

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Present:	Doris Beeman Lois Newman Keith Warner Scott Tobias Bud Weer Joyce Robertson
Absent:	none

The council packet included minutes from the 12/15/14 meeting, check list (8167-8241), Village Administrator report, Dec 2014 bank reconciliation, 2014 income tax report, income and expense detail reports, a quote for toters from Best Equipment, a quote for 300 gallon containers from Snyder, and Res 1-15.

Nonmembers present include Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Carmen Siefring-Fiscal Officer, Chief Harmon and the newspaper.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Robertson to add discussion regarding Council compensation to the agenda. BW, JR, DB, ST – ayes. LN, KW – no. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Robertson to approve the agenda. BW, JR, DB, ST, KW – ayes. LN - no. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 12/15/14 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

There were no questions regarding the fund balance sheet or bills. A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Robertson to approve the bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors – Dale Sink was present to discuss possible annexation of his property and a proposed utility easement. This has not yet gone to planning and zoning. He is proposing that property he owns at 7450 with two houses, both of which are on Village water and sewer, be annexed. In exchange for the Village paying for the annexation and engineering costs, he will grant an easement up the driveway for storm sewer. There was verbal consensus by Council to the plan. Access Engineering will stake and the project will proceed to planning and zoning.

Council President

The mayor opened the floor for nominations for Council president. Robertson nominated Beeman for Council president. A motion was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner to close the nomination process. BW, JR, LN, ST, KW – ayes. DB – abstain. Motion carried. A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Tobias to approve the nomination of Beeman as council president. BW, JR, LN, ST, KW – ayes. DB – abstain. Motion carried.

Mayors Report

- The mayor reminded Council that there is a public hearing set for 2/2/15 @ 7:00 p.m. to review proposed zoning map amendments.
- Due to the MLK holiday, the next council meeting will be on the Tuesday after on 1/20/15 @ 7:00 PM. The Presidents Day holiday will change the 2nd February meeting to 2/17/15 @ 7:00 PM.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

- Spring St. – Brice will be presenting VTF pay request #2. Work has commenced at Spring and Wall St today and will continue east. The property owners between Wall and Harrison have been notified that VTF will be working on their block.
- The demolition is complete on 110 Pearl and the lot has been seeded.
- We are in the process of recharging the iron and manganese filters at the water plant. We will be working on specifications for the replacement of the media to allow us to bid the project. (Mr. Busse is unaware of any grants for media replacement).
- The Village is almost finished replacing meters on Regency. The next phase may possibly include Owens, Park and Main.
- We have a proposed line-item budget of 2015 receipts and appropriations for Council's review.
- We did not receive any bids for the sale and removal of the garage.
- We have received three applications for the position of income tax assistant. We will review the applications and schedule preliminary interviews.

Legislation

- A motion to approve VTF pay request #2 for Spring St was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried. The total amount due to VTF is \$21,941.89 with \$14,300.95 from OPWC and \$7,640.94 local. Brice from Access Engineering was present and said there is a job meeting scheduled for this Thursday. He said there have been no major changes, although, there are a few extra storm taps.
- A motion as made by Beeman and seconded by Weer to Authorize the Village Administrator to purchase (200) 96 gallon recycling containers and (100) 48 gallon recycling containers as quoted by Best Equipment with 2-yr financing with 2 annual payments of \$9,540 beginning in 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Warner to Authorize the Village Administrator to purchase (10) 300 gallon trash containers for business's and apartments with a purchase price of \$3,655 to be used with the automated truck. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion to suspend the rules was made by Beeman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion to approve *Resolution R1-15 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Sign a Change Order with Access Engineering for Additional Design Fees* was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Beeman to accept the resignation of Carmen Siefring as Fiscal Officer effective 1/22/15. All ayes. Motion carried. Council discussed how to proceed filling the fiscal officer position. A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Warner to Authorize the Village Administrator to hire a temporary person through March 2015 at a reasonable compensation rate set by the Village Administrator. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police

Council and Chief Harmon discussed the proposed school resource officer. Chief Harmon will be interviewing next week for the open officer position and plans to send the new employee to training. There may be a grant to pay for half of the gross payroll amount. Those grants are awarded mid-September.

Elected Compensation

Council discussed the compensation of the mayor and council. Ohio law prevents elected officials from increasing their own compensation while serving their term. Council estimated that the current compensation was set approximately in 2009. Two council members and the mayors' term expire in 2015 and the other four council terms end in 2017. In an effort to keep all council members compensation the same, the proposed increase would not go into effect until 2018. The consensus with council was to instruct Mr. Patrizio to draft an ordinance increasing Council compensation to a salary of \$3,800, Council President \$4,000 and the mayor \$8,000 effective 2018. Council will hold three readings of the proposed ordinance beginning with the January 20th meeting.

Public Hearing

The mayor announced that a public hearing is set for February 2, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M. for proposed zoning map amendments.

Executive Session - none**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Weer and seconded by Newman to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.
8.40

Fiscal Officer

Mayor