

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on November 14, 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 11/7/16 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #9923-9939.

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

Agenda:

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

Visitors:

There were no visitors.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 11/7/16 meeting were approved as read.

Mayor's Report:

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

Community Thanksgiving dinner will be held November 19th from 4-7 PM at the Covington Eagles.

The mayor was very pleased with the great turnout for Candlelight Christmas, and expressed his appreciation to Village Administrator Mike Busse and Chief of Police Lee Harmon for their hard work and coordination for this event.

Police Chief Lee Harmon informed Council that the memorial service for Sheriff Cox will be held November 22 at 1:00 PM at Ginghamburg United Methodist Church.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Leaf Pickup

Leaves are being picked up every day, and we will continue to pick up leaves curb side through the first week of December.

Gas and Electric Aggregation

Both gas and electric aggregation issues passed on the November 8th ballot. Included in Council's packet for review are resolutions for the legislation of these programs. Requesting Council waive the three reading rule, and approve these resolutions.

Fire and EMS Levy

The 2.5 mill levy for Fire and EMS services also passed.

137 N. High Street

Property at 137 N. High Street is leaning against the property at 141 N. High Street, and needs to be torn down. We have been working with the Health Department about this issue, and possibly other entities could come into play regarding the tear down. Councilmember Robertson asked why this would be in 2017 budget instead of 2016 budget. Mr. Busse explained advertising for bids would take two weeks, and tear down could not take place until early 2017. Requesting Council waive the three reading rule, and vote on Resolution R50-16.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #9923-9939 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion to approve Resolution R43-16 declaring the need to repair sidewalks in the Village was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stand as second reading on Resolution R45-16 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Montgomery County for 2017.

New Business

Stand as first reading of Ordinance 21-16 repealing and replacing the salary ordinance for the Village of Covington. (Non-elected employees)

Stand as first reading of Ordinance 22-16 repealing and replacing the salary ordinance for the Village of Covington. (Village Administrator)

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R46-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement for the purchase of the Village's natural gas aggregation program was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R46-16 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R47-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement for the purchase of the Village's electricity aggregation program was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R47-16 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R48-16 authorizing the adoption of a natural gas aggregation plan of operation and governance for the Village of Covington, Miami County, Ohio was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R48-16 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R49-16 authorizing the adoption of an electric power aggregation plan of operation and governance for the Village of Covington, Miami County, Ohio was made by Robertson and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R49-16 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R50-16 declaring 137 N. High Street a nuisance and authorizing the Village Administrator to advertise for bids to tear down the house and outbuildings on the property was made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R50-16 was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:19 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor