

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on August 21, 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
Absent	Lois Newman

The council packet included minutes from the 8/7/17 meeting, Village Administrator report, and the bill packets including checks #10579-10606.

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 Robertson and seconded by Smith. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Visitors:

Rodger Collins
Sam Wildow
Dwayne Robertson
Dawn & David Duff

Mr. Collins asked how many animals are allowed per residence as a property in the 700 block of N. High Street has at least a dozen cats. Village Administrator stated the Village has an ordinance regulating dogs but not one for cats. Per Police Chief Lee Harmon, an officer was dispatched to the residence and spoke with the resident concerning the cat issue, and the Health Department has been contacted.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 8/7/17 meeting were approved as read.

Mayor's Report:

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

September 4th Council meeting is rescheduled to September 5th due to the Labor Day holiday.

Mayor McCord, Police Chief Lee Harmon, Village Administrator Mike Busse, and SRO Officer Tim Cline met with Covington School officials to discuss various issues including possible acquisition of the middle school lot.

Also, school officials are very pleased with SRO Officer Cline, and gave him high praise for his relationship with the kids, being a positive role model, and good rapport with the staff.

Plans are being made for the Candlelight Christmas, and Council will be informed when finalized.

Mayor McCord would like Council to think about a 5 year development plan for the Village.

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

On August 22 we will be digging up the water service at 715 N. Pearl Street as it is leaking under the street.

Park Maintenance

We will be working on removing the cottonwood stump later this week, and making repairs to the fencing. Then the new fence boards will be painted.

2017 Paving Project

The 2017 Paving Project as well as the pavement markings are now completed. Requesting Council approve the change to the original contract price of \$101,406.50 to the amended price of \$125,699.97 for Ticon Paving. This change includes additional work for the Safe Routes to School restoration, the grade changes at Wenrick and Ludlow Streets, and the High Street patches that were discussed at the last Council meeting. Amended invoice is included in Council's packet for review.

Sewer Plant Renovations

Contractor is expected to begin work the first week of September.

Grass Seeding

Will be working on grass seeding the last week of August, and the first week of September.

2017 Assessments

We will have first reading on the proposed assessments for 2017, and will need to pass these at our next meeting in order to file these assessments with the auditor's office before the September 11th deadline.

Bills/Financials

Motion to approve Bills and Financials including checks #10579-10606 was made by Warner and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion to approve Ordinance 06-17 prohibiting retail dispensaries, cultivators, or processors of medical marijuana within the Village of Covington, Ohio was made by Robertson and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R24-17 amending the records retention policy for the Village of Covington was made by Smith and seconded by Warner. All ayes.

Follow-Up Items: Council discussed the following, and feel most of these issues have been resolved.

1. Attendance of Village residents at Council meetings.
2. Concerns brought up at Council meetings.
3. Construction equipment on Debra Street.
4. Property owners painting their own curbs.
5. Park appearance.
6. Length of time to complete projects.

New Business

Motion to approve the amended contract amount for Ticon Paving for the 2017 repaving program from the original contract price of \$101,406.50 to \$125,699.97 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the payment of \$125,699.97 to Ticon Paving for the 2017 repaving program was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

First reading was held on Ordinance #07-17 to approve the assessments for the 2017 Sidewalk and Curb Programs.

First reading was held on Ordinance #08-17 to approve the nuisance abatement assessments for the 2017 property maintenance program.

First reading was held on Resolution R25-17 to approve the assessments for the 2018 street light program.

Council discussed whether to hold a Fall Garage Sale this year, and it was decided there was not enough time to hold one this year, and will table this for further review at a later time.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor