

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on March 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:

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| Present | Scott Tobias Keith Warner Joyce Robertson Judy Smith |
| Absent | Bud Weer Lois Newman |

The council packet included minutes from the 2/21/17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #10132-10168.

Nonmembers present included Frank Patrizio-Attorney, 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 Robertson and seconded by Smith to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 2/21/17 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 3rd at 7:00 PM.

Scholarship Dollars Spaghetti Dinner will be held March 8th at the school.

Optimist Pancake Day will be held Saturday March 11th from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the new cafeteria at the school.

Mayor McCord asked the reporter for the Piqua Daily Call to please list in the newspaper the dates and times that St. Mary's representatives will be here to assist residents with their Village of Covington Income Tax Returns.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were submitted in writing:

Appropriations for 2017

Included in Council's packet for review is the proposed 2017 Budget, and requesting Council pass Ordinance 1-17 approving the 2017 Budget.

2017 Sidewalk Program

The 2017 Sidewalk Improvement Project was bid on March 3rd 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 R11-17 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.

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.

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 May 1st, 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 sometime in April or May 2017.

A.G.E. filed our agreement with PUCO 3/6/17. After a 10-day waiting period, Dynegy will send letters to all Village residents that are eligible to be automatically enrolled in the new aggregation program. Residents who receive letters will have 21 days to opt-out of the automatic enrollment. Residents who do not receive opt-out letters by the end of March may assume that they are not being automatically enrolled, and can call AGE to check on their status.

More information will be made available to residents as we receive it.

High Street Project

MVRPC has notified us that the Village will be receiving a 2.9 million dollar matching grant for the High Street Construction Project. A meeting will be set up with ODOT and MVRCP in the next couple of weeks to obtain a formal schedule and PID number for the 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

Requesting Council pass Resolution R6-17 authorizing the purchase of a 2017 police cruiser and financing the purchase through Covington Savings and Loan. The financed amount will be \$36,234.00. Total purchase price including equipment will be \$43,579.84.

2017 Speed Trailer

Requesting Council approve the purchase of a speed trailer through MPH Industries at a cost of \$6,791.00. A previous donation of \$3,500 was received from the Community Chest towards purchase of this speed trailer, and a \$1,500 donation was received from the Covington Noon Optimists to cover part of the cost.

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 contract with Official Payments for online bill payment services. Official Payments is currently used by Tipp City to allow utility and income tax customers to pay their bills with the city online. This service will work in conjunction with our CMI software to allow customers to view their bills and to make online payments. The cost for these services is accessed per transaction. Recommending that the Village of Covington absorb the ACH fees and pass the credit card fees along to the customer. This mirrors how payments are currently handled in the utility office.

Miami County EMA Agreement

The Miami County EMA is requesting that we renew our Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Management Services. These services are provided at no cost to the Village. Asking Council to waive the three reading rule and pass Resolution R12-17 authorizing the Village Administrator and Village Solicitor to sign this MOU.

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. Once we settle on an approved concept, pricing and availability will be obtained from Quint Signs in Piqua.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10132-10168 was made by Robertson and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion to remove Ordinance 1-17, approving the budget for fiscal year 2017, from being tabled was made by Robertson and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 1-17 approving the budget for fiscal year 2017 was made by Warner and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 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 was made by Warner and seconded Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion to approve the rates of tax as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission for the year 2017, this is the anticipated revenue from the Fire and EMS levy, was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council held first reading on Resolution R9-17 opposing the centralization and collection of Village Income Tax by the State of Ohio.

Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to purchase a speed trailer through MPH Industries at a cost of \$6,791.00 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council held first reading 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.

Council held first reading on Resolution R11-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Official Payments for online utility payment collection services.

Council held first reading 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.

Motion to adjourn made by Smith and seconded by Warner. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:15 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor