

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on June 24, 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, Lee Harmon-Police Chief, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, and Sam Wildow-Piqua Daily Call Reporter.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Visitors:**

See attached Council Meeting Attendees List

The following attendees addressed Council:

Nate Green from The Montrose Group gave a presentation on plans for the Covington Downtown Redevelopment District. Detailed explanation is in Council's packet.

Sandra Abel asked when trees along the bike path will be removed. Mr. Busse stated the ground would have to dry out further before equipment can be used to remove the tree.

Joyce Robertson asked council to please reconsider hiring a Service Supervisor as this would be a major expense for the village, and why can't this position be filled internally. Mr. Busse explained the need for another licensed employee, and current employees are welcome to submit an application.

Kathy Miller inquired when will Casey's begin construction, and is property still in Al Hitchcock's name. Mr. Busse said the property is in Casey's name and excessive rainfall has delayed progress on the property.

Phyllis Rapp asked if a 12 ft. fence instead of a 10 ft. fence could be installed on the new basketball courts, posting open and closed times at the courts, and more police patrols to curb the amount of kids that are there after dark. Council will review these concerns.

**Minutes**

Minutes from the 6/3/19 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:

The WWI Memorial that was held Memorial Day is now in the Congressional Record.

The July 1, 2019 meeting is cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The next scheduled meeting will be July 15, 2019 @ 7:00 PM.

The library has rescheduled the Human Flag until this fall.

A public meeting is scheduled 8/19/19 @ 7:00 PM to review the proposed DRD and any public comments.

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

**Tax Budget**

Requesting council waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R15-19 approving the alternate tax budget documents prepared by the fiscal officer and authorizing the filing of said documents with the Miami County Budget Commission.

**Street Paving**

The long alley has been milled and paved. Wagner has completed the Wenrick paving and the repairs on High Street. We are waiting on Wagner's final quantities for review before council can issue a change order for the project.

**Economic Development**

Nate Green and Mr. Busse met with members of the Covington School Board, Superintendent Gooding and Carol Forseythe. Mr. Green will give a presentation to council at tonight's meeting.

**Water/Sewer Utilities**

We are continuing to work on the design for the water plant chemical containment. Peterson has completed the removal of the inoperable boiler and have installed new conduits for the DO meter. We anticipate the new blowers to arrive on site later this week.

**Trash Fund**

The 150 48-gallon trash toters and 50 black lids have been shipped and delivery is expected the week of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

These toters are the same smaller toters we use for recycling but they have black lids like the large trash toters and will be used to implement the low volume trash program. The rate for low volume trash is \$14.75 per month, a \$2.00 per month savings over the standard rate.

Village residents can call the village office and request a change to the smaller low volume trash container any time after July 1, 2019.

### **Wood Chipper**

The village chipper suffered a catastrophic failure. An internal bolt broke which resulted in the anvil and blades coming together and shearing all the blades off of the flywheel. Bandit is currently looking at the chipper to develop an estimate for repairs.

### **Financial Reports**

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

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote on Resolution R15-19 approving the 2020 alternate tax budget documents and authorizing the fiscal officer to file the approved tax budget with the Miami County Budget Commission was made by Tobias and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R15-19 was made by Tobias and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the budgeted transfer of \$46,000 from the general fund to the street fund was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned 8:18 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor