

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on August 15, 2016 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
	Lois Newman
	Joyce Robertson

The council packet included minutes from the 08/01/16 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #9705-9731.

Nonmembers present included Frank Patrizio-Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, Sam Wildow-Piqua Daily Call reporter, and Village residents.

Agenda:

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

Visitors:

Dwayne Robertson asked if a food barrel could be placed at the Village offices from 9/1/16–9/30/16 for the Feed Ohio Program. Council approved this request.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 08/01/16 meeting were approved as read.

Mayor's Report

Council agreed to reschedule the Monday, September 5th council meeting to Tuesday, September 6th due to the Labor Day holiday falling on September 5th.

Public Hearings for Gas and Electric aggregation were set to be held on September 19th and October 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor McCord informed Council that new curfew regulations will be reviewed at next Council meeting.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Water Tower Renovation

Painting of the tank has been completed. We are waiting on Finrock Construction to complete the pipe and valve repairs. Once these are completed, we will fill the tower and put it back in service.

Safe Routes to School

The project bid on July 28th and the low bid was \$218,550 from L.J. Deweese of Tipp City. ODOT's estimate was \$265,000.

Based on the low bid of \$218,550 here is where we feel the project budget should be:

Bid Price	\$218,550
10% Contingency Budget	\$ 21,855
10% ODOT CA	\$ 21,855
Total Budget	\$262,260
ODOT Funds	\$240,000
Village Funds	\$ 22,260

Based on the budget the Village should get back \$29,240 from ODOT.

ODOT will be scheduling a preconstruction meeting within the next two weeks.

Sewer Repairs

Rebuilding of the small trickling filter is complete. It is back in service, and working great.

St Rt 36 Speed Study

Discussions have been held with ODOT about the speed limit on East Broadway. It is currently 45 MPH as you pass the fire department. We would like to see the speed reduced to 35 MPH. ODOT requires a speed study be completed before they consider our request. Attached to Council's packet is a quote from Choice One in the amount of \$3675.00 to complete the study.

Councilmember Tobias asked what criteria ODOT required to lower the speed limit. Mr. Busse stated ODOT requires that the speed study be done prior to determining if the speed limit can be lowered. Councilmember Tobias requested more specifications from ODOT regarding how many entrances to East Broadway, and traffic volume before paying an engineering firm to do the speed study. Mr. Busse said he would contact ODOT for more information.

Trash and Recycling Toters

Included in Council's packet was a proposal for the lease of additional trash and recycling totes. There are only 30 left of the combo trash/recycling totes. Mr. Busse requested a payoff of our current lease which is approximately \$9,000.00 and some change, and we have budgeted \$10,000 for this year. Mr. Busse also requested Council consider purchasing additional trash and recycling totes and financing them over the next two years.

Council discussed low volume trash and how to implement this program, and whether to order smaller recycling totes for this program now or later. Council decided to put this issue and whether to lease additional totes this year on the agenda at the next meeting for further discussion.

Included in Council's packet is a copy of proposed Ordinance 18-16 for Council's review. This is an ordinance amending Ordinance 16-15, section 100.091 relating to the requirements for mandatory filing of municipal income tax returns.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve the Bills and Financials including checks #9705-9731 was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion to approve Resolution R35-16 leaving special assessments for the purpose of paying the cost of lighting the streets in the Village of Covington, Ohio for the year 2017 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stand as second Reading on Resolution R36-16 approving the ODOT SBR36 bike route.

New Business

Stand as First Reading on Resolution R37-16 placing a 180 day moratorium on the growing and sale of marijuana products in the Village of Covington.

Stand as First Reading on Ordinance 19-16 leaving special assessments for the 2016 sidewalk curb and drive approach replacement program.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:56 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor