

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on October 23, 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	Keith Warner
	Judy Smith
	Bud Weer
	Scott Tobias
	Joyce Robertson
	Lois Newman

The council packet included minutes from the 10/2/17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and bill packets including checks #10681-10758.

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

Agenda:

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

Visitors:

Sam Wildow
Dawn Duff

Minutes:

The minutes from the 10/2/17 meeting will stand as presented.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McCord updated Council on his weekly meetings and activities, and informed Council of the following:

Halloween Costume Contest October 26th, 7:00 PM on Wright Street
Trick or Treat will be held October 31st, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Candlelight Christmas will be held on two weekends this year: November 10, 11, & 12, and November 17, 18, & 19.

Mayor McCord will attend the next Miami County Health Department meeting on October 26 to discuss the High Street Project.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Sewer Plant Renovations

Received pay request from CH2MHILL in the amount of \$54,540.76. Requesting Council approve this pay request, and once approved this bill will be submitted to OWDA for payment.

Sewer Plant Phase 2 – Blower Replacement Project

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R30-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC state capital improvement program, and to execute all contracts. This is a \$250,000 estimated cost with \$125,000 coming from an OPWC grant.

2015/2016 Audit

The State Auditor’s office has completed the data gathering portion of the 2015/2016 financial audit. They are currently reviewing the data, and we will receive an audit report in a few weeks.

During the audit, the auditors informed us that we are required to have a Capital Asset Policy, and a draft policy is included in Council’s packet for review and approval.

Sale of the 1995 Dump Truck

The truck sold in an online auction on Gov deals, and the winning bid was \$1,750. Ray Kimmel was the winning bidder.

Vicious Dog Ordinance

Recommending Council have second reading on Ordinance 9-17 regulating vicious dogs in Covington. This ordinance is needed to allow the police department to take action on owners of dogs that are aggressive towards people or other domestic animals.

Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning met on October 18, 2017, and reviewed a request by Patty McGee to vacate two alleys and to replat her properties located at 547 N. High Street. Planning and Zoning is recommending to Council that we approve the alley vacations and replats as requested. If approved, Council will need to pass Ordinances 10-17 and 11-17 to complete the approval process.

Income Tax Collection Contract

The City of St. Marys has proposed a three-year income tax administration contract with a new proposed rate of 3.25% which is down from the current contract rate of 3.8%. Requesting Council have first reading on Resolution R31-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a three-year contract with the City of St. Marys.

Project Street Resurfacing

Included in Council’s packet for review is a Projected Street Resurfacing for the years 2018-2023.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10681-10758 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Second reading was held on Ordinance 9-17 prohibiting vicious dogs.

New Business

Motion to waive the three reading rule and vote on Resolution R30-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs, and to execute contracts as required was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R30-17 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the attached Christmas Ham list, 25 – ½ hams at a cost of \$625.00, was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a pay request to CH2MILL for \$54,540.76 for WWTP Phase 1 Construction Engineering was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule and vote on Ordinance 10-17 vacating two alleys was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 10-17 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule and vote on Ordinance 11-17 approving a replat of inlots 526-527 and dedicating a utility easement was made by Warner and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 11-17 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Capital Asset Policy for the Village of Covington was made by Robertson and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

First reading was held on Resolution R31-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a three year contract with the City of St. Marys for income tax collection and administration at a rate of 3.25% which is a decrease in the fee schedule from 3.8%.

Mr. Patrizio led a discussion on participating in legal action against the State of Ohio concerning income tax collection and administration. If Council wants to proceed with this action, three reading rule would need to be waived, and pass Ordinance 12-17.

Motion to waive the three reading rule and vote on Ordinance 12-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into agreements to participate in legal action against the State of Ohio concerning income tax collection and administration at a cost of \$1,000 was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 12-17 was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 PM to discuss personnel compensation was made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.

Motion to end Executive Session at 8:03 PM was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 8:04 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor