

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2023

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

Council Members Present:

- Jesse Reynolds
- Amy Welborn
- Julie Blumenstock
- Dawn Duff
- Keith Warner
- Derrick Canan

Non-member Staff participating:

- Frank Patrizio – Legal Counsel
- Rhonda Gill - Fiscal Officer
- Kyle Hinkelman - Village Administrator
- Tim Cline – Police Sergeant

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (October 2, 2023)
- September Tax Report
- September Financial Report
- September Fund Report
- September Check Report

Mr. Hinkelman noted total receipts for September were \$372,554.20, with monthly expenses totaling \$455,475.54. The primary expense was for the \$160,000 transfer to cover the Fire & EMS contract payment.

There were no other comments or questions.

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

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Visitors – Public Comment

None

Mayor's Report

Mayor McCord reminded residents that on October 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM, there will be a Costume Contest on Wright Street and on Thursday, October 26, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, the Village will hold their Trick-or-Treat.

Mayor McCord thanked the Police Department for always being present and vigilant, especially during this time of year.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Hinkelman reported a donation of \$15,000 was received by the Police Department for body armor and supplies from the Covington Community Chest.

Sergeant Tim Cline stated the intent of the Police Department is to purchase a total of six (6) complete vests for the department. He noted that the Community Chest has supported the Police Department for previous purchases of vests which are replaced every five (5) years. He thanked the Community Chest for their continued support of the Police Department.

Mr. Hinkelman reminded everyone there will be a special meeting on Monday, October 23rd, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM to discuss the 2024 Budget.

Discussion Items

Mr. Hinkelman noted that the Government Center Remodel Project went out for bid last week, but no bids were received. He noted they will need to determine what options are now available and be back out to bid as soon as it is determined what pathway forward to follow.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Old Business

None

New Business

Resolution R34-23 – Amending Schoolhouse Park – Engineering Contract with Kleinfelder.

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Mr. Hinkelman reported work is to begin with the third phase of the Schoolhouse Project, which includes the pavilion and splashpad. This resolution would allow an inspector to be present during this portion of the project at a cost of \$2,000 per month, with a not to exceed amount of \$20,000.

Mr. Hinkelman explained with the past issues, the Village feels it is advantageous to have an inspector on site who can document the progress and bring up issues as they occur.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R34-23 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R34-23 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Warner. All ayes. Motion passed.

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

None

Executive Session

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:12 PM under ORC 121.22 (G) (1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official and (2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property, seconded by Ms. Duff. All ayes, motion passed.

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to leave executive session at 8:21 PM., seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes, motion passed.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.



Fiscal Officer

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Edward L. McGowan", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

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