

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on February 6, 2017 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 1/17/17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #10056-10095.

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:

David Larsen requested permission from Council to hold the Plus 5K race on March 18. Motion to approve the Plus 5K race was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Services Annual Reports

Bart Weer from the Covington Fire & Rescue presented the 2016 annual report, and report for the 4th quarter of 2016.

2016 annual report for Covington EMS Services was presented by Brad Weer.

Police Chief Lee Harmon presented the 2016 annual report for the Police Department.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the 1/17/17 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:

Council meeting to be held on Monday February 20th, is rescheduled to Tuesday February 21st due to Presidents Day falling on February 20th.

Representatives from St. Mary's will be here on the following dates and times to assist with income tax returns:

3/21/17 from 1 to 4 PM
4/4/17 from 6 to 8 PM
4/8/17 from 10 AM to 2 PM

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

137 N. High Street

Mr. Patrizio informed Council Mr. Denlinger, owner of the property, was present at a pretrial hearing on 2/1/17 and asked the court if the property could be saved as the cost of demolition was so expensive. The court granted Mr. Denlinger 60 days to come up with a plan for renovation.

Appropriations for 2017

2017 proposed appropriations are still being reviewed. The amount for contract engineering services has been changed, and revised spread sheets are included in Council's packet for review. Recommending Council has second reading on Ordinance 1-17.

Also, asking Council to approve the rates of tax as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission for 2016.

Surplus Items

Requesting Council waive the three reading rule, and vote on Resolution R4-17A declaring the 2001 Dodge pickup and the discarded water meters as surplus, and to authorize the Village Administrator to auction these items off on Gov deals.

High Street Courtyard

We have removed the wall, dug out dirt and debris from the project area, and filled in a gravel base for the patio.

2017 Sidewalk Program

The 2017 Sidewalk Improvement project is out for bids. The sidewalk pre bid meeting is scheduled for February 22nd at 10:00 AM, and the bid date for this project is March 3rd at 10:00 AM.

WWTP Phase 1 Improvement Project

Project is out for bids, and a pre bid meeting is scheduled for February 7th at 10:00 AM. Project bid opening is scheduled for February 21st at 10:00 AM.

Nature Works Grant Application

Requesting Council waive the three reading rule, and vote on Resolution R5-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to apply for a Natureworks grant through ODNR for new playground equipment at the park.

2017 Police Cruiser

Requesting Council have first reading on Resolution R6-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a 2017 police cruiser through the State of Ohio purchasing program and finance this purchase through Covington Savings and Loan.

Lift Station 0% Loan

Received notification that we have been tentatively awarded a 0% loan through OPWC for lift station renovations.

Ricky Stephan

Ricky has passed his WW1 exam, and will receive his license when he has met the experience requirement (2080 hours). Recommending to Council that we provide Ricky with a 50 cent per hour increase effective February 11, 2017 since he has passed his exam.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10056-10095 was made by Smith and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

2017 Draft Budget reviewed.

Old Business

Motion to approve Resolution R1-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary paperwork to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Attorney General's office for the collection of delinquent income taxes was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stand as second reading on Ordinance 1-17 approving the budget for fiscal year 2017

New Business

Motion to approve and accept the rates of tax as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission for the year 2016 was made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2-17 approving and adopting the American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2017 Edition was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2-17 was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R4-17A declaring items as surplus and authorizing the Village Administrator to auction off surplus property was made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R4-17A was made by Warner and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R5-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to execute documents and apply for a Natureworks grant through ODNR for park playground equipment was made by Robertson and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R5-17 was made by Warner and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stand as first reading on Resolution R6-17 authorizing the purchase of a 2017 Police Cruiser through the State of Ohio Cooperative purchasing program and authorizing the Village Administrator to apply for financing of the cruiser through Covington Savings and Loan.

Motion to approve a 50 cent per hour increase effective February 11, 2017 for Ricky Stephan for passing his wastewater #1 license test was made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried. (Note: Ricky will receive his wastewater #1 license as soon as he meets the experience requirements for this license.)

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 8:02 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor