

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on April 17, 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 4/3/17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #10225-10274.

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
Dave Duff
Dawn Duff

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the 4/3/17 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:

GIVE Health Fair will be held 4/22/17 from 9 AM to Noon at the Covington Eagles.

Police Chief Lee Harmon stated our police department is in a competition to collect the most "pennies" for the 4th Annual Pennies for Malisa 5k Run/Walk. Donations can be accepted through May 6th.

Mr. Harmon also informed Council that an Opioid and Heroin Education Seminar will be held on May 8th, 2017 from 7 PM to 9 PM at the high school.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

WWTP Phase 1 Improvement Project

Meeting was held last week with Jutte Construction, and a notice of award was issued for the project. We are awaiting the notice from DEFA-OEPA on our funding award. Once this is received, a notice will be issued to proceed with the project. We expect most of the construction to take place this fall with a May 2018 final completion date.

Natural Gas Aggregation

Information regarding gas aggregation and Constellation Energy Services is now on our website.

High Street Project

Met with ODOT and MVRPC on April 5th 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.

Trash/Recycling Truck Graphics

Mr. Busse has been continuing to work with Ben Robinson on concepts for graphics on the trash and recycling trucks, and a new concept is presented to Council tonight for review and discussion.

Safe Routes to School

Wagner Paving milled the curb lines along Chestnut Street in anticipation of the Safe Route to School Project. Access Engineering will be in this week to create a profile of the existing curb line, and will make recommendations for the elevation of the replacement curb on the south side of the street. It is our recommendation that we pave over the curb on the north side of the street between Sharon Street and Wenrick.

Planning and Zoning

A Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 19th at 7:00 PM. Some of the topics to be discussed are the school hallway and office addition, a new business in the industrial park and the requirements for the new business, and a utility easement at the end of Spring Street.

ODOT Salt Contract

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule, and vote to authorize the Village Administrator to participate in the ODOT salt program for 2017-2018.

Legal Services Contract

Asking Council to have first reading on a two-year agreement with McCulloch, Felger, Fite, and Gutmann for legal services. In order to facilitate full disclosure, Mr. Busse informed Council that his daughter-in-law Renee Busse is employed as an attorney with this firm.

Open Police Officer Position

Recommending that Council vote to hire Kevin Wright as a full-time probationary police officer at our meeting tonight. Kevin currently works for the village as a part-time police officer. Kevin's start date will be May 6, 2017, and his starting salary will be Level #1, \$14.15 per hour.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10225-10274 was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Council held second reading on Ordinance 4-17 amending the Village of Covington Official Zoning Map.

Council continued discussion on the graphics for the new trash truck, and agreed on a design. Council also agreed that all three trucks that the Village uses should have the same graphic, and instructed the Village Administrator to proceed.

New Business

Motion to waive the three reading rule and vote on Resolution R16-17 authorizing the participation in the ODOT 2017-2018 salt contract was made by Weer and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R16-17 was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council held first reading on Resolution R17-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a two-year agreement for 2017 and 2018 with McCulloch, Felger, Fite and Gutmann for legal services.

Motion to hire Kevin Wright as a probationary full-time police officer effective May 6, 2017 at Level #1 starting salary of \$14.15 per hour was made by Robertson and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kevin Wright was sworn in as a probationary full-time police officer by Mayor McCord.

Motion to waive the three reading rule and vote on Ordinance 5-17 amending compensation for full-time village employees of the Village of Covington for jury duty service was made by Warner and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 5-17 was made by Smith and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:31 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

