

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 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
- Martin Leistner
- Amy Welborn
- Jesse Reynolds
- Derrick Canan

Non-member Staff participating:

- Jordan Hodges – Village Administrator
- Lisa Cavender – Fiscal Officer
- Tim Cline – Police Chief
- Frank Patrizio – Legal Counsel

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (November 17, 2025, meeting)

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

Visitors

None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Harmon reported Hometown Christmas was a good time and he thanked everyone who participated in putting the event together.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Hodges also thanked everyone who participated in Hometown Christmas and to everyone who helped make the event successful.

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Discussion Items

Mr. Hodges discussed the current state of the ball diamond park lights at Community Park. He showed council a few pictures of the lights that are not currently working and explained the need to replace the lights with new wiring and brackets. He is working with the Covington Youth Sports Association (CYSA) to get quotes on the cost to replace them with LED lights.

Old Business

Resolution R42-25 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a Fire and Emergency Medical contract with Covington Fire and Rescue, Inc. for the years 2026, 2027, and 2028.

Mr. Hodges stated the contract is for three years instead of one and the payment for services will be the revenues received from the levies, net of collection fees.

Third reading will be held on December 15, 2025.

Resolution R44-25 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to submit an application for an Ohio Department of Development Grant.

Mr. Hodges stated the grant would be used for the demolition, reconstruction, and redevelopment of the old Sellman's Warehouse property and that he has provided for a match of \$40,000 in the application. Application deadline is December 5, 2025, and with their support of this resolution, he should have the Phase 1 report back and be able to apply by the deadline.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 44-25 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Duff. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R44-25 was made by Ms. Duff, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 12-25 – An ordinance repealing and replacing the salary ordinance for the Village of Covington.

Mr. Hodges noted Section 3 of the Ordinance was amended to better clarify that the 3% COLA would be effective January 1, 2026.

A motion to amend Ordinance 12-25 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

Third reading will be held on December 15, 2025.

Ordinance 13-25 – An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Covington, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2026.

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Mr. Hodges stated the appropriations presented are for next year ending December 31, 2026, and there were no questions.

Third reading will be held on December 15, 2025.

New Business

Resolution R45-25 – A resolution supporting the tax rate reduction proposed by the Miami County Budget Commission and Miami County Auditor and Declaring an Emergency

Mr. Hodges explained this is a request from the Miami County Budget Commission and Auditor’s Office to support their proposed rate reduction of .55 mills for the Village of Covington and in the best interest of village taxpayers.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 45-25 was made by Ms. Duff, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R45-25 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed.

Police Chief and Elected Official’s Comments

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A final motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Ms. Duff. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Lee Harmon, Mayor

Lisa Cavender, Fiscal Officer

Amy Welborn, President of Council

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