



COVINGTON COUNCIL NEWS

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**Covington
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Hours

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Monday – Friday

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Village Administrator

Michael Busse

Council President

Doris Beeman

Council Members

Lois Newman
Joyce Robertson
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Council Meetings

7:00 P.M. 1st and 3rd
Mondays of each
month.

Planning & Zoning

Meeting 7:00 P.M.
3rd Wednesday of
each month.

Covington Progress Update

The Covington Council continues to explore cost saving options for all village operations. Through the retirement and restructuring of village personnel we have reduced staff by three full time positions. We have also implemented new procedures to make our current staff more efficient.

The Village has purchased a used automated trash truck through Best Equipment. This truck will allow a single village worker to pick up trash instead of the current two or three man team. This allows us to continue to provide the same level of service with reduced staff. The savings in labor costs more than offset the cost of the new trash truck. The current trash truck will be used to pick up recycled materials. This will allow us to make fewer trips to the recycling center saving us man-hours and fuel.

As we begin to use this fully automated trash truck we ask that on your trash day, you place your trash cans curbside with the handles towards the house. Toters must be placed no closer than 3 feet to poles, mailboxes, signs or other obstructions. With your help we can be very efficient and continue to reduce costs.

Another way that you can help us reduce costs is to place recyclable materials in the recycling bins or toters instead of throwing these items out with the trash. We currently pay \$61.80 per ton for trash delivered to the transfer station. We only pay \$15.00 per ton for mixed recyclable materials. As you can see, the more we recycle the more cost savings we realize and the longer we can go between trash rate increases.

Future Plans for the Trash and Recycling Program.

We continue to receive requests for the yellow lid recycling toters. Through the savings realized through the reduced labor costs, we plan to purchase additional yellow lid recycling toters. We will notify you via our newsletter when recycling toters are again available.

As always, we encourage any input you may have. Please feel free to contact our office at 937-473-3420.