

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on January 4, 2016 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	Joyce Robertson
	Scott Tobias
	Bud Weer
	Keith Warner

The council packet included minutes from the 12/21/15 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #9014-9131.

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

Councilmember Tobias administered the Oath of Office to Mayor McCord for the term to run through December 31, 2019.

Mayor McCord administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Keith Warner for the term of office to run through December 31, 2019.

Agenda:

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Robertson to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Election of Council President

Weer nominated Tobias for Council President. Mayor McCord asked if there were any more nominations. There were none.

Motion to close the nominations was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. Robertson voted aye, Weer voted aye, Warner voted aye, and Tobias abstained.

Motion to approve Tobias for Council President was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. Robertson voted aye, Weer voted aye, Warner voted aye, and Tobias abstained.

Tobias was sworn in as Council President by Mayor McCord.

Council Appointments

Three interested parties were interviewed by Council: Lois Newman, Judy Smith, and Dawn Duff. All three expressed their interest in serving on Council, and the Village.

Motion to nominate Lois Newman for the 4 year term was made by Robertson. There was no second. Motion died.

Motion to nominate Judy Smith for the unfilled 4 year term was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion to nominate Lois Newman for the unexpired 2 year term formerly held by Doris Beeman was made by Robertson and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor McCord administered the Oath of Office to July Smith.

Mayor McCord administered the Oath of Office to Lois Newman.

Council thanked Dawn Duff for her interest in Council and encouraged her to attend future meetings.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 12/21/15 meeting are approved as read.

Council set dates and times for 2016 Council meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM. Next meeting will be Tuesday January 19, 2016 due to the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday January 18, 2016.

Mayors Report

Mayor McCord will have a report on 2016 Village goals at next meeting.

Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

2016 Budget

Brenda and I have prepared a 2016 revised draft budget for Council's review. Hopefully, the 2016 budget will be ready for approval at the January 19th meeting.

Safe Routes to School

Brice and Mr. Busse are continuing to work with ODOT to complete the R/W acquisitions. Mr. Busse has an agreement for R/W appraisal review services with O.R. Colan in the amount of \$3,375.00, and is asking Council to approve Resolution R1-16 authorizing the village administrator to enter into this agreement. These services are required by ODOT

Water Meter Replacement

Approximately 660 water meters have been replaced.

Sarver's Parking Lot

We have scheduled a closing on this property on January 14, 2016.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve the Bills and Financials including checks #9014-9131 was made by Newman and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion continued on Ordinance 1-16 regulating vehicular parking on High Street and in city owned municipal parking lots. Several revisions were suggested, and Council will review the revised Ordinance 1-16 at next meeting.

Discussion also continued on Ordinance 2-16 regarding long term parking on city streets. Several revisions were also suggested for this Ordinance, and Council will review the revised Ordinance 2-16 at next meeting.

Discussion continued on 2016 Goals.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 3-16 amending the pay frequencies for the Mayor and Village Council to bi-weekly was made by Newman and seconded by Robertson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 3-16 was made by Warner and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three reading rule on Resolution R1-16 authorizing the Village Administrator to sign a consultant agreement for appraisal review services with O.R. Colan for work performed on the safe routes to school sidewalk project in the amount of \$3,375.00 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R1-16 was made by Newman and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council authorized the Village Administrator to hire Rick Stephan to a probationary, full time village maintenance position effective 1/4/16 at a starting pay of \$14.07 per hour.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 8:21 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

