

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on December 5, 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
Absent	Lois Newman

The council packet included minutes from the 11/14/16 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #9940-9972.

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

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the 11/14/16 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 Christmas dinner will be held December 10th from 4-6 PM at the Covington Eagles.

Mayor and Village Administrator presented to Council a draft of the Village's goals for 2017, which was included in Council's packet.

Mayor asked Council to check their calendars regarding moving the January meetings to January 3rd and January 17th due to holidays falling on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Income Tax Department

Mr. Patrizio's office has sent out letters to taxpayers identified by the tax department for failing to file their Village income tax returns. A few responses have been received, and we hope to receive many more in the near future.

Gas and Electric Aggregation

PUCO applications for the gas and electric aggregation programs have been completed, and AGE will file the paperwork with PUCO for Covington.

Fund 15 -Fire and EMS

Requesting Council approve Resolution R51-16 authorizing the fiscal officer to create Fund 15 for the funding of fire and ems services. Per government accounting practices, a separate fund is required to allow the fiscal officer to keep funds segregated. The levy that was approved by voters in November requires the funds generated by this levy be used exclusively for the purpose of funding fire and ems services.

137 N. High Street

Asbestos survey has been completed at 137 N. High Street, and the Village Administrator has advertised for bids to tear down the house and storage building. A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th at 10:00 AM, and the bid opening is on Friday, December 16th at 10:00 AM. The Health Department has been in contact with Mr. Busse regarding the cost of the teardown, and Mr. Busse will keep the Health Department informed when more information is known.

Ralph Boeringer – Reclassification

Ralph (Butch) has been an employee of the Village since May 1991. His current duties include operating the water and sewer plants which requires maintenance and record keeping. Butch is the operator of record for the sewer plant which means he has primary responsibility for the record keeping and reporting of the operations at the wastewater plant. Our wastewater plant is a class 2 plant which requires an operator of at least that classification have a minimum of 20 hours each week. Butch currently holds class 3 licenses in both water and wastewater. Requesting Council approve the reclassification of Butch to Operator 1, level #1 effective December 31, 2016.

WWTP

Permit to install has been received from the Ohio EPA for the wastewater plant Phase 1. We have submitted all requested materials to the Ohio EPA WPCLF Loan fund, and are waiting for their reply. Once we receive approval from the WPCLF to proceed with the bidding, we will be ready to bid the project.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #9940-9972 was made by Smith and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion to approve Resolution R45-16 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Montgomery County was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

New Business

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R51-16 authorizing the fiscal officer to create fund 15 for the funding of the fire and ems services was made by Robertson and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R51-16 was made by Weer and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to reclassify Ralph Boehringer from Operator 2 classification to Operator 1 classification, level #1 effective December 31, 2016 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Robertson. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:36 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor