

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

The council packet included minutes from the 09/21/15 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, Aaron Zuhl and family, Brice Schmitmeyer, Liz Schneider-representative from McGohan Brabender, and Village residents.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the 09/21/15 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

There were no questions regarding Bills and Financials including checks #8879-8906. Motion to approve Bills and Financials made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Liz Schneider, representative of McGohan Brabender, presented to Council current Health Care Reforms, renewal plan for employee health insurance, and reviewed differences between current plan and renewal. Liz also stated open enrollment would be 11/01/15-11/30/15. Council will review.

Brice Schmitmeyer updated Council on the Spring Street Project: contractor needs to fix a section of curb (approximately 70 feet) and a couple of driveway approaches, there are a few missing sidewalk sections due to a utility pole and power wire that need to be moved by DP&L. Harrison Street intersection will need to be repaved to smooth out the grade. Brice stated Council will need to approve Change Order # 3 and Pay Request #7. Also, Pay Request #1 for the Downtown Parking Lot will need to be approved. Proposed new school zone involves an exit only driveway to Route 36 and school zone extending from Owens Drive to corporation line.

Mayors Report

Mayor McCord updated Council on his monthly meetings and activities. Mayor McCord reminded Council of the Halloween Artisan Festival to be held October 24. He also informed Council the Safety Services Reports will be given at the October 19th meeting.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Spring Street Project

VTF has completed the seeding of all areas.

Following needs to be completed: Doug Minnich's fence, a few concrete items, and DPL has a couple of items to be completed. Mr. Schmitmeyer has pay request #7 for your approval, and we will continue to hold a retainage of \$25,000 from the project.

2016 Sidewalk Program

A revised spreadsheet of proposed sidewalks given to Council to review. If approved, sidewalks will be marked and letters will be sent to affected property owners.

Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project

Homeowners are being met with to review the proposed right-of-way acquisitions. Several homeowners have signed the agreements.

We plan on completing these meetings within the next week, and hopefully all agreements will be signed by end of October. To keep the project on schedule, we plan to acquire the R/W areas in late December or early January.

Mr. Busse will attend next school board meeting to answer any questions about the Safe Routes to School Project.

OLD BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 16-15 revising the income tax regulations.

First Reading of Ordinance 17-15 authorizing the Village Administrator to execute an offer to purchase real property.

Council given Audit report overview of 2013 and 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the rates of tax as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission for the year 2015 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Village Administrator to hire Aaron Zuhl as a full time police officer with a one year probationary period was made by Newman and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Aaron Zuhl was sworn in as a full time police officer by Mayor McCord.

Motion to approve Chief Harmon to purchase Halloween candy not to exceed \$250.00 was made by Warner and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Chief Harmon to purchase 8 new duty guns, 8 backup guns, and associated accessories at a cost not to exceed \$3700.00 was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Village Administrator to purchase 72 radio read water meters from Buckeye State Pipe at a cost of \$14,313.60 was made by Weer and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Village Administrator to purchase a new computer server including setup from Royal Computer at a cost of \$6500.00 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 18-15 to amend appropriations by increasing the appropriations for the debt service fund (30) acct #30.700.5720 by \$11,000.00 to allow for the payment of \$15,437.50 in interest to Covington Savings and Loan for the Spring Street Project was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 18-15 was made by Warner and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Change Order #3 to add \$72,963.48 to Contract Sum for Spring Street Reconstruction making a new Contract Sum of \$2,263,551.05 was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve VTF's pay request #7 in the amount of \$590,042.90 (\$40,990.05 paid by OPWC and \$549,052.85 paid by Village) made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve VTF's pay request #1 for Municipal Parking Lot in the amount of \$47,097.04 made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel compensation and property acquisition at 8:25 PM was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to resume regular session at 9:12 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 9:13 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor