

# COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 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
- Rhonda Gill – Fiscal Officer
- Tim Cline – Police Chief
- Frank Patrizio – Legal Counsel

### **Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (October 6, 2025, meeting)
- September Check Report
- September Fund Report/YTD Fund Report
- September Balancing Report
- September Income Tax Report

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

### **Visitors**

Linda Kremer, Manager of GIVE Medical Ministry, 1000 Mote Drive, Covington, OH – GIVE Medical Ministry is a non-profit organization that lends medical equipment to individuals. It is

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### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Lee Harmon presented Rhonda Gill, Fiscal Officer, with a certificate to recognize her service to the Village of Covington in honor of her upcoming retirement.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Hodges gave update on the Stillwater Dam, sharing photos of the steps installed by Finrock Construction.

There is some funding remaining that will be used on items to take place next year.

Asphalt went down in wellfields last week.

The Village was selected to receive the America 250 Community Grant, which will help fund three events for next year, highlighting the history of our community.

New American flags were ordered and have arrived. Mr. Hodges stated it was decided to replace them all at one time. There was additional discussion regarding flags and banners.

Mr. Hodges explained that a light pole and a traffic light that were damaged will be \$13,000 to repair. Mr. Hodges will look further into replacement options.

Reminder that Trick-or-treat will be October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Polls will be open on November 4, 2025, from 6:30 AM – 7:30 PM.

### **Discussion Items**

Council member, Derrick Canan, shared he is working on a committee that is discussing future event plans at Schoolhouse Park. Council discussed various ideas and possible funding options. There are some electrical items the Village has looked into upgrading, with a cost around \$5,000. Mr. Hodges noted the Event Application form has been reviewed and will be revamped.

### **Old Business**

None

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## **New Business**

Ordinance 11-25 – An ordinance repealing replacing the salary ordinance for the Village of Covington.

Mr. Hodges explained this was to restructure the pay for the positions needed to be filled. Once approved, advertising for the position(s) could take place.

Mr. Hodges asked if there were no questions or concerns, for the Council to waive the three-reading rule. There were none.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 11-25 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Ms. Duff. Mr. Reynolds, aye; Mr. Leistner, aye; Ms. Duff, aye; Mr. Canan, abstained; Ms. Welborn, aye; Ms. Blumenstock, aye. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Ordinance 11-25 was made by Ms. Duff, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds, aye; Mr. Leistner, aye; Ms. Duff, aye; Mr. Canan, abstained; Ms. Welborn, aye; Ms. Blumenstock, aye. Motion passed.

Resolution R38-25 – A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with PEP and the Village of Covington for the Bonds/Faithful performance coverage.

This coverage is in line with the requirements of ORC and takes the place of a surety bond.

There were no questions.

Second reading will be held November 3, 2025.

## **Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments**

Chief Cline reminded everyone that the Costume contest will be held on Tuesday, October 28. The parade begins at 7:00 PM and begins on Wright Street.

## **Executive Session**

There was a need to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code, and;

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To consider the purchase for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Canan, seconded by Ms. Blumenstock. All ayes. Entered executive session at 7:49 PM.

A motion to leave executive session was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed at 9:25PM

**Adjournment**

A final motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26PM.

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Lee Harmon, Mayor

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Fiscal Officer

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Amy Welborn, President of Council

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