

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on September 10, 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
	Scott Tobias
	Dawn Duff
	Judy Smith
	Bud Weer
	Lois Newman

The council packet included minutes from the 8/20/18 regular meeting, Village Administrator report, and bill packets including checks #11609-11658.

Nonmembers present included Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Frank Patrizio-Village Attorney, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, 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:

No visitors.

Minutes

Minutes from the 8/20/18 Council meeting will stand approved as presented.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McCord updated Council on his weekly meetings and activities.

Mayor McCord thanked Village Administrator Mike Busse for all his hard work at the Ft. Rowdy Festival.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

Sale of Surplus Equipment

The 2007 Crown Victoria police car was auctioned on Gov Deals. However, the bidder failed to pay so we will be relisting this vehicle for auction.

Plastic slides and tunnels from the old playground equipment were sold as surplus on Gov Deals for a sale price of \$301.01.

High Street Design

Brice Schmitmeyer and Mr. Busse met with Choice One Engineering and officials from ODOT to discuss the High Street project. ODOT has not yet completed their review of the traffic study. During the meeting we discussed the R/W issues on the project, and are awaiting their response to questions we have on the need for R/W acquisition. We would like to have an informational meeting on the progress of the project on Wednesday September 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Wellfield Site Maintenance

Gunckle's Tree Service has completed most of the tree work. They are waiting for the area to dry up so they can get to the final couple of trees.

Water Tower Maintenance

The large water tower interior repainting is complete. The tank was filled today and we will begin bacteria testing September 11. Once the testing is complete and the tank shows no bacteria, we will be putting it back in service.

Park Playground Equipment

The playground equipment has been ordered and delivery is expected mid-September with anticipated build dates of September 28th and 29th.

Baseball Diamond Lights

The lights have been delivered. Ordered conduit wire and other materials today to facilitate the installation. Continuing to work with employees of the City of Piqua to schedule the installation.

South End Lift Station

The contracts for the South End Lift Station project have been signed and a notice to proceed has been issued. The submittal process is underway. As yet, we do not have a project schedule from the contractor.

Saturday night DP&L experienced a failure of a pole crossmember on a primary feeder line for Covington. The power loss caused the bridge street light to go out and we lost power to the south end lift station. During the time of the power outage, the lift station began to fill with ground water and the pump motors became submerged in water. We have removed one of the motors and are having it rebuilt because it is drawing a high current load when running. The second pump seems to be running OK for now. We will see how the second motor does once we get the first pump motor back in service. Both pumps and motors are scheduled to be replaced with submersible pump motors as part of the renovation project.

Financial Reports

Financial reports will stand approved as presented.

Old Business

Motion to approve Ordinance 9-18 amending the trash collection rates for the Village of Covington was made by Warner and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R32-18A ratifying the submission of the approval of the ballot language for the 1.6 mills and 2.2 mills renewal levy was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R32-18A was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to set the date and time for Trick or Treat to Tuesday October 30th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM was made by Tobias and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to set the date and time for a public hearing on a proposed zoning map amendment for properties located at High and Broadway to Monday October 15th at 7:00 PM was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the rates of tax as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission for tax year 2018 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R33-18 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Clemans-Nelson and Associates Inc. to revise the Village's personnel policies and procedure manual and retain their services for a one-year period beginning September 2018 at an estimated cost to prepare the manual of \$6,250 - \$7,250 and a retainer rate of \$175 per month was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R33-18 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R34-18 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a one-year agreement with Hylant Insurance for liability insurance through the Ohio Plan at a renewal premium of \$27,122.00 was made by Newman and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R34-18 was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council agreed to set an informational progress meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 7 PM to update interested residents on the High Street project.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor