

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on March 21, 2016 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	Scott Tobias Bud Weer Keith Warner Lois Newman Judy Smith
Absent	Joyce Robertson

The council packet included minutes from the 03/07/16 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #9305-9353.

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, Daryl Bowling-Utility Service Group, and Village residents.

Agenda:

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

Daryl Bowling, representative from Utility Service Group, presented to Council a brochure outlining the specifics for maintenance and upkeep of the 100,000 gallon water tower. This included exterior and interior renovations, repairs and the cost. Mr. Bowling answered all questions Council asked, and explained in detail what would be done to repair the tower.

Public Hearing for the proposed South End Zoning Map Amendment was tabled until next Council meeting to be held on April 4, 2016.

Chief of Police Lee Harmon informed Council that the School Resource Officer contract will expire 7/1/16, and looking into possibly entering into a 2 year contract with the school.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 03/07/2016 meeting are approved as read.

Mayors Report

Mayor McCord continued the discussion on the Sellman property being donated to the Village, if Council approves, stating cost for the concrete work would be approximately \$5600, and total cost to renovate the property would be \$8000-\$9000. There is a possibility the wall can be torn

down by the village. Mayor McCord said the property acquisition was well received by Chamber. Council agreed to accept the donation, and a resolution for approval will be on next meeting's agenda.

Mayor Mccord will be contacting Council about setting up a tour of the new school.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

WWTP Water Leak

The water leak at the sewer plant which we have been trying to locate for several months has been located. A buried valve that was not on any of our record drawings had developed a leak. Repair was made, the trench was backfilled, and water pressure is back to normal flow.

Road Salt

Delivery was made of our contracted road salt for the past winter. Due to the mild winter conditions, our storage facility is approximately ¾ full. Total cost was \$5,083.05. This puts us in a good position to start the winter season next year.

Trash Program

Notification has been received that our recycling tipping fees will be increasing from \$15.00 per ton to \$20.00 per ton effective April 1, 2016. This will result in an annual increase in recycling fees between \$800 and \$1000.

Trash Truck Chassis

Previously a price was secured through the ODOT state bid program for a 2017 Freightliner M2-106 chassis for the new trash truck. The program closes out the end of April 2016, and requesting Council approve the purchase of this chassis through ODOT state purchasing program contract #023-15 at a cost of \$86,352, which includes a 5 year 100,000 mile warranty.

Employee Health Insurance

Brenda and Mr. Busse attended a presentation at the office of McGohan Brabender on an alternate Health Insurance Program for the Village Employees. This new program will reduce the Village's health insurance cost by approximately \$8,000 for the next 12 months while lowering the employee's deductible and their share of the monthly premium. Recommendation to council that a resolution be passed authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a 12 month agreement with Anthem for this new plan.

Copier Lease Contract

Quotes have been obtained from our current copier supplier as well as other providers, and I am recommending that the Village lease a new copier from Woodhull for \$175.00 per month. This contract would include 5,000 images a month so it should eliminate overage charges that we routinely experience under our current contract.

Gas and Electric Aggregation

Mayor McCord and Mr. Busse met with Affordable Gas and Electric(AG&E) to discuss the possibility of putting gas and electric aggregation issues on the ballot in November. Sidney's Mayor Barhorst was at the meeting to answer questions directly related to Sidney's process of choosing AG&E to manage the entire aggregation process, why they chose to move forward with

this program, and what the economic impact for Sidney will be given the recent electricity supply rate secured of 25% discount to DPL's utility supply rate. An estimated \$1.8 million dollars in savings over the life of the agreement will stay in the local economy and be spent many times over.

Aggregation is the ultimate in consumer choice as residents vote to negotiate bulk electricity rates, then once a rate is established, they are under no obligation to participate, and are free to come and go without penalty. However, without approval of the electorate, Covington is unable to establish a bulk rate for residents to compare to other competitive rates. Many communities that have worked with AG&E to place the issues on the ballot have approved the aggregation referendums with over 70% approval.

Sidney, Russia, Botkins, Lockington, and Bradford have recently contracted AG&E to manage their aggregation programs. If we choose to move forward, two ordinances would need to be passed, one for gas and one for electric aggregation, authorizing the legislation to be placed on the November ballot. I am recommending that we proceed with the first reading on both ordinances at this meeting.

Paul's Pizza Equipment

May 14, 2016 @10:00 AM has been set as the date and time for the informal auction. Mr. Busse will place an advertisement to inform the public.

Water Meter Change Out

762 water meters have been replaced to date, and Mr. Busse requested Council approve the purchase of 75 more water meters through Buckeye State Pipe at a cost of \$15,354.00.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve the Bills and Financials including checks #9305-9353 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

First reading on Ordinance 9-16 approving the proposed zoning map amendment.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R10-16 authorizing the Village of Covington to participate in the State of Ohio cooperative purchasing program was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R10-16 was made by Warner and seconded by Smith. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R11-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a M2-106 Freightliner chassis from Stoops Freightliner through the

ODOT state purchasing program contract #023-15 and lease this chassis through TCF Financing at a cost of \$86,352.00 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer.

Smith voted aye, Tobias voted aye, Warner voted aye, Weer voted aye, Newman voted nay. Motion died.

First reading of Resolution R11-16. See above.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R12-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to renew the employee health insurance program through Anthem was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R12-16 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R13-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Woodhull for copier services was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R13-16 was made by Smith and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R14-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Utility Services for elevated storage maintenance was made by Warner and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R14-16 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council voted to approve the Memorial Day parade route beginning at 1:00 PM.

First Reading on Ordinance 10-16 authorizing all actions necessary to effectuate an opt-out electric service aggregation program pursuant to Ohio revised code 4928.20; and directing the Miami County Board of Elections to submit the ballot question to the electors; and authorizing an agreement with an agent for such purposes.

First Reading on Ordinance 11-16 authorizing all actions necessary to effectuate an opt-out gas service aggregation program pursuant to Ohio revised code 4928.20; and directing the Miami County Board of Elections to submit the ballot question to the electors; and authorizing an agreement with an agent for such purposes.

Motion to approve the purchase of 75 water meters from Buckeye State Pipe in the amount of \$15,354.00 was made by Warner and seconded by Smith. All ayes.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 8:35 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor