

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on July 6, 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
 Keith Warner
 Scott Tobias
 Bud Weer
 Joyce Robertson

Absent: Lois Newman

The council packet included minutes from the 06/15/15 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets.

Nonmembers present include Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, Sam Wildow- reporter from Piqua Daily Call, Lee Harmon-Chief of Police, Brice Schmitmeyer-Access Engineering Solutions, and four residents from Village of Covington.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 06/15/15 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

There were no questions regarding Bills and Financials including checks #8657-8696. Motion to approve Bills and Financials made by Weer and seconded by Tobias. All ayes.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitmeyer requested approval for VTF Spring Street Pay Request #5, and submitted bid from Wagner Paving in the amount of \$44,942.50 which includes \$.39,807.50 for Industrial Dr. and the south end of Dick Minnich, and \$5135.00 for the Park Path. Councilwoman Joyce Robertson voiced concerns about vehicles driving into the park along the path. Council discussed different scenarios regarding vehicles in the park, and will review all options.

Mayors Report

Mayor McCord had no report.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Updates on the Spring Street project, curb installation is approximately 75% complete, 2015 sidewalk program approximately 90% complete, sidewalk assessment notifications need to be sent by 7/13/15. Also discussed was the Covington School Property Annexation, applying for an OPWC grant in the amount of \$480,000 with a village match of \$270,000 for the Wastewater Plant Effluent pump station, and one quote received from Wagner Paving in the amount of \$44,942.50 for the 2015 Street Resurfacing Project.

Mr. Busse gave copies of the 2016 tax budget to Council, and informed them the budget indicated that fund balances are trending downward. Village Administrator is requesting Council review how to either cut expenses or increase revenues to combat the declining balances.

Councilman Scott Tobias inquired about salt supply for the village, and Mr. Busse stated salt has already been purchased.

Council was given copy of Current Regulations for erecting fences, walls, landscaping, etc. within the village, and asked to review as there has been several requests from village residents for variances in putting up fences on their properties. Council discussed whether the regulation of "three (3) feet inside the property line" should be changed to "adjacent to the property line". Council requested Planning & Zoning Committee research further, and submit their findings at next Council meeting.

Motion was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R21-15 approving the 2016 tax budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R21-15 made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 10-15 authorizing the Village Administrator to approve the quote from Wagner Paving for the 2015 repaving project and authorizing him to sign all documents was made by Warner and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 10-15 was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 11-15 authorizing the Village of Covington to provide services for the school annexation property was made by Robertson and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 11-15 was made by Robertson and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R22-15 authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and apply for an OPWC Grant Application for Grant Round 30 was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R22-15 was made by Warner and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve VTF Spring Street Pay Request #5 made by Beeman and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R23-15 authorizing the Mayor and Village Administrator to execute an annexation agreement on behalf of the Village of Covington was made by Tobias and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R23-15 was made by Robertson and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn by Weer and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 8:34 P.M.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor