

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on January 3, 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	Scott Tobias
	Bud Weer
	Keith Warner
	Judy Smith
	Joyce Robertson
	Lois Newman

The council packet included minutes from the 12/19/16 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #10011-10031.

Nonmembers present included Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, Jim Painter-Piqua Daily Call Reporter, and Lee Harmon-Chief of Police.

### **Visitors**

There were no visitors.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the 12/19/16 meeting were approved as read.

### **Nomination and Election of Council President**

Councilmember Newman nominated Scott Tobias for Council President. There were no other nominations.

Motion made to close the nominations was made by Weer and seconded by Robertson. Newman, Weer, Robertson, Smith, and Warner all ayes. Tobias abstained. Motion carried.

Motion made to elect Scott Tobias for Council President was made by Newman and seconded by Warner. Newman, Weer, Robertson, Smith, and Warner all ayes. Tobias abstained. Motion carried.

**Mayor's Report:**

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

Council agreed to retain the same schedule of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month for meetings in 2017.

Next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, due to holiday on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Planning and Zoning quarterly meetings are scheduled to be held on February 15, May 17, August 16, and November 15 for 2017.

The Mayor announced the following appointments:

Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Fund: Bud Weer and Lois Newman, 1 Year terms ending December 3, 2017.

Board of Appeals: Carl Reck, 5 Year term ending December 31, 2021

Planning and Zoning: Keith Warner, 6 Year term ending December 31, 2022

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

**137 N. High Street**

Mr. Patrizio has taken over the prosecution of the health department case, and is suggesting that we table awarding the teardown contract until he meets with the owner.

**Temporary Appropriations for 2017**

Brenda and Mr. Busse will have draft appropriations for Council's review at our next meeting.

**Water Plant**

Quotes are still being obtained for the replacement of the waste pit pump that has failed at the water plant.

Currently installing a replacement filter waste valve that was leaking.

**Toters**

New recycling toters are being delivered to anyone that requested one. We will continue to replace the recycling tubs with toters as time allows.

**Delinquent Income Tax Collection**

The St. Mary's tax department is recommending we pass a resolution authorizing the State of Ohio to collect income taxes from our delinquent income tax accounts at no charge to the Village. The state assesses the taxpayer a 10% fee for their efforts. Resolution R1-17 included in Council's packet for review and first reading.

### **Fire and EMS Fund**

Included in Council's packet is Resolution R2-17 amending the previous Resolution R51-16 establishing a Fire and EMS fund. Resolution R2-17 clarifies that this is property tax revenue for the purpose of funding Fire and EMS services. Requesting Council waive the three reading rule and pass this resolution.

### **2017 Sidewalk Program**

Requesting Council waive the three reading rule and vote on Resolution R3-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to advertise for bids for the 2017 sidewalk program.

### **Custodian Resignation**

Tyler Harvey who has served as our custodian since December 2014 has resigned to allow him additional time to focus on his education. Tyler has done a great job for us and will be missed.

Mr. Busse has begun the process of filling this position.

### **Bills/Financials**

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10011-10031 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Motion to approve Resolution R52-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary paperwork to purchase property from Covington Board of Education was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2017 Goals was made by Newman and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

First reading on Resolution R1-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary paperwork to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Attorney General's office for the collection of delinquent income taxes.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R2-17 amending Resolution R51-16 establishing an EMS and Fire Fund and specifying that it receives and disperses real estate tax revenue was made by Robertson and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R2-17 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R3-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to solicit bids for the 2017 sidewalk program was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R3-17 was made by Newman and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the resignation of Tyler Harvey, who has served as custodian for the Village of Covington, effective 1/3/17 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried. Resignation was accepted with deep regret.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned 7:20 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor