

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on April 3, 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 3/20/17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #10210-10222.

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
Tom Carder

Mr. Carder asked Council if there were any plans in the future for a crosswalk at Walnut and High. Mr. Carder feels there is a safety concern as High Street is very busy, and more people are crossing the street at this location. Council will review the matter.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the 3/20/17 meeting were approved as read.

Public Hearing

Public hearing to rezone the area from Bridge Street to Broadway and Wenrick to Pearl Street was held, and Village Administrator Mr. Busse explained the need to correct the zoning in that area. Tom Carder agreed with Mr. Busse, and stated this is a good thing.

Mayor's Report:

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

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

Mayor McCord declared Motorcycle Awareness Proclamation for May 2017.

Council discussed the Annual Liquor Permit, and had no reservations accepting the renewals.

Amerimex LLC applied for a TREX transfer of a D1, D2, and D3 liquor license belonging to the Russia Inn. Council discussed, and decided there was no need to request a hearing.

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

Police Chief Lee Harmon said the Miami County Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony would be held 4/13/17 at 7 PM at the new school.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Zoning Map Amendments

Recommending Council have 1st reading on the proposed zoning map amendment, to amend the zoning for the area between High Street and Wenrick, and between East Bridge Street and East Broadway.

2017 Sidewalk Program

Certified letters informing property owners of their estimated costs have been sent. This included the cost of tree removal where required. Council will need to decide on the repayment period, and set the cost of financing for the 2017 Sidewalk Program. Last year we charged a 6% one-time fee and allowed for a 4-year payback period. Council agreed that this would be the policy for this year also.

WWTP Phase 1 Improvement Project

Recommending Council waive the three reading rule and pass Resolution R15-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with CH2MHill for construction engineering services at a cost of \$268,453.00. Included in Council's packet is a scope of the services provided.

Liquor Permit Renewals/New Transfer for Amerimex LLC (Guadalajara's)

Our annual liquor permit renewal notification letter has been received as well as a notification from liquor control on a proposed TREX transfer of liquor licenses to Amerimex LLC, DBA Amerimex Restaurant. Recommending to Council that we not request hearings on the pending Renewals or the proposed transfer of the licenses to Amerimex.

Natural Gas Aggregation

On March 17th, a 24-month agreement was signed with Constellation Energy Services. The rate is \$0.423/ccf. Letters have gone out from Constellation to Covington residents not currently in any natural gas agreements informing them of the aggregation program. This information will be posted on our website, and newsletters will be sent out to our residents.

High Street Project

A meeting with ODOT and MVRPC is scheduled for 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.

2017 Police Cruiser/2017 Speed Trailer

The new speed trailer has been received. This will be placed in service within the next couple of weeks.

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

Recommending to Council that they vote to authorize Wagner Paving to mill Chestnut Street in anticipation of the Safe Routes to School Project. This will allow us to establish a new finished pavement height for the new curb ramps and for the curb that will be replaced on the south side of the street.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10210-10222 was made by Smith and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

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

Motion to waive the three reading rule and vote on Resolution R15-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary contracts with CH2MHILL for construction supervision for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1 improvement project was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R15-17 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, motion to approve having Wagner Paving mill the sides of Chestnut Street to allow us to replace the south side curb along the school property as part of the Safe Routes to School Project at a day rate of \$8,986.00 was made by Smith and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the resignation of Terry Mullins as a full-time police officer effective March 30, 2017 was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes (Councilmember Newman accepted the resignation with regret). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the final payment to CH2MHILL for WTP design in the amount of \$18,220.00 was made by Newman and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor