

## COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on September 3, 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, A.J. Hickman-Police Officer, and Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer.

### **Agenda:**

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

### **Visitors:**

See attached Council Meeting Attendees List

Randy Anthony presented to Council his Eagle Scout Project: improvements to the scout cabin at the Covington Park. Randy stated he and volunteers will do all the labor and asked the Village to pay for all materials at an approximate cost of \$3,500.00.

Motion to approve paying for the materials to improve the scout cabin was made by Tobias and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chris Haines addressed Council about the Newberry Township Building. Chris stated Marias donated funds to purchase the building, and the nonprofit Newberry Theater Association was formed. Plans are for a large capital campaign to raise funds to renovate the building to be used for public and private events. The project is 4 to 5 years out.

### **Minutes**

Minutes from the 8/19/19 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:

Public hearing will be held on Monday September 16, 2019 @ 7:00 PM to review and obtain public comments on a proposed Zoning Map Amendment for 152 N. High Street, Parcel #H19-001520, rezoning the property from Central Business District to R-1 residential.

Covington Trick or Treat will be held Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Historical Society will hold their annual Ham & Bean Supper September 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM to 4 PM.

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

**Water/Sewer Utilities**

Per our testing from last year, well #10 lacking capacity, is currently being cleaned. The camera inspection revealed a large amount of manganese in the well which clogs the well up and restricts pumping. Should have it back up and in service within the next week.

The water plant chemical feed room has been advertised and will bid on September 13 @ 1:00 PM. The engineers estimate for this project is \$126,943. This project is being completed at the direction of the Ohio EPA.

**Basketball Court Renovations**

The basketball court renovation project has been advertised and will bid on September 12 @ 10:00 AM. The engineers estimate for this project is \$137,000 which includes a 10% contingency.

**Ludlow Street Storm Sewer Renovations**

The Ludlow Street Storm Sewer Improvement project bid on August 30 @ 10:00 AM. Engineers estimate for this project is \$45,000. The lowest and best bid was from Outdoor Enterprises, Casstown, in the amount of \$41,645.00. Requesting Council waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R22-19 authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary documents to award the project.

**Credit Card Use Policy**

The State of Ohio requires that Council approve a formal credit card use policy. Requesting Council have second reading on Resolution R21-19 establishing a formal credit card use policy.

**Downtown Redevelopment District**

Requesting Council have first reading on Ordinance 16-19 authorizing the formation of the Downtown Redevelopment District.

**Village Liability Insurance**

We are currently obtaining quotes for liability insurance and hope to have a recommendation for Council at the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Nuisance Abatement Assessment**

Asking Council to approve Ordinance 17-19 levying an assessment of \$600 for the removal of a dead ash tree located on the property at 322 S. Pearl Street.

**Financial Reports**

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

## **Old Business**

Second reading on Resolution R21-19 establishing a formal credit card use policy for the Village of Covington.

## **New Business**

Motion to approve and support the 2020 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration was made by Newman and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

First reading on Ordinance 16-19 creating the Covington Downtown Redevelopment District, declaring the improvement to certain parcels of real property to be a public purpose and exempt from taxation; requiring the owner of the parcels to make service payments in lieu of taxes; specifying the plan for using service payments to promote economic development and job creation; authorizing the execution of an economic development plan; establishing the Covington Downtown Redevelopment district fund, for the deposit of such service payments; and approving related matters.

Motion to accept the rates of tax as determined by the Miami County Budget Commission for the year 2019 was made by Smith and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Resolution R22-19 authorizing the Village Administrator to sign all necessary documents to award the Ludlow-Hazel Street area storm sewer improvements project to Outdoor Enterprises at a cost of \$41,645.00 was made by Tobias and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution R22-19 was made by Duff and seconded by Smith. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to waive the three-reading rule and vote to approve Ordinance 17-19 levying assessments on various lots and lands located in the Village of Covington was made by Tobias and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 17-19 was made by Newman and seconded by Tobias. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned 7:32 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor