

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on December 7, 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:

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| Present | Doris Beeman |
| | Joyce Robertson |
| | Scott Tobias |
| | Bud Weer |
| | Lois Newman |
| | Keith Warner |

The council packet included minutes from the 11/16/15 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #9024-9069.

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 Warner and seconded by Newman to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 11/16/15 meeting are approved as read.

Bills/Financials

There were no questions regarding Bills and Financials including checks #9024-9069. Motion to approve Bills and Financials made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Hinds, representative from Perrigo, introduced himself to Council and explained the different services his company can offer the Village.

Mayors Report

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

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

New Year's Holiday – the Government Center will close at noon on December 31st, and reopen on Monday, January 4th at 8:00 AM.

Free Community Christmas Dinner-Covington Eagles, December 12, 2015, 4-6 PM

School Land use meeting will be held Monday December 14, 2015 at 6 PM. The meeting will be held in the HS commons area.

Mayor McCord discussed with Council the procedure for filling the two open council seats in January 2016 which would require interested parties submitting a letter of interest by December 18, 2015 for Council's review.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Spring Street Project

Change order #4 in the amount of \$7,500 submitted for council's review. We will also be asking council to approve pay requests #8 and #9 for a total of \$32,500.00.

Municipal Parking Lot Project

We have Change order #1 which is a deduct of \$4,784.84. We will be asking council to approve pay request #2 in the amount of \$2,500 to close out this project.

136 N. High Street

Phase 1 and the asbestoses survey will begin on 12/9/15. We will keep council posted on the progress as this may take up to 2 months to complete and generate a report for councils review.

Park Playground Equipment

Village has been notified that we were not selected to receive the nature works grant to replace the playground equipment. We plan to reapply next year.

Data Server

The new data server went online Wednesday December 9, 2015.

Electronic Sign

The fiscal officer computer was replaced due to the old computer running the obsolete XP operating system. The sign will not communicate with the new computer, and we are working with the sign company to resolve this issue.

2016 Budget

We continue to work on the 2016 budget and will have a draft for discussion at the December 21st meeting. We want to close out the Spring Street and parking lot projects so that we know where we are with general fund expenses. Brenda will be preparing temporary appropriations to be passed out at this meeting. The full budget will be passed in January after review and input from council.

WWTP

Brice and Mr. Busse attended an OPWC funding meeting in Springfield. The WWTP project was recommended to be forwarded to the state level for consideration for funding through small government. We are asking for a \$375,000 grant and \$375,000 0% loan. The anticipated cost at this point is approximately \$900,000.

Safe Routes to School

Brice and Mr. Busse are continuing to work with ODOT to identify additional R/W takes required by ODOT. Brice will update council at the next meeting.

Vacating the Wall Street extension South of Face Street

Property owner of 127 Face Street is asking about the possibility of vacating the Wall Street extension South of Face Street. Mr. Busse recommended that Planning and Zoning review the request at their next meeting, and return a recommendation to council for action.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 23-15 accepting a petition for annexation of 3.064 acres from Newberry Township was made by Warner and seconded by Beeman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-15 was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R30-15 for the 2016 Sidewalk Program was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R30-15 was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vote to approve Change Order #4 for Spring Street, \$7,500. All ayes.

Vote to approve Spring Street pay request #8 for \$7,500. All ayes.

Vote to approve Spring Street closeout pay request #9 for \$25,000. All Ayes.

Vote to approve Change Order #1 for the municipal parking lot, deduct (\$4,784.84). All ayes.

Vote to approve the municipal parking lot closeout pay request #2 for \$2,500. All ayes.

Vote to authorize the Village Administrator to approve and sign the certificate of substantial completion for the municipal parking lot project. All ayes.

First reading of Ordinance 1-16 regulating vehicular parking on High Street and in city owned municipal parking lots.

First reading of Ordinance 2-16 regulating long term parking on city streets.

Vote to approve the Covington Police Department to provide pizza and refreshments for the School Safety Patrol party at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. All ayes.

Vote to accept the resignation of Eric Krauss as a part time police officer effective immediately. All ayes.

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

Fiscal Officer

Mayor