

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on May 2, 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
	Joyce Robertson
	Judy Smith
	Lois Newman

The council packet included minutes from the 04/18/16 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #9416-9450.

Nonmembers present included Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, Sam Wildow-reporter from Piqua Daily Call, Aaron Zuhl-Police Officer, Ben Robinson-Website Designer, and Village residents.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Visitors**

Ben Robinson gave a presentation of the new Village website which was very well received by Council and village residents that were in attendance. Village Administrator Mike Busse stated we are less than two weeks from going live with the website.

Linda Ray informed Council that she has incorporated her business, Ya'll Country Club, which requires reissuance of the liquor license in corporation's name. Per Linda, this will take approximately 10 weeks for the new liquor license to be issued.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the 04/18/2016 meeting are approved as read.

### **Mayors Report**

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

Chamber Circus on May 16<sup>th</sup>

Council approved rescheduling the next meeting to Tuesday, May 17 due to the Circus being held on May 16.

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

### **High Street Design**

The High Street survey work will be almost completed by the end of next week, and then the preliminary design work will begin. Plan is to have this work completed by July 2016 to allow time to complete funding applications.

### **Safe Routes to School**

All of the R/W takes have been filed with the engineer's office. Final invoice from Briggs Creative Services in the amount of \$15,151.00 has been received. We are working with ODOT to get this project placed on their schedule to be bid ASAP. Hopefully, construction will begin in late summer, and complete the project by fall 2017. Updates will be given to Council as the project progresses. Also, three fire hydrants will be relocated prior to the start of the sidewalk construction, one on Ludlow and two on Chestnut Street.

### **Income Survey**

Income surveys were mailed today, May 2, to residents that were randomly selected, and should be received by the residents later this week. The Village asked that village residents fill out the surveys included with the letter and return them to Access Engineering in the postage-paid, self-addressed envelope that was included. This completed survey will help us qualify for grant programs to help fund future village projects. Village officials will only see the compiled data, not individual surveys.

### **Gas and Electric Aggregation**

Met with Jeff Haarmann of A.G.E., and they are excited to move forward with the aggregation program. They will be contacting other municipalities in the area to see if they are interested in participating in the program. Included in Council's packet is information to help answer questions if approached about the aggregation program.

### **Water Tower Renovation**

This project is currently on the schedule for the last week of June, and Council will be updated as this date draws closer. I have discussed the middle school teardown and the 3 on 3 basketball tournament with them, and we do not anticipate any conflicts between the projects at this time.

### **Sewer Plant Renovation**

Met with CH2MHILL last week for a kickoff design meeting. Phase one design work is underway. OPWC funding meeting is May 5, and we should know by the end of the week if we can expect funding in this round. If we are funded in this round, the money will be available after July 1 of this year, and we can firm up the schedule for the renovation.

### **Chestnut Street R/W Extension**

We have been in discussions with the school about a proposed R/W extension through school property to facilitate the construction of additional parking, and still allow for the future extension of Chestnut Street. Included in Council's packet is a drawing showing the proposed R/W extension. This is for discussion only, and no action required by Council at this time.

**Phone system replacement**

Received quotes from OVIS and Secure Com to replace our aging and obsolete phone system. In my opinion, OVIS has provided the lowest and best bid for the phone system replacement project.

Again this year, Bug-a-Boo will be spraying for mosquitoes at the end of May, June, July, and August.

Also, Mayor McCord and Mr. Busse are staying informed on the Zika Virus, and its possible effect in Ohio through the coming summer months.

**Bills/Financials**

Motion to approve the Bills and Financials including checks #9416-9450 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the final payment to Briggs Creative Services for R/W acquisition services in the amount of \$15,151.00 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Stand as second reading on Resolution R16-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a 20 yard Leach Alpha III rear load packer from Best Equipment through the NJPA cooperative purchasing program, contract #112014-LEG and lease this unit through TCF Financing at a cost of \$82,407.40

Stand as second reading on Ordinance 13-16, Noise Ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R18-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a village office phone system from OVIS in the amount of \$9,631.40 was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R18-16 was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R19-16 a resolution of necessity to replace the Steven Street curbs was made by Warner and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R19-16 was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R20-16 awarding the Steven Street curb project to M&T Construction was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R20-16 was made by Newman and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hiring of Madisyn Jernigan-Cook as part-time park maintenance employee effective 5/7/16 @ \$8.34 per hour was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

A public hearing was set for June 6, 2016 @ 7:00 PM for a zoning map amendment for Mullen's Firestone.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor