

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on March 2, 2020 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
	Jesse Reynolds
	Lois Newman
	Scott Tobias
	Bud Weer

Nonmembers present – Frank Patrizio-Village Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Lee Harmon-Police Chief, and Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Visitors:**

Aimee Hancock – Miami Valley Today

### **Mayor's Report**

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

Eric Flory-P.L.U.S. 5K to be held 4/11/2020 @ 9:00 AM, St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 E. Bridge St. Motion to approve the P.L.U.S. 5K was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Village Administrator Report** – the following topics were addressed:

### **Wastewater Plant RAZ Pump Replacement Project**

Requesting Council have 2nd reading on Resolution R6-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Mote and Associates to prepare specifications and bid the WWTP Raz pump replacement project at a cost of \$32,230.00.

### **Pearl Street Waterline Replacement Project**

Requesting Council have 2nd reading on Resolution R7-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Access Engineering for engineering, design, bidding and construction engineering for the Pearl Street waterline replacement project at a cost of \$12,500.00.

### **Casey's Project**

Casey's is now open for business. Their grand opening will be this coming weekend. The Chamber ribbon cutting will be Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM.

**2020 Repaving Program/Ludlow Street Resurfacing**

Bids will be received in the Village Offices at 1 South High Street, Covington, Ohio 45318, until 10:00 AM (local time), Friday March 13, 2020.

**(Estimated Project Cost \$150,000)**

**High Street (State Route 41) Reconstruction Project**

The advertisement for request for qualifications for right of way acquisition and appraisal services for this project has been posted.

**MILESTONE DATES FOR THIS PROJECT:**

February 24, 2020	Letters of interest available to consultants
March 27, 2020	Letters of interest received from consultants
April 6, 2020	Village of Covington Council award of R/W Acquisition Services
April 15, 2021	All Right of Way Acquisition complete and recorded

**2020 Sidewalk Program**

A mandatory pre-bid meeting for all bidders will be held Friday March 6, 2020 @ 10:00 AM, and will bid on Thursday March 12 @ 10:00 AM.

**Employee Health Insurance Renewal**

Requesting Council have 2nd reading on Resolution R8-20 authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to renew the employee health insurance for 2020 with a 4.8% increase and slightly higher total out of pocket deductibles for the PPO plan.

**High Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project**

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and pass as an emergency Resolution R9-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Finrock Construction for the High Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project at a cost of \$48,504.00. This will require us to set up detours and close the street for three days during this work. The sewer replacement in the street was to be done as part of the High Street utility project but it needs to be done before beginning the construction of the planned private development work in this area.

Shinn Brothers has submitted a progress payment request of \$26,610.00.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the 2/18/2020 Council meeting will stand approved as presented.

**Financial Reports**

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

## **Old Business**

Motion to approve Ordinance 6-20 amending and approving the appropriations for the year ending December 31, 2020 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Second reading on Resolution R6-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Mote and Associates for engineering, design and bidding services for the WWTP RAS Pump Replacement Project at a cost of \$32,230.00.

Second reading on Resolution R7-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Access Engineering Solutions for engineering, design, bidding and construction administration services for the Pearl Street Water Line Replacement Project at a cost of \$12,500.00.

Second reading on Resolution R8-20 authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to renew the employee health insurance plan with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield at an increase of 4.8%.

## **New Business**

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R9-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Finrock Construction for the High Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project at a cost of \$48,504.00 was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R9-20 was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Shinn Brothers pay request #2 in the amount of \$26,610.00 for the Water Treatment Plant Chemical Feed Room Improvements was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to change Russel McNeil from probationary police officer status to full time non-probationary status effective immediately was made by Newman and seconded by Reynolds. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Executive Session**

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation and property acquisition was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Entered into Executive Session at 7:16 PM.

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Executive Session closed at 8:35 PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Warner and seconded by Newman. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned 8:36 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor