

**Village of Covington Ohio
Record of Proceedings
Covington Village Council Meeting
May 12, 2008**

Covington Village Council met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Government Center with the following members present: Marc Basys, Scott Tobias, Doris Beeman, George Karayannis, Donna K. Dewey and Gary Bell. Mayor Lowell Yingst presided at the meeting. Grant Kerber, Law Director, was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Jay Wackler, Chamber of Commerce President, read a Letter of appreciation to Bob Kendig, Street Superintendent, thanking him and the Street Department employees for removing the old billboards at the entrances into Covington.

Minutes of April 28th were approved as written.

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

Mayor and Council are invited to dedication of Michael Ingle Historical Marker at Highland Cemetery on May 23rd. Ingle was the first resident of Newberry Township, later Covington, in 1807.

State Route 41 will be closed on Monday, May 19th for installation of new culvert between Washington Road and Forest Hill Road. Work being done by ODOT.

Study is being done to determine if crosswalk is warranted across High Street (State Route 48) from Walnut Street to Government Center.

Karayannis asked if letter could be written to prod work at burned remains of VFW. Demolition will begin after EPA approves asbestos abatement.

Fiscal Officer requested budget items for 2009.

Motion was made by Bell and seconded by Tobias to reschedule next regular meeting for Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: all ayes.

Bell reported C&N has started working on drainage problem on the South side of the building.

Also, C&N has submitted proposal of \$8,874.00 for replacement of the parking lot light that was destroyed.

Motion was made by Bell and seconded by Dewey to accept proposal from C&N for replacement of light pole in parking lot. Roll call: all ayes.

Dewey reported Police & Fire Committee had met earlier; Chief Harmon will bring item to Council during his report.

Planning and Zoning Board will meet on Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Covington Government Center.

OSU Strategic Planning Session will be Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Covington Church of the Brethren basement. This will be the last session.

Chief Lee Harmon recommended to Council that Patrolman Chris Walters pass one year probation.

Motion was made by Dewey and seconded by Beeman approving Harmon's recommendation of Patrolman Chris Walters. Roll call: all ayes.

Bob Kendig, Street Superintendent, reported trash truck had a problem. It is down at UCS getting fixed. Problem is related to lot of use. Cost for repair is approximately \$1,100.00.

Fire Chief Bill Westfall had no report.

Ray Kimmel, BPA Superintendent, had no report.

The Mayor informed Council he had talked to Adrian Miller and he asked to be present at tonight's meeting. He was told he would need to present 15 day plans of what progress he was going to make on removal of Wall Street railroad arch and sloping, etc.

Adrian Miller is not present. Two neighbors in the area, Sandra Abel and her son, Shannon Strait, along with Joyce Robertson are present.

Motion was made By Bell and seconded by Basye for an Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss possible litigation. Roll call: all ayes.

Motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Bell to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene in regular session at 7:45 p.m. Roll call: all ayes.

The Mayor said since Adrian Miller didn't show at the meeting, Council would proceed with different options for their Law Director to look at.

Shannon Strait asked about certified letter sent to Miller about surveyor pin.

Letter was not picked up by Miller and Post Office is trying to find it.

Mayor said he had told Miller to put black curtain up around the area also.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with motion by Dewey.