

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on March 19, 2018 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
	Scott Tobias
	Lois Newman
	Dawn Duff
	Bud Weer

The council packet included minutes from the 3/5/18 regular meeting, Village Administrator report, and bill packets including checks #11139-11173.

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

Agenda:

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

Visitors:

Kathy Miller
Sam Wildow
IGS Representative

A representative from IGS presented to Council pricing for electric contract renewal for Village accounts. Renewal period would be June 2018 through May 2021.

Minutes

Minutes will stand approved as presented.

Mayor's Report:

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

Fields of Grace Easter Egg Hunt will be held 3/24/18 at 1:00 PM.

Income Tax Assistance – Thursday, April 5th from 1 to 4 PM, and Tuesday, April 10th from 6 to 8 PM.

Mayor McCord thanked everyone for all their hard work on the document shredding event held on March 17th.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Electric Generation Contract

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to pass Resolution R11-18 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a 36-month contract with IGS for electric generation services. The rate is .0485 per KW.

Employee Health Insurance Renewal

Asking Council to waive the three-reading rule and vote to pass Resolution R12-18 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield for employee health benefits. This renewal has slightly higher deductibles than last year. Also recommending that Council modify the employee benefits on this plan to require spouses of employees that have insurance options at their place of employment to take insurance through their employer instead of being on Covington's health insurance, which will help offset the proposed 16.8% increase in our plan costs for 2018.

Ball Diamond Light Project Donation

Asking Council to approve a donation of \$35,000 from the Covington Community Chest for the replacement of the lights on the small ball diamond. The labor for the project will be provided by the summer baseball group, and the work will be completed in August of this year.

Tax Incentive Review Council – Concept Machine

Requesting Council vote to approve the Tax Incentive Review Council's recommendation to continue the tax abatement for Concept Machine for 2018. This is the final year for their tax abatement under their current agreement.

137 N. High Street

Monnin Excavating has completed the teardown, and is waiting on the weather to cooperate so they can get the final grade and seed the project.

Food Truck Rally

Met with Brad Denson regarding this event. Mr. Denson is continuing the planning, and should have advertisements ready to go out very soon. As soon as the final details are in place, we will be meeting with residents.

Shredding Event

Our shredding event went very well, and was completed by 11:00 AM. In addition to our materials, we had about 10 residents bring items to be shredded.

Village Income Tax Assistance

Approximately 20 people came in on Saturday March 17th for income tax assistance.

Liquor Permit Renewals

Chief Harmon and the Village Administrator have no objections to any of our 2018 liquor permit renewal requests.

Sewer Plant Renovations

The hand railing will be delivered on Thursday. Work is rapidly progressing on the electrical systems. Jutte will finish the painting of the pipes inside the valve vault and pump pit on Tuesday. The pumps have been delivered and will be installed as soon as the painting is completed. The grating has been installed, and rough grading has been accomplished. Next week we hope to install the balance of the underground piping and airline. Once this is completed, the flow will be switched to the new UV and post air units, and demolition will begin on the current post air and contact tanks.

Jutte has submitted an invoice for a progress payment in the amount of \$247,028.64 which will be paid through our OPWC grant and loan.

2018 Budget

Included in Council's packet is the proposed budget for year ending December 31, 2018. Asking Council to vote on Ordinance 4-18 approving the 2018 budget.

2018 Sidewalk Program

Letters have been sent out to property owners notifying them of the project schedule and bid price. Several property owners have contacted me with questions.

High Street Design

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to pass Resolution R7-18 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Access Engineering for High Street Design services for 2018 at a cost of \$75,000.

Lift Station Design and Bidding

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to pass Resolution R8-18 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Access Engineering for lift station design and bidding services for 2018. We plan to bid this project out within the next month. The scope of the project is replacing the pumps and installing a backup generator on the south left station. This is all being completed with a low interest loan through OPWC for \$22,500.

High Street Signal and Traffic Study

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to pass Resolution R9-18 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Choice One Engineering for the High Street signal and traffic study at a cost of \$13,640.

2018 Police SUV

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to pass Resolution R10-18 authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a 2018 police cruiser from Lebanon Ford through the State of Ohio cooperative purchasing program, and finance this cruiser through Covington Savings and Loan for three years at a rate of 3.75%. The cost for the base cruiser and financed amount will be \$37,206.00. (Accord Financial was at 4.75%)

Financial

Financial reports were approved as presented.

Old Business

Motion to approve Ordinance 4-18 approving the 2018 budget was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R7-18 approving a contract for High Street engineering to Access Engineering at a cost of \$75,000 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R7-18 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R8-18 approving a contract for lift station design and bidding to Access Engineering at a cost of \$22,500 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R8-18 was made by Duff and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R9-18 approving a contract for the High Street Traffic Study to Choice One Engineering at a cost of \$13,640 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R9-18 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R10-18 authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a 2018 police SUV through the State of Ohio cooperative purchasing program and to finance it through Coving Savings and Loan at a price of \$37,206 (this price does not include computer, radio, and miscellaneous equipment) was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R10-18 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R11-18 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a 36 month agreement with IGS for the Village's electric generation was made by Smith and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R11-18 was made by Duff and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on the employee health plan renewal.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R12-18 authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to enter into agreements to renew the SOCA Anthem BlueCross/BlueShield 12 month renewal through McGohan Brabender (if spousal coverage available elsewhere) was made by Warner and seconded Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R12-18 was made by Newman and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the donation of \$35,000 from the Covington Community Chess for the replacement of the small ball diamond lights (labor will be donated through the summer baseball committee) was made by Smith and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the Tax Incentive Review Council's recommendation to continue the tax abatement for Concept Machine for 2018 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the progress payment from Jutte Excavating in the amount of \$247,028.64 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the liquor permit renewals in Covington. Chief Harmon and Village Administrator Mike Busse have no objections to any of the 2018 liquor permit renewal requests.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:52 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor