# COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington Village Council met in a regular meeting on July 24, 2018 at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington. Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Present Keith Warner

Lois Newman Dawn Duff Judy Smith Bud Weer

Absent Scott Tobias

The council packet included minutes from the 7/10/18 regular meeting, Village Administrator report, and bill packets including checks #11491-11528.

Nonmembers present included Mike Busse-Village Administrator, Brenda Carroll-Fiscal Officer, and Sam Wildow-Piqua Daily Call Reporter.

# Agenda:

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

## **Visitors:**

Sam Wildow Kathy Miller

#### **Minutes**

Minutes from the 7/10/18 Council meeting will stand approved as presented.

### Mayor's Report:

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

Fort Rowdy will be held Labor Day Weekend.

Meeting scheduled for 9/3/18 will be rescheduled to 9/4/18 due to the Labor Day holiday.

# Village Administrator Report-the following topics were addressed:

# **Sale of Surplus Equipment**

The 2011 Crown Victoria police car is currently up for auction on Gov Deals. The sale date is Friday 7/27/18.

### **Sewer Plant Renovations**

Seeding is completed. Waiting on a change order from Jutte on the transformer and additional asphalt work as well as the installation of the storm water control valve. We have provided Jutte with a punch list to complete the project.

Requesting Council approve a scheduled progress payment to CH2MHill in the amount of \$11,889.18

## **Phase II Blower Replacement**

We have met with Mote and Associates, and the blower replacement design is now underway.

#### **Wellfield Site Maintenance**

Received a quote from Gunckle's Tree Service to remove trees, tree limbs and hazards from the wellfield area. This work is necessary because falling trees or large branches can damage or bring down power lines located in the wellfield causing interruptions to the Covington water supply. Gunckle's quote is for \$9,600 which includes the removal of a very large tree in the middle of the wellfield and all hazards in the wellfield that may fall on power or communication lines. Requesting Council approve this quote so we can get the work scheduled during the dry season.

### **Water Tower Maintenance**

The large water tower will be taken off line on Monday for the repainting of the interior.

# Park Playground Equipment

Playground equipment has been ordered and delivery is expected mid-September with anticipated build dates of September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. We will begin disassembly and removal of the current equipment the week of July 30<sup>th</sup>. Site preparation will follow.

### **Baseball Diamond Lights**

Lights have been ordered and we anticipate delivery the middle of August. Installation should follow soon after.

## 2018 Sidewalk Program

We have identified a driveway approach that needs to be removed and replaced. M&T will be completing this work sometime later this week. Mr. Busse is working on preparing the invoices to be sent out to residents later this week. Council will need to decide the length of payback and the fee to be charged to the residents for placing the unpaid amounts on the residents' property taxes. The last few years we have allowed a 4-year payback and a one-time 6% administrative fee.

### **Budgeted Fund Transfer**

Brenda and I are requesting Council vote to approve a budgeted fund transfer in the amount of \$8,300 from General Fund Account 10.701.5910 to Debt Service Account 30.000.4931. This is a budgeted transfer to cover anticipated interest payments on Spring Street.

## **Financial Reports**

Financial reports will stand approved as presented.

#### **Old Business**

Motion to approve Ordinance 7-18 authorizing the Board of Elections to place a 1.6 mill levy renewal on the November ballot was made by Newman and seconded by Weer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Ordinance 8-18 authorizing the Board of Elections to place a 2.2 mill levy renewal on the November ballot was made by Duff and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **New Business**

Motion to approve the transfer of \$8,300 from General Fund Account 10.701.5910 to Debt Service Account 30.000.4931 (a budgeted transfer to cover anticipated interest payments on Spring Street) was made by Smith and seconded by Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

First reading held on Resolution R29-18 authorizing a special assessment levy for the purpose of paying the cost of lighting the streets in the Village of Covington, Ohio for the year 2019. This is not an increase over last year.

First reading held on Resolution R30-18 requesting the State of Ohio Director of Transportation modify the speed limits on High Street. This request is to reduce the legal speed between Dodd Street and Walnut Street to 25 MPH.

Motion to approve the bid from Gunckle's Tree Service to trim trees and remove hazards in the wellfield at a cost of \$9,600.00 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a progress payment to CH2MHill for WWTP Phase 1 construction engineering in the amount of \$11,889.18 was made by Weer and seconded by Warner. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 4-year sidewalk program assessments.

Motion to approve 4-year sidewalk program assessments with a one time 6% administration fee was made by Newman and seconded by Duff. Newman, Duff, Smith and Warner voted aye. Weer abstained. Motion carried.

Village Administrator Mike Busse reviewed the Village trash program with Council.

| Motion to adjourn made by Weer and seconded by Newman. All ayes. Meeting adjourned 7:54 PM. |       |
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| Fiscal Officer  | Mayor |