

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on March 20, 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
	Keith Warner
	Joyce Robertson
	Judy Smith
	Bud Weer
	Lois Newman

The council packet included minutes from the 3/6/17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #10170-10208.

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

### **Visitors:**

Kathy Miller

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the 3/6/17 meeting were approved as read.

### **Mayor's Report:**

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

Public hearing to rezone the area from Bridge Street to Broadway and Wenrick to Pearl Street is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Staff from St. Mary's Department of Taxation will be at the Covington Government Center to assist residents with their questions on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 4 PM, Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 PM, and Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Motion to set Covington's village-wide garage sale for June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and June 3<sup>rd</sup> was made by Weer and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Large trash pickup will be June 5<sup>th</sup> thru June 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

**2017 Sidewalk Program**

The 2017 Sidewalk Improvement Project was bid on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM, and the low bidder was J&J Stampworks at a cost of \$19,308.10. Asking Council to waive the three reading rule and approve Resolution R10-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary agreements with J&J Stampworks for this project. Note: Jason Grise is Brenda Carroll's son-in-law, and Ms. Carroll had no involvement in the bid process for this project.

**Online Bill Payment Services**

Recommending to Council that we waive the three reading rule and vote on Resolution R11-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Official Payments for online payment processing. This service allows customers to first view their outstanding balance through the CMI software, and then click on an icon to go to the Official Payments website to make a payment. The payment is then electronically deposited into the Village account, and an activity report is sent to the Village on a daily basis. Proposing that customers are charged the fee by Official Payments for credit card transactions, and the Village absorb the fee for ACH transactions. This is similar to how charges are handled in-house. Tipp City has been using this service for several years, and has given me a positive recommendation about the company.

**Miami County EMA Agreement**

Requesting Council waive the three reading rule and pass Resolution R12-17 authorizing the Village Administrator and Village Solicitor to enter into an agreement with the Miami County Commissioners for Emergency Management Services.

**2017 Street Resurfacing Program**

Requesting Council waive the three reading rule and pass Resolution R13-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to advertise for bids for the 2017 Street Resurfacing Program. This will be for Chestnut Street from Debra to Wenrick, Debra from Broadway to Chestnut, and Ullery from Broadway to Chestnut. The engineers estimate is \$129,710.00, and we have budgeted \$100,000 for this year.

**WWTP Phase 1 Improvement Project**

Five bids were received for this project. The low bid was Jutte Excavating from Fort Recovery at a cost of \$1,108,892.00. Recommending Council waive the three reading rule and pass Resolution R14-17 authorizing a tentative award of the WWTP project to Jutte Excavating pending the OEPA/DEFA loan approval.

Engineers estimate is 1.3 mil

375,000 OPWC grant

375,000 OPWC % loan

500,000 low interest loan (pending) (includes rolling over the design loan)

### **Electric Aggregation**

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Busse signed a contract for electric aggregation with Dynegy Corporation, who purchased the Duke Energy's Cincinnati based retail business in 2015. Dynegy was the winning bidder in a competitive bidding process that included four top-tier energy suppliers. In addition to Dynegy, the bidders included Constellation, IGS, and AEP Energy. Dynegy's winning bid of 5.29 cents per kwh, locked for a three-year term, represents a savings of more than 20% from the current DP&L standard choice price. This rate will be available to Village residents on or about May 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017.

Dynegy has sent letters to all Village residents that are eligible to be automatically enrolled in the new aggregation program. Residents who receive letters will have until April 6th to opt-out of the automatic enrollment. Residents who have not received an opt-out letter by the end of March may assume that they are not being automatically enrolled, and can call AGE to check on their status or Dynegy to enroll in the program.

Information on this program has been placed on the Village web site, and will go out in the newsletter this month.

### **Natural Gas Aggregation**

On March 17, Mr. Busse signed a 24-month agreement with Constellation Energy Services at a rate of \$.0423/cf (cents per cubic foot). We will be receiving more information soon. This information will be posted on our website, and mailers will be sent out to Village residents.

### **High Street Project**

A meeting with ODOT and MVRPC is scheduled for April 4th to obtain a formal schedule and PID number for this project. The original engineers estimate is 4.3 million dollars. Project is expected to be completed in the 2021-2022 budget year.

### **2017 Police Cruiser/2017 Speed Trailer**

The new cruiser and speed trailer have been ordered.

### **Trash/Recycling Truck Graphics**

Mr. Busse has been working with Ben Robinson on concepts for graphics on the trash and recycling trucks, and a concept is presented to Council tonight for review. After review, Council might want less graphics, and a boy and a girl instead of 2 boys. Also, keep the green and red recycling symbols. Council instructed Mr. Busse to obtain quotes for a concept with graphics and without graphics. Once we settle on an approved concept, pricing and availability will be obtained from Quint Signs in Piqua.

### **Mosquito Spraying**

We have contracted with Bug a Boo for 9 treatments, weather permitting the dates are: June 2, 16, & 30; July 7, 21, and 28; August 11 & 25; and September 1.

### **Bills/Financials**

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10170-10208 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R9-17 opposing the centralization and collection of Village Income Tax by the State of Ohio was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R9-17 was made by Newman and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R10-17 accepting the bid from J&J Stampworks for the 2017 Sidewalk Project and authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary documents and contracts was made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R10-17 was made by Warner and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R11-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Official Payments for online utility payment collection services was made by Weer and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R11-17 was made by Smith and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R12-17 authorizing the Village Administrator and Village Solicitor to enter into an agreement with the Miami County Commissioners for Emergency Management Services was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R12-17 was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R13-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to advertise for bids for the 2017 Repaving Program was made by Smith and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R13-17 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R14-17 tentatively awarding the Covington Waste Water Treatment facility improvements Phase 1 to Jutte Excavating pending approval of the DEFA loan application package and authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary contracts was made by Warner and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R14-17 was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned 7:42 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor