

# COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

MAY 5, 2025

Council President, Amy Welborn, 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
- Jess Reynolds
- Martin Leistner

### **Non-member Staff participating:**

- Jordan Hodges – Village Administrator
- Rhonda Gill – Fiscal Officer
- Frank Patrizio, Legal Counsel
- Phil Russell, Police Officer

### **Excused Absence:**

- Amy Welborn
- Tim Cline, Police Chief

### **Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (April 21, 2025)

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

### **Visitors**

None

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## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Harmon reminded everyone that the Schoolhouse Park Rocks festival will be held May 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. Past Mayor McCord and Village Administrators will be invited. The splashpad will be turned on after the opening ceremony.

## **Administrator's Report**

Jordan Hodges, Village Administrator, reported the Stillwater Dam project had a pre-bid meeting. There were 6-7 potential bidders present. Once the bid is awarded, the project is expected to take 4-6 weeks for completion, with an anticipated beginning date of July.

The gravel for on Bridge Street will be leveled out some more, with a meeting occurring tomorrow to discuss paving.

## **Discussion Items**

None

## **Old Business**

Ordinance 04-25 – An ordinance amending the employee manual – Sections 6.05.

There were no questions or comments.

A motion to approve Ordinance 04-255 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Blumenstock. Mr. Reynolds, aye; Mr. Leistner, aye; Ms. Duff, aye; Mr. Canan, ABSTAIN; Ms. Welborn, aye; Ms. Blumenstock, aye. Motion passed.

## **New Business**

Ordinance 05-25 – An ordinance4 changing intersections in the Village of Covington, Ohio to three-way stop.

Mr. Hodges explained there had been concerns and a request by residents to make the corner of Main and Bridge Streets a three-way stop.

After some discussion, Mr. Leistner suggested the council wait until Chief Cline could attend the meeting and provide more information.

The second reading will be May 19, 2025

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Resolution R19-25 – A resolution designating Rhond Gill as Village of Covington Village Council’s designee to review Public Records Training on behalf of each of the elected officials pursuant to and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43(B) and 149.43(E) (1).  
Mr. Hodges explained this is something that is completed every year and does not change.

A motion to waive the three-read rule for Resolution R19-25 was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Ms. Duff. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R19- 25 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R20-25 – A resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2025.

Mr. Hodges explained each year there is discussion regarding the road salt needs. He has spoken with Ben Denson and Tyler Rench, former Village Administrator, to confirm the anticipated needs. It has been agreed that 45 tons would be the amount to request.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R20-25 was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R20-25 was made by Ms. Duff, 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 Mr. Reynolds. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

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Lee Harmon, Mayor

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Amy Welborn, President of Council

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