

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on November 2, 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
	Joyce Robertson
	Scott Tobias
	Bud Weer
	Lois Newman
	Keith Warner

The council packet included minutes from the 10/19/15 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #8956-8993.

Nonmembers present included Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, Sam Wildow-reporter from Piqua Daily Call, Lee Harmon-Chief of Police, Dan Deters-representative from Energy Alliances, and Village residents.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the 10/19/15 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

There were no questions regarding Bills and Financials including checks #8956-8993. Motion to approve Bills and Financials made by Newman and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dan Deters from Energy Alliances presented to Council a program for gas and electric aggregation for the Village. Mr. Deters stated his company would purchase electric and gas in bulk on behalf of the residents, resulting in a savings on utility bills. If Council decides this program would be beneficial, it would need to be put on a ballot and voted on by residents.

Mayors Report

Mayor McCord updated Council on his monthly meetings and activities. Mayor McCord reminded Council the Government Center will be closed November 11 for Veterans Day and November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving. Candlelight Christmas will be held November 13, 14, and 15.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Spring Street Project

VTF is in process of replacing three driveway approaches, curb/approach in front of Bart Weer's house and three sidewalk pads, which should be completed this week. Steps in front of 501 Spring Street are still in discussion, and the homeowner is working to obtain estimates for replacing the steps.

Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup is underway and will continue until Friday December 4, 2015. Residents should place their leaves and yard waste curbside for Village staff to pick up as time allows.

Employee Health Insurance

Liz from McGohan Brabender will be here November 5 at 3:30 PM to meet with employees regarding the updated insurance options for 2015-2016. All employees have been notified of the voluntary meeting, and are encouraged to attend.

136 N. High Street

Per Council's instruction, Mr. Busse has signed an agreement to purchase the property located at 136 N. High Street pending a successful environmental review. The Ohio EPA has been contacted, and a grant has been applied for to complete Phase 1 and asbestos study for the property.

Mr. Busse informed Council the Artisan Festival held on October 24 went over very well, and merchants were very pleased with the number of people who were downtown.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to approve Ordinance 16-15 revising the income tax regulations per the State of Ohio (tax rates will not change) was made by Robertson and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 17-15 authorizing the Village Administrator to execute an offer to purchase real property was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. Beeman, Robertson, and Newman voted nay. Tobias, Weer, and Warner voted aye. Mayor McCord stated he had thought a great deal about this Ordinance, and feels the Village will need this property for future parking. He also said the property is valued at \$16,500.00, and the Village can purchase for \$15,000.00. Mayor McCord voted in favor of Ordinance 17-15. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman.
Meeting adjourned 7:47 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

