

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on October 3, 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
	Judy Smith
	Lois Newman
	Joyce Robertson

The council packet included minutes from the 09/19/16 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #9815-9832.

Nonmembers present included Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, Sam Wildow-Piqua Daily Call Reporter, and Steve Blei-Police Officer.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Visitors:**

Emily Schutte introduced herself as the new manager of Dollar Tree. Council welcomed her to the Village.

Jackie McClurg and Brian McKillip voiced their concerns to Council about the building leaning against their property at 141 N. High St, and brought pictures showing the two properties. Both Ms. McClurg and Mr. McKillip stated damage is being done to the exterior and interior of their home, and they have contacted Mr. Busse, the Health Department, and the County regarding this issue. Attorney Patrizio requested copies of the pictures so he could investigate what can be done about this property. Mayor McCord said he and Village Administrator Mike Busse would discuss the problem, and be in contact with Ms. McClurg and Mr. McKillip.

Brice Schmitmeyer from Access Engineering presented to Council more detailed information regarding the submittal of applications for federal fast act funds through MVRPC for the High Street project. Total cost of this project is estimated at 4.36 million. Hopefully, the Village would receive a grant from ODOT for approximately 2.995 million, leaving the Village to pay the balance of approximately 1.429 million.

Rob Beglin, representative from USI Insurance (Public Entity Plan), presented information about liability insurance for the Village.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the 09/19/16 meeting were approved as read.

**Mayor's Report:**

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

Public Hearing for Gas and Electric aggregation will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Costume Contest will be held Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM.

Trick or Treat has been scheduled for October 31, 2016 from 6 to 8 PM.

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

**Safe Routes to School**

ODOT has been contacted about this project, and they anticipate construction will begin spring 2017.

**2017 Sidewalk Project**

Mr. Busse has been in contact with a few of the property owners that have had questions about the project, and will probably have a resolution for Council's review at the next meeting.

**WWTP Phase 1 Project**

Phase 1 design has been submitted to the Ohio EPA for review. This review process will take approximately 30 to 45 days. Once we obtain an EPA permit to install, we will complete the bid documents and put the project out for bids. Planned construction will be between February and December 2017.

**High Street Design**

The preliminary design for High Street has been completed, and the application to MVRPC has been finalized. The resolution has been amended slightly per MVRPC's recommendation, and requesting Council have second reading on the amended resolution R41-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to submit the grant application to MVRPC.

**Curfew Ordinance**

Ordinance 20-16 included in packet for Council's review. This ordinance revises the existing curfew ordinance that was passed on May 6, 1975. Requesting Council have second reading on this ordinance.

## **Insurance**

It is again time to review our Village liability insurance. Our policy period is October 22, 2016 through October 22, 2017. Two quotes have been received, one from Hylant Insurance who is the agent for the Ohio Plan, and one from USI who is the agent for PEP. For the past five years, we have been with Hylant Insurance and the Ohio Plan, and are very happy with their service. As you can see, USI-PEP is \$6,152 cheaper but they do not include tail insurance as part of their policy and premium. Mr. Busse recommends staying with the Ohio Plan because of their past customer service to the Village, and the Ohio Plan policy includes tail insurance.

- Hylant Insurance/Ohio Plan Renewal \$31,475.00. This is down from \$32,990.00 last year.
- USI Insurance/Public Entity Plan \$25,323.00. We have used them in the past but they do not include tail coverage.

## **Maple Street Tower**

Requesting Council approve the payment of \$73,017.00 to Utility Service for the Maple Street water tower renovations.

## **Bills/Financials**

Bills and Financials including checks #9815-9832 were approved as presented.

## **Old Business**

Second reading on Resolution R38-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to lease recycling totes from TFC Financing.

Second reading on amended Resolution R41-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to submit an application for federal fast act funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. This is for the High Street reconstruction project.

Second reading on Ordinance 20-16 amending and replacing the curfew ordinance.

## **New Business**

Discussion on purchasing liability insurance for 2016-2017.

- Hylant Insurance/Ohio Plan Renewal \$31,475.00. This is down from \$32,990.00 last year.
- USI Insurance/Public Entity Plan \$25,323.00. We have used them in the past but they do not include tail coverage.

Motion to table Resolution R42-16, authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase liability insurance, until the October 17, 2016 meeting was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of \$73,017.00 to Utility Service for the small water tower renovations was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned 7:42 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor