

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 4, 2025

Mayor, Lee Harmon, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following roll call was taken for council:

Council Members Present:

- Julie Blumenstock
- Dawn Duff
- Derrick Canan
- Martin Leistner
- Amy Welborn
- Jesse Reynolds

Non-member Staff participating:

- Jordan Hodges – Village Administrator
- Rhonda Gill – Fiscal Officer
- Tim Cline – Police Chief
- Aaron Zuhl – Police Sergeant
- Kyler Palmer – Legal Counsel

Excused Absences:

- Lee Harmon - Mayor

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (July 21st meeting)

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Ms. Blumenstock. All ayes. Motion passed.

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Visitors

None

Mayor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

Jordan Hodges, Village Administrator, reported N. Main Street is currently closed due to public safety concerns following a recent bridge inspection. The village is currently reviewing various options to get the road re-opened. Due to the large amounts noted by recent rough estimates, Mr. Hodges stated the village is trying to locate state, federal funding, and available grants to help cover the costs. Those monies would not be received until 2028-2029.

Mr. Hodges expressed his appreciation to the Miami County Engineering Department for supplying the signage to properly mark the N. Main Street closure.

The contractors are waiting for the ground to dry to continue work on the Stillwater Dam.

The village is looking at doing some additional work along the river at Community Park to install a launch pad for kayaking. There will be a fence installation once the launch pad is complete.

The WWTP fence has the posts all placed and ready to have the fencing hung.

Discussion Items

There will be a luncheon on Friday, August 8th, at the Community Park to celebrate the staff and council members are invited to attend.

There will be an OPERS meeting on September 3, 20205, at 10:00 AM. Council members are welcome to attend.

Old Business

Ordinance 07-25 - An ordinance changing intersections in the Village of Covington, Ohio to three-way stop.

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This ordinance is to place stop signs at Chestnut and Sharon Street. There is a 10-day waiting period once the Ordinance is posted before the signs can be installed. There has been only supporting contact with the village.

A motion to approve Ordinance 07-25 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R34-25 - A resolution to levy a Special Assessment for the purpose of paying the cost of lighting the streets in the Village of Covington, Ohio for the year 2026.

Mr. Hodges explained this is a yearly housekeeping item. The amounts will remain the same as the prior year.

Due to residential households having their electric bills double from the prior month, the council requested information as to whether these rates will also be doubling. Rhonda Gill, Fiscal Officer, will reach out to Miami Valley Lighting and request additional information.

Third reading will be held September 2, 2025.

New Business

Mr. Hodges indicated lots for sale in the new subdivision

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

Mr. Leistner wished you to express his gratitude to the Village of Covington Police Department for keeping the community safe.

Mr. Canan thanked attendees at the first Farmer's Market held at Schoolhouse Park. It was a big success.

Council members expressed their sympathy to the family of former councilman, Keith Warner, who recently passed. He was an asset to the community and will be greatly missed.

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

A final motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Ms. Duff. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Lee Harmon, Mayor

Rhonda Gill, Fiscal Officer

Amy Welborn, President of Council

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