

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on August 17, 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	Joyce Robertson Keith Warner Scott Tobias Bud Weer Lois Newman
Absent:	Doris Beeman

The council packet included minutes from the 08/03/15 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, and Village residents.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the 08/03/15 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

There were no questions regarding Bills and Financials including checks #8752-8802.. Motion to approve Bills and Financials made by Weer and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village resident Ms. Miller questioned whether the mosquito fogging was doing any good as it seems the spray stays just on the street and does not go into back yards. Village administrator Mike Busse explained how the spray dissipates, and is environmentally friendly.

Village resident Mr. Murphy requested permission to access some of the village streets, and use of traffic cones for a 5K race on 09/05/15 at 8:30 a.m. Council was all in favor, none opposed.

Brice Schmitmeyer updated Council on the Spring Street and parking lot projects, OPWC WW plant grant update which should be approved by next Council meeting, and OEPA loan application has been prepared, and will be submitted.

Mayors Report

Mayor McCord updated Council on his monthly meetings and activities. Mayor McCord reported there is a new plumbing business in the Village. Mr. McCord also stated he has a meeting on 8/19/15 to discuss the Village website and possible upgrade of the website. He also attended the Retailers Meeting, and an Artisan Festival is being planned for 10/24/15.

Mayor McCord reminded Council next meeting to be held on 9/7/15 has been rescheduled to 9/8/15 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Updates on the Spring Street project, concrete work is 98% complete, and backfilling between the curb and sidewalks is mostly complete. A few issues with pavement grinding and step alignments have arisen. Council gave Mr. Busse permission to handle such issues. \$55,450.94 or 49% of the Spring Street assessments have been paid.

\$9035.45 or approximately 40% of the sidewalk assessments have been paid.
Seeding will be completed the last week of August or first week of September.

The 2015 paving project will be completed in conjunction with the Spring Street project, and we are working with Newberry Township on a patch on Ingle Road.

Brice Schmitmeyer, Mr. Busse, and a representative from the Miami County Engineers Office walked the tunnels under Routes 36 and 48, and they were in better condition than expected. Mr. Schmitmeyer will compile a report for Council's review.

Final grade of the Downtown Parking Lot will be done within the next week. Steps still need to be poured, and asphalt will follow.

School zones have been painted, and we are continuing to paint lines this week.

Mr. Schmitmeyer has prepared an application to the Ohio EPA for a low interest loan for construction of the Phase 1 flood proofing and effluent pump station.

The school water line leak was located, repaired, and the loop has passed pressure tests and we are currently completing bacteria testing of the line.

Well #6 has been disinfected, flow tested, and has passed bacteria tests and back in service. Moody's is flow testing the other wells in the well field.

Old Business

Motion to approve Ordinance 12-15 amending section 913 supplemental yard and height regulations of the official zoning regulations for the Village of Covington was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried

New Business

Motion to approve VTF's pay request #6 in the amount of \$191,163.60 (\$157,921.52 paid by OPWC and \$33,242.08 paid by Village) was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. . All ayes. Motion carried.

Attorney Patrizio discussed with Council the mandatory and proposed revisions to the Village Income Tax ordinance which included changing the wording of the ordinance, possibly doing away with the credit for income taxes paid outside the village, and should under 18 year olds income still be exempt. Mr. Patrizio stated a revised Income Tax Ordinance should be on the agenda for the first Council meeting in October and approved by end of the year. Council will discuss at next meeting.

Motion to approve employer HSA contributions for employees hired mid-term to be prorated based on months employed was made by Newman and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:08 P.M. was made by Warner and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to resume regular session at 9:02 P.M. was made by Robertson and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried. No action by Council following Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman.
Meeting adjourned 9:05 P.M.