

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on August 17, 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
	Bud Weer
	Scott Tobias

Nonmembers participating –Frank Patrizio-Village Attorney, Mike Busse-Village Administrator, and Tim Cline-Police Officer.

Agenda:

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

Visitors

Joyce & DeWayne Robertson
Aimee Hancock
Chris Haines

Mayor's Report

School Park fundraising mailers went out August 17. Mayor McCord has been visiting businesses about the fundraising, and will send "Thank You" letters to anyone who donates.

Village Administrator Report – the following topics were addressed:

2020 Sidewalk Program

The assessments will be advertised in the paper this week. Council will need to pass a resolution at the next council meeting authorizing the fiscal officer to file the assessments. The assessment spreadsheet is included in council's packet.

Water Plant Filter Media Replacement Project

A&N Construction has cleaned out Filter #1. The media inside this filter was mixed and somewhat solidified, and had to be broken up to remove it. Our project engineer, Mote and Associates, is recommending we blast and recoat this filter as well.

The upside is that we are already seeing an increase in water quality from these filters.

Sweet Treat Water and Sewer Taps

The foundation is in for the Sweet Treats building, and they plan to install the water and sewer lines later this week.

Sale of the vacant lot located at 110 N. Pearl Street

Recommending Council have second reading on Resolution R29-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to sell Parcel H19-001440 also known as 110 N. Pearl Street to the Newberry Preservation Foundation, an Ohio not-for-profit corporation. The sale price will be \$20,000.00. This sale and proposed use of the property is consistent with the previously approved Downtown Redevelopment District (DRD).

Street Light Assessments

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R30-20 levying special street lighting assessments in the amount of \$45,000 for 2021, which is the same as previous years and is not an increase.

Included in Council's packet is the invoice for streetlight changeouts in the amount of \$17,780.00. Requesting Council vote to approve payment of this invoice at tonight's meeting.

OPWC Application for High Street

Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R31-20 authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and execute contracts as required. This is for the High Street Improvement Project.

Miami County Budget Commission Tax Rates

Requesting Council vote to accept the Rates of Tax as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission for the year 2020. These rates are in Council's packet.

Minutes

Minutes from the 8/3/2020 Council meeting will stand approved as presented.

Financial Reports

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

Old Business

Second reading on Resolution R29-20 authorizing the Village Administrator to sell Parcel H19-001440 also known as 110 N. Pearl Street to the Newberry Preservation Foundation, an Ohio not-for-profit corporation. This property is part of the Covington DRD and will be re-platted as part of the Newberry Theater Project property.

New Business

Motion to waive the three-reading rule on Resolution R30-20, a resolution to levy a special assessment for the purpose of paying for the cost of lighting the streets in the Village of Covington, Ohio for the year 2021 was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. Newman, Duff, Warner, Tobias and Weer voted aye. Reynolds voted no. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R30-20 was made by Weer and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R31-20 authorizing the Mayor of Covington to prepare and submit an application to participate in the OPWC capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and execute contracts as required was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R31-20 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 the year 2020 was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the pay request from Miami Valley Lighting for the 2020 street light upgrade project in the amount of \$17,780.00 was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the resignation of Michael Busse as Village Administrator effective @ 5:00 PM on September 11, 2020 was made by Tobias and seconded by Reynolds. Weer, Warner, Duff, Tobias and Reynolds voted aye. Newman voted no. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.
Meeting adjourned 7:18 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor