

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Covington village Council met in a regularly scheduled workshop meeting on Monday, **February 16, 2010** at the Village office at 1 S. High St. Covington.

Mayor, Ed McCord, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Lenee Brosh, attorney, was present and the following roll call was taken for council:

Present:	Dick Rice Joyce Robertson Chip Shafer Scott Tobias Doris Beeman Marc Basye
Absent:	none

Mayor, Ed McCord began the meeting by thanking the street department for their snow removal efforts throughout the recent heavy snow events.

Trash:

Rates:

Council discussed raising trash rates from the current \$9.00/month. Dick Rice proposed setting the future rate at \$16.00/month for trash + \$2.00/month for recycling. Council would like to see recycling on the bill as a separate line item to encourage the residents to utilize the new recycling program once it's in place. Council would also like to discuss with Jim @ Ohio Software what adjustments will need to be made in order to adapt our system to include water / sewer / trash / recycling on one bill. In addition, Council discussed a late-payment fee of 20% on unpaid balances after the due date. Council proposed having the new rates go into effect 4/1/10.

Tipping Fees:

Trash tipping fees are approximately \$59/ton while recycling tipping fees are approximately \$19/ton. Council discussed ways to reduce trash tipping fees and encourage recycling.

Tippers:

Council looked at a 48 gallon toter and a 96 gallon toter while discussing billing options. Schafer remarked that the Village could simplify things by only providing the 96 gallon toter option. Council seemed in agreement that residents and businesses would be charged \$2.00/month for recycling and \$16.00/month for each 96 gallon toter.

Truck:

Council discussed commercial accounts that are currently using a dumpster from an outside source. Bayse stated that the Village should research trash trucks with a dumpster capability. Schafer would like to approach commercial accounts in the Village using dumpsters and find out their rates and contract terms.

The target date to have a new truck in service is 6/1/2010.

Council intends to adopt a new trash ordinance at the next regularly scheduled meeting on 3/1/2010.

Budget

Following the trash portion of the meeting, Carmen Siefring presented council with the ending 2009 fund balances, 2010 estimated receipts, 2010 appropriations and estimated fund balances. Council proposed some changes to the appropriations to eliminate estimated negative ending fund balances. Council will re-evaluate at the next meeting.

Meeting Date

A special meeting of council to adopt 2010 appropriations is scheduled for 3/15/10 @ 6:30 before the regularly scheduled workshop meeting.

A motion was made by and seconded by to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor