

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on November 7, 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 10/17/16 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #9885-9922.

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

Agenda:

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

Visitors:

Residents Jackie McClurg and Brian McKillip asked what progress was being done regarding the house leaning against their property at 141 N. High St. Mr. Patrizio informed Ms. McClurg and Mr. McKillip a certified letter was mailed on 10/10/16 to the owner of the property, and the owner has 30 days after receipt of letter to respond. If no response, Village policy and procedures will be followed to have the building demolished. The residents also expressed concern about who would pay for the damages to their property. Mr. Busse stated this is a civil issue between them and the owner of the property at 137 N. High St. Mr. Patrizio said the Village only has so much responsibility regarding this type of issue.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 10/17/16 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.

Mayor McCord asked Council if the next meeting could be moved from November 21st to November 14th at 7 PM, and Council agreed.

The mayor expressed his appreciation to the Covington Police Department for their hard work on Halloween.

The mayor also informed Council there was a really good turnout for the Halloween Costume Contest which was held on October 25th.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

2017 Sidewalk Project

Resolution R43-16 included in Council's packet for review. Requesting Council have second reading on this resolution.

WWTP Phase 1 Upgrade

The permit to install application was submitted last month to the Ohio EPA, and a comment letter was received from them which we have answered. Copies of both letters are included in Council's packet.

Ohio EPA Loan Application

Mr. Busse is currently working on a WPCLF low interest loan application through the Ohio EPA for the wastewater treatment plant. Village is asking for a 1% loan with a payback of 20 years, and the maximum loan award amount is \$550,000. This can be scaled back based on how the bids come in.

Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup is underway, and we will continue to pick up leaves curb side through the first week of December.

Street Light at Debra and Chestnut

Mr. Busse met with the school about a safety concern concerning visibility of pedestrians at the intersection of Chestnut and Debra Streets, and it was decided that the street light needed to be repositioned and upgraded to a brighter light due to the concern for student safety during dawn and dusk conditions. DPL energy has been contacted, and they will be completing this work as soon as possible. Also, the school is looking into additional lighting in certain areas.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #9885-9922 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Stand as second reading on Resolution R43-16 declaring the need to repair sidewalks in the Village.

New Business

Motion to accept the resignation of Stefan Deeter as a part time Village police officer was made by Smith and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve reimbursing Police Chief Lee Harmon for Halloween candy in the amount of \$191.62 was made by Newman and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R44-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to apply for Ohio EPA WPCLF loan funds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant was made by Robertson and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R44-16 was made by Warner and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:26 PM was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson. All ayes.

Motion to end Executive Session at 7:40 PM was made by Robertson and seconded by Tobias. All ayes.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:41 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor