

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on November 6, 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 10/23/17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and bill packets including checks #10739 & 10740, and checks #10759-10787.

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.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Visitors:**

Sam Wildow  
Dawn & David Duff  
Kathy Miller  
Trent Worthington  
Jack Young  
Kathy Henne  
Deb Rench

Jack Young addressed Council on his concerns regarding Ordinance 9-17, an ordinance prohibiting vicious dogs. Mr. Young explained how he had been attacked by his neighbor's dogs, and how this attack has changed his family's life. Mr. Young feels Ordinance 9-17 falls short of necessary measures to protect the public.

Both Mayor McCord and Village Administrator Mike Busse feel this ordinance is a good first step in addressing the problem with vicious dogs, and there is a limit to what the Village can do regarding this issue.

Miami County Health Department representative Deb Rensch spoke to Council on the many functions of the Health Department, and asked if the Health Department was meeting the needs of the Village. Mayor McCord stated the Village was very pleased with the Miami County Health Department, and greatly appreciated all their assistance.

### **Public Hearing**

A public hearing was held on a zoning map amendment for 228 N Pearl St. Owner of the property is requesting the property be rezoned from OS, Office Services, to R1 Residential.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the 10/23/17 meeting will stand as presented.

### **Mayor's Report:**

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

Candlelight Christmas will be held on two weekends this year: November 10, 11, & 12, and November 17, 18, & 19.

Fields of Grace will hold their Thanksgiving Dinner on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 PM at the Covington Eagles.

Mayor McCord informed Council the Village received a park grant in excess of \$ 27,000, and Community Chest has pledged \$10,000 toward renovations for the Covington Park.

**Village Administrator Report**-the following topics were addressed:

### **Sewer Plant Renovations**

The concrete mud mat is poured, and we are currently dewatering to lower the water table. We hope to set the lift station base later this week, and pour the tank bottoms.

### **Vicious Dog Ordinance**

Third reading will be held and vote 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**

A public hearing will be held tonight November 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the rezoning of 228 N. Pearl Street from OS-Office Services to R1 Residential. This zoning map amendment is requested by owner Brad Campbell, and he is asking we vote to approve the amendment that would allow him to sell the property.

### **Proposed Street Levy**

Presenting to Council Resolution R32-17 requesting the auditor to certify amounts of a proposed 3 mill 5-year levy. This proposed levy would be used to partially fund our street resurfacing projects for the next 5 years.

### **Water Meter Replacement**

Requesting Council approve the purchase of 58 water meters from Buckeye State Pipe at a cost of \$12,017.60. There are approximately 120 water meters yet to be replaced, and we hope to complete this 5-year project early next year.

### **Water Tower Maintenance**

Included in Council's packet is a proposed contract from Suez to provide full maintenance for the large water tower. This contract is for discussion only at this time, and am proposing that the Village enter into an 11-year contract with Suez 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.

### **Bills/Financials**

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10739 & 10740, and checks #10759-10787 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Motion to approve Ordinance 9-17 prohibiting vicious dogs was made by Smith and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Second 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%.

## **New Business**

First reading held on Ordinance 13-17 repealing and replacing the salary ordinance for the Village of Covington.

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

Motion to waive the three reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R32-17 requesting the auditor to certify amounts of a proposed street levy was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R32-17 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule and vote to approve Ordinance 15-17 amending the Covington Zoning Map was made by Tobias and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 15-17 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of water meters from Buckeye State Pipe was made by Robertson and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on water tower maintenance agreement for the large water tower. Mr. Busse explained the water tower needs to be resurfaced and/or painted, and the interior needs to be done. Suez is responsible for all maintenance per the agreement, and the cost is all inclusive. The maintenance agreement would be cheaper than a new water tower.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned 7:53 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor

