

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on December 19, 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
	Joyce Robertson
	Lois Newman

The council packet included minutes from the 12/5/16 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #9976-10010.

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

### **Visitors**

There were no visitors.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the 12/5/16 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:

A draft of the Village's goals for 2017 was included in Council's packet.

The Mayor and Village Administrator reviewed 2016 goals with Council.

January meetings were reset to January 3<sup>rd</sup> and January 17<sup>th</sup> due to holidays falling on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month.

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.

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

**137 N. High Street**

The bid opening for the teardown was Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, and there were 6 bidders. Bid list included in Council's packet.

The apparent low bidder was M&T Excavation at \$24,704. M&T had some arithmetic errors in their bid but Mr. Busse did confirm with them that this was the correct and intended bid price. This price included asbestos mitigation by a licensed contractor.

Therese Tyson with the Miami County Health Department let us know there is a hearing scheduled December 20, 2016 with John Longenecker who owns the property, and she would keep the Village informed about the outcome of this hearing.

Jackie McClurg, owner of the property next door to 137 N. High Street, was contacted and informed of the progress made regarding this property. Ms. McClurg stated her insurance company had been contacted, and the insurance company will pay to repair the damage to her house once the other house is removed, but they will not help with payment to have the house torn down.

**Temporary Appropriations for 2017**

Brenda and Mr. Busse compiled an exhibit of recommended temporary appropriations for 2017. Requesting Council waive the three reading rule and vote to approve Ordinance 23-16 establishing temporary appropriations for 2017. Work is continuing on the 2017 budget, and there should be a draft copy for Council's review at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Water Plant**

A waste pit pump has failed at the water plant. The pump is obsolete, and we are currently obtaining quotes for a replacement.

**Toters**

The trash and recycling toters that were ordered have been received, and we will begin replacing customers recycling tubs with the new toters after the holidays.

**Trash Trucks**

With the onset of the cold weather, we have experienced some equipment failures. A pto shaft broke on the automated trash truck which also damaged the truck's radiator. Hopefully, the truck will be back in service on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Utility Truck**

Village has taken delivery of the replacement utility truck, and hope to have it in service by the end of the week.

**Ice Storm Event**

Last weekend's ice storm was very difficult to deal with. Our street department worked some overtime but kept the streets in relatively good condition considering the amount of icing we

experienced. Approximately 30 tons of salt was used for this ice storm. One of our salters is broken, and new parts will be ordered ASAP.

### **Bills/Financials**

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #9976-10010 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith.. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Motion to approve Ordinance 21-16 repealing and replacing the salary ordinance for the Village of Covington (Non-elected employees) was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 22-16 repealing and replacing the salary ordinance for the Village of Covington (Village Administrator) was made by Smith and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stand as second reading on Resolution R52-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary paperwork to purchase property from Covington Board of Education.

### **New Business**

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 23-16 establishing temporary appropriations for the year ending December 2017 was made by Newman and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 23-16 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve off duty police officers to work for and be paid by the Covington Board of Education was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept a \$4,000 donation from the Covington Optimist Club to be used for basketball court maintenance and the purchase of a new speed trailer was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

