

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on March 18, 2019 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Present	Keith Warner
	Dawn Duff
	Judy Smith
	Lois Newman
	Scott Tobias
	Bud Weer

Nonmembers present included Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Frank Patrizio-Village Attorney, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, Lee Harmon-Police Chief, 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
Kathy Miller
Nick Church
Jeff & Martha Negley

Jeff & Martha Negley informed Council about two issues they are having on their property: sewer overflow and dumping of tires on their property by their neighbor. Village Administrator Mike Busse stated the Village is aware of the sewer overflow problem and is working to resolve this issue. Village Attorney Frank Patrizio will be following up with the Negleys regarding the tire dumping issue.

Minutes

Minutes from the 3/4/19 Council meeting will stand approved as presented.

Mayor's Report

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

Give Health Fair – Saturday April 6, 2019, 9AM – 12 Noon @ Covington Eagles Hall

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 13, 2019, 1:00 PM @ Covington Community Park

Village Administrator Report – the following topics were addressed:

2019 Budget

When entering the data in the computer system Brenda discovered that although the line items in the previously approved budget were correct, the spreadsheet failed to pick up the debt services items in the Street Fund. This spreadsheet was revised and emailed to each council member for their review. Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Ordinance 9-19 approving the amended 2019 budget ending December 31, 2019.

Employee Health Insurance

We have received our initial renewal quote for Anthem, and the renewal was a 19.1% increase over the previous year. Our consultant obtained competitive quotes from other providers but they either declined to provide a quote or they were higher than our current provider. In discussions with our consultant on ways to help control costs, I am recommending Option #1 to Council. This option gives the Village an average increase of 13.73%. The current plan runs through April 30, 2019.

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R9-19 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the Option #1 plan as presented at this meeting.

Zoning

Mayor McCord and Mr. Busse attended a kickoff meeting with Nate Green of the Montrose Group. They have begun working on our plan for a downtown redevelopment district, and Nate anticipates 5 to 6 months to complete our plan and get it approved by the State of Ohio. Council will be kept informed as this process moves forward.

High Street Project

Stage one plans have been submitted to ODOT.

A meeting has been scheduled with ODOT District 7 for tomorrow March 19th at 9:00 AM to discuss the plans and proposed R/W takes for the project.

Waste Water Plant Blower Replacement Project

We are currently reviewing submittals for this project. A budget proposal has been received from Mote and Associates for construction engineering. This work will be done on a time and material basis with a proposed budget of \$3,675 which is a budgeted project item.

Water and Sewer Rates

Included in Council's packet is a draft of Ordinance 8-19 amending the water and sewer rates for the Village of Covington. As proposed, this Ordinance will include an increase of \$7.14 per month per equivalent user with a 3% annual increase for 2020 through 2024.

2019 Street Paving Project

The 2019 street paving project is currently out for bids, and the bid date is March 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

Financial Reports

Motion to approve the financial reports was made by Tobias and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

First reading held on Ordinance 8-19 amending the Water and Sewer rates for the Village of Covington.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R9-19 authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for employee health insurance was made by Weer and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R9-19 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Ordinance 9-19 amending the budget for year ending December 31, 2019 was made by Warner and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 9-19 was made by Warner and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept a donation of \$9,017.19 from the Covington Community Chest for the new park playground equipment was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Village Administrator to contract with Mote and Associates for construction engineering services for the WWTP phase #2 blower replacement project for the budgeted amount of \$3,675, but will be billed to the Village on an hourly as needed basis, was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 8:04 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor