

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on September 8, 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 Doris Beeman Scott Tobias Bud Weer Lois Newman
Absent:	Keith Warner

The council packet included minutes from the 08/17/15 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 Newman and seconded by Beeman to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 08/17/15 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

There were no questions regarding Bills and Financials including checks #8803-8850. Motion to approve Bills and Financials made by Beeman and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village residents Jon and Dorothy Litchfield requested a variance to erect a fence to a detached garage, which is on Village of Covington's right-of-way, and to neighbors properties. The Litchfields stated they had no prior knowledge of garage being on Village right-of-way before purchasing property. Council discussed the issue, and a motion to approve the fence was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman. Village Administrator Mike Busse requested Council to draft a letter to Jon and Dorothy Litchfield specifying stipulations and conditions of said fence if the Litchfields decide to sell the property.

Brice Schmitmeyer updated Council on Spring Street project and is looking into concrete issues. Mr. Schmitmeyer will report back to Council. Councilman Tobias asked Mr. Schmitmeyer if the reflective signs that previously were at the end of Spring Street will be reinstated as Mr. Tobias feels these signs need to be in place. Mr. Schmitmeyer stated signs will be erected.

Mayors Report

Mayor McCord updated Council on his monthly meetings and activities. Mayor McCord will have more information at next Council meeting regarding the Halloween Artisan Festival and Costume Contest to be held October 24.

Appointment of Income Tax Board of Review (3 year term), Mayor McCord recommended the following:

Chairman – Mayor McCord

Members – Bud Weer and Scott Tobias

Motion to approve the Income Tax Board appointments made by Newman and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

VTF will resume seeding this week or week of 9/14/15 on Spring Street. A few concrete issues have arisen and Mr. Schmitmeyer is looking into and will report back to Council.

Mr. Busse gave Council a list of unpaid assessments for the Spring Street project to be reviewed, and Council will need to pass an ordinance to place these unpaid assessments on property owner's tax duplicates.

Seeding is being completed on the 2015 Sidewalk Program. A list of unpaid assessments for this program was given to Council for review, and Council will need to pass an ordinance to place these unpaid assessments on the property owner's tax duplicates.

2015 Paving Project is complete.

Letters have been sent to property owners who will be affected by the Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Program. Briggs Creative Services are in the process of contacting property owners and setting appointments to meet with them on 9/17/15, 5 to 8 PM, at the Government Center to discuss property values. If there are property owners who are unable to attend, Briggs Creative Services will schedule alternate dates and times.

We will be meeting with CH2MHill on 9/15/15 at 10 AM to review the design for the Sewer Plant Engineering project. Ch2MHill will make requested modifications, and the design will be presented to Council.

Old Business

Village Income Tax Ordinance – Council instructed Mr. Patrizio to keep current policy in place regarding not taxing under 18 year olds, and full credit of 1.5% for residents who pay taxes outside the Village. Mr. Patrizio stated ordinance would need to be adopted by Council by January 1, 2016.

New Business

Village Administrator discussed with Council about authorizing broadcast of WOTVC Channel 5 for Public Service Announcements. Mr. Busse stated this is a no cost service, and Council authorized Mr. Busse to pursue this matter.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 13-15 Spring Street Assessments was made by Beeman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 13-15 was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 14-15 2015 Sidewalk Assessments was made by Newman and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 14-15 was made by Beeman and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 15-15 2015 Nuisance Abatement Assessments was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion to approve the substantial completion of Spring Street effective August 31, 2015 was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Wagner Paving pay request for Dick Minnich, Industrial Drive and the village park, \$40,210.89 was made by Beeman and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Chief Harmon to dispose of surplus computer equipment was made by Robertson and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the resignation of Bill Westfall as the Village Fire Prevention Officer was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried. Council is deeply appreciative of the dedicated service Mr. Westfall has provided to the Village.

Motion to approve closing Spring Street between Pearl and Wall September 19, 2015 for the Ham and Bean Dinner 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Homecoming Parade route was made by Weer and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:58 PM was made by Tobias and seconded by Beeman.. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to resume regular session at 8:33 PM was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman.
All ayes. Motion carried. No action by Council following Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman.
Meeting adjourned 8:34 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor