

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on November 16, 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 11/02/15 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #8994-9023.

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, and Village residents.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the 11/02/15 meeting are approved as read.

### **Bills/Financials**

There were no questions regarding Bills and Financials including checks #8994-9023. Motion to approve Bills and Financials made by Beeman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Village resident Debra Bolin stated to Council when the contractor replaced the sidewalk at 501 Spring Street, a row of evergreen shrubs at the bottom of a hill were removed contributing to a collapse of the hill. Also, Ms. Bolin has concerns about the steps, and submitted a copy of an estimate from Robinson Concrete to replace the steps. Ms. Bolin feels the Village should repair the hill and the steps. Mayor McCord and Council will visit Ms. Bolin's residence to assess if Village is responsible for the hill being repaired.

### **Mayors Report**

Mayor McCord updated Council on his monthly meetings and activities. Mayor McCord informed Council of the following:

The free community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Eagles on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 7 PM.

The Government Center will be closed November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday, and will reopen on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

Christmas Holiday – the Government Center will close at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

New Years Holiday – the Government Center will close at noon on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and will reopen on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

Mayor also reported receiving a letter from the Miami County Sheriff's Department thanking the Village Police Department for participating in verifying sex offender addresses.

**Village Administrator Report**-the following topics were addressed:

**Spring Street Project**

VTF has completed the concrete work on Spring Street, and the cones and stakes have been removed from the driveways and sidewalks. Brice has contacted VTF regarding cleaning up and backfilling, and we hope to have this completed with a request for a final payment at our December 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Leaf Pickup**

Leaf pickup is underway with about 80% of the leaves down, and pickup will continue until Friday December 4, 2015. Residents should place their leaves and yard waste curb-side for Village staff to pick up as time allows.

**136 N. High Street**

Our Ohio EPA grant has been approved for the phase 1 and asbestos study for the property, and they will begin within the next couple of weeks. This property has been staked by Rob Cron.

**S. High Street Parking Lot**

A purchase agreement is ready to be signed, and the property has been staked by Rob Cron.

**Park**

The park has been winterized and closed for the winter.

**Well Field Winterization**

The well field is being prepared for winter operations.

**2016 Budget**

We are working on the 2016 budget and hope to have a draft ready for discussion at the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**WWTP**

Brice and Mr. Busse will be attending an OPWC funding meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>, and should have a good idea if we expect to receive funding for the WWTP phase 1 construction to report to Council.

**Safe Routes to School**

Brice and Mr. Busse met with ODOT, and ODOT is requesting additional R/W takes for properties where curb ramps must be installed across from the new sidewalks. Brice is currently working on documents for these properties. Once the R/W is secured, ODOT will fund the remainder of the project up to \$240,000.

**Water Meter Replacement**

We are continuing to replace water meters, and approximately 620 have been replaced. This is a little over half of the water meters. Once mowing and leaf season are complete, we will focus more on meter replacement.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 22-15 accepting a petition for Annexation of 8.705 acres from Newberry Township was made by Warner and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 22-15 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to approve the resignation of Doris Beeman effective 12/31/15, was made by Robertson and seconded by Weer. Robertson, Newman, Weer, Warner, and Tobias voted aye. Beeman abstained. Council accepts the resignation with much regret.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned 7:36 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor