicated they wanted Harmon to proceed.

Bob Kending, Street Department Superintendant, had no report

Bill Westfall, Fire Chief, had no report.

Ray Kimmel, BPA Superintendant, reported fire hydrant flushing went well.

Rice asked for a Lands & Buildings Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 to discuss Government building roof.

Tobias informed Council Park Board had met on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the park with the park attendants. There is a sycamore tree near the slide that needs to be removed. Junior's Tree Service has submitted a proposal of \$350 to remove the 70 foot high sycamore tree which is hollow on the bottom. The wood will be cut into 18" pieces to be hauled away by some other groups. Street Department will help with brush removal.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman for Junior's Tree Service to remove the tree. Roll call: all ayes.

Park Board recommends purchase of a leaf vac unit 9.0 commercial grade at a cost of \$2,699.00 plus an extension hose at a cost of \$179.00 be purchased for the park.

Motion was made by Karayannis and seconded by Rice to purchase 9.0 commercial grade leaf vac and extension hose for the park. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Karayannis and seconded by Beeman to accept Park Board's recommendation for a backflow preventor estimated cost of \$250.00 which will help prevent flooding. Roll call: all ayes.

Tobias further informed Council the picnic tables in small shelter are inadequate: they are looking into replacing them with contributions.

Board is looking into replacing push mower that is approximately 20 years old

Paint will be purchased for small shelter which is chipping and peeling. Employees will take care of this.

Also, park attendants have prices spouting that was stolen from park garage; they will replace this

The swings are down for now – brackets are being examined.

Motion was made by Dewey to adjourn qt 7:28.