

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on July 17, 2017 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	Keith Warner
	Judy Smith
	Bud Weer
	Scott Tobias
	Joyce Robertson
	Lois Newman

The council packet included minutes from the 6/19/17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #10455-10521.

Nonmembers present included Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, and Sam Wildow-Piqua Daily Call Reporter.

Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Warner and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors:

Brice Schmitmeyer
Kathy Miller
Marilyn Helman
Sam Wildow
David & Dawn Duff
Nancy Swigart

Brice Schmitmeyer updated Council on the pending OPWC applications, and explained the reasoning on having three projects in process. More detail is listed in the Village Administrator's report.

Kathy Miller asked what was being done about the feed store, and the trailer court on Main Street. Mr. Busse stated the owner of the feed store has been contacted concerning the maintenance of the property. Regarding the trailer park, owner states he is in process of having some trailers removed. Mr. Busse said the Village must follow rules and regulations regarding property maintenance, and the Village will continue to work on these issues.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 6/19/17 meeting were approved as read.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McCord updated Council on his weekly meetings and activities, and reminded Council of the following:

The Police Department will be holding its annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on July 29th.

Village retailers will meet the 2nd Monday of every month.

Candlelight Christmas will be held on two weekends this year.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:**Safe Routes to School**

The majority of the concrete work is completed. The silt fence on Chestnut Street has been removed, and they are currently working on grading and backfilling on Ludlow Street. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month.

Road Salt

Notification has been received from the state that the bid price for road salt for the 2017-2018 season is 51.62 per ton. Our contracted amount is 120 tons. The price was 57.21 in 2016.

2017 Sidewalk Project

J&J Stampworks has completed the sidewalk program work for 2017. We are currently working with the contractor to finalize the invoice. Once their invoice is received, invoices will be sent out to individual customers.

Street Pavement Analysis Project

The pavement condition report has been received from Midwest Pavement Analysis, and is currently being reviewed. This report indicates the current condition of the streets, and a cost estimate for repairs. Recommending setting up a small committee comprised of the mayor and a couple of council members to review our needs, and make a recommendation to the full council on a plan to maintain our streets and a proposal of how to finance these repairs.

Park Tree Removal

Gunkel Tree Service cut down three dead sycamore trees in the park. Our staff continues to work at cleaning up the wood from this project, and should be completed by the end of the week. Approximately \$1,500 was saved by utilizing our staff to complete the cleanup.

Online Bill Payment Services

The Online Utility Bill viewing and payment services are now active. Several customers are already using this service.

Police Cruiser Update

The new cruiser is currently being upfitted. We hope to take delivery the week of July 24th, and have the cruiser in service by the end of the month.

Sewer Plant Renovations

We are nearing the completion of the submittal process, and expect to begin construction in late August. Requesting Council approve the purchase of a replacement (exchange) lower unit for the influent grinder from JWC at a cost of \$16,931.00.

We have a RAS transfer pump that is out of service, and are currently running on the backup pump. Working on obtaining proposals for a replacement pump.

Steel Gas Line Replacements for 2017

These replacements are well underway, and the replacement work should be completed by the end of the month. Pavement and sidewalk restorations will follow.

Downtown Design Kickoff Meeting July 26th at 4:30 PM

Will need two or three council members, and a couple of citizens to be on the committee.

Pending OPWC Applications

Round 32 Application – If funded, money available in July of 2018 – WWTP Phase 2 (Blowers)
Total Project cost \$250,000: Grant Request \$125,000, Local Funds \$125,000

Round 33 Application – If funded, money available in July of 2019 – SR 48 Waterline and Sanitary Sewer. Total Project cost \$1,000,000: Grant Request \$500,000, Loan \$500,000

Round 34 Application – If funded, money available in July of 2019 - US 36 Storm Sewer Phase I
Total Project cost \$1,100,000: Grant Request \$500,000, Loan Request \$500,000, Local Funds \$100,000

Future Application

Round 35 will be the High Street Reconstruction Project

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10455-10521 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

First reading held on Ordinance 06-17 prohibiting retail dispensaries, cultivators, or processors of medical marijuana within the Village of Covington, Ohio.

First reading held on Resolution R24-17 amending the records retention policy for the Village of Covington.

Motion to approve the purchase of a sewage grinder replacement (exchange) lower unit from JWC in the amount of \$16,931.00 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:38 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor