

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on November 20, 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 Joyce Robertson Lois Newman
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Absent	Scott Tobias
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The council packet included minutes from the 11/6/17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and bill packets including checks #10797-10828.

Nonmembers present included Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, Lee Harmon-Chief of Police, and Sam Wildow-Piqua Daily Call Reporter.

Agenda:

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

Visitors:

Sam Wildow
Dawn Duff
Kathy Miller
Bill Wendel
William Wendel

Mr. Wendel voiced his concerns regarding the business he runs out of his home which is zoned residential, and parking of delivery trucks. Mr. Busse stated it is ok to run a business out of your home as long as the property is zoned residential. Also, delivery trucks have to park on the street to make their deliveries.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 11/6/17 meeting will stand as presented.

Mayor's Report:

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

Three Open Council Seats: Discussion was held and Council agreed to accept letters of interest for the open Council seats through December 18th at 4:00 PM. These letters are to be sent to the Village Administrator, Mike Busse. Council will then review the letters and vote to fill the vacant Council positions at the January 2, 2018 meeting.

The Village and Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Info can be found on the Village's website.

Mayor McCord commended the Village retailers for all their time and energy working on and promoting Candlelight Christmas.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Sewer Plant Renovations

The concrete walls are poured and the lift station bottom sections have been set. A progress meeting will be held tomorrow morning, November 21st, to update the schedule.

Proposed Street Levy

Asking Council to have first reading on Resolution R34-17 requesting the Board of Elections place a 3 mill 5-year levy on the May 8th ballot. This proposed levy would be used to partially fund our street resurfacing projects for the next 5 years.

Water Tower Maintenance

Requesting Council have first reading on Resolution R33-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Suez to provide full maintenance for the large water tower. This is an 11-year contract beginning in January of 2018.

Year 1 \$1,500

Years 2-5 \$60,000

Years 6-10 \$113,552

Year 11 \$35,771

Annual adjustments of a maximum of 5% after year 11.

We are currently 2 years into a 7-year contract with Suez for full maintenance on the small tower.

Years 1-6 at \$73,017 annually

Year 7 \$29,017

Annual adjustments of a maximum of 5% after year 7.

Utility Maintenance Worker

Regret to inform Council that Ricky Stephan has resigned to take a position with Miami County.

Requesting Council authorize the Village Administrator to advertise for a Water and Sewer Technician.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10797-10828 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion to approve 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%, was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Second reading held on Ordinance 13-17 repealing and replacing the salary ordinance for the Village of Covington. Note: Page 8 was amended to add a level 6.

Second reading held on Ordinance 14-17 repealing and replacing the salary ordinance for the Village Administrator.

New Business

First reading held on Resolution R33-17 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an 11 year contract with Suez for full maintenance on the large water tower.

First reading held on Resolution R34-17 authorizing a 3-mill 5-year ballot issue to be placed on the May 8, 2018 ballot for street maintenance.

Motion to accept the resignation of Ricky Stephan effective November 24, 2017 was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes (Newman voted aye with regrets). Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the Village Administrator to advertise for a Utility Maintenance Worker was made by Robertson and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:29 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

