

# **COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**November 7, 2022**

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

### **Council Members Present:**

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

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

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

### **Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (October 17, 2022)
- November Tax Report
- October Fund Report
- October Check Run Report

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as it stands with no modifications by Mr. Keith Warner and seconded by Mr. Jesse Reynolds. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Visitors – Public Comment**

None

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### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor McCord stated Mr. Hinkelman will have the Christmas Home Decoration information posted on the Village website by the end of the week, along with judging sheets. He noted to residents that they must select a category they wish to be judged in.

Mayor McCord reminded everyone the next council meeting will be held Monday, November 14 at 5:30 PM, rather than the normal 7:00 PM time.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Kyle Hinkelman reported Friday, November 11, 2022, is Veteran's Day and the Village offices will be closed. There are several activities throughout the area to honor Veteran's.

Mr. Hinkelman also noted that the Village closed on 192 High Street, which is part of the County demolition funding received. The county can now move forward with the completion of the High Street demo project for the three properties on High Street.

**Ms. Linda Williams**, 196 N. High Street, owner of Y'all's Country Club, expressed concerns and asked to be advised of all actions regarding demolition of the adjacent buildings and additional building purchased. Mr. Hinkelman stated that the demolition was a county project, and he could not require them to notify her, but he will ask the county to keep her in the loop as much as possible.

### **Third Reading Considerations**

#### Resolution R35-22 Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement – Sewer Line Root Control

Mr. Hinkelman discussed Resolution R35-22 which would allow the Village to enter into an agreement with Duke's Root Control, Inc. to have lines inspected and kept clear of roots. The agreement would be for a three-year inspection period.

Ms. Duff made a motion to approve Resolution R35-22, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

#### Ordinance 19-22 – Creation of an Outdoor Event Permit and Regulations

Mr. Hinkelman stated there have been multiple discussions related to the fees and language of Ordinance 19-22. The fees pertain to events involving public, not private home parties.

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Ms. Blumenstock questioned if there had been additional calls regarding the Ordinance, to which Mr. Hinkelman shared there had not been additional calls or questions.

Mr. Canan stated he would like to see the fees adjusted to ½ the amounts listed. His concern is it may look like a money grab. Mr. Reynolds stated the purpose is to help recoup some of the costs to provide various services. He noted he felt that fees should at least cover the manpower of an activity, as Mr. Hinkelman had shared. Mr. Hinkelman went on to explain the listed fees would cost an activity such as Ft. Rowdy an average of \$300 potentially. If there are additional safety concerns requiring police and / or public works assistance, there would be additional costs associated. Mr. Hinkelman stated that would review the fee structure and work to create a more clear schedule of fees for events.

Mr. Hinkelman suggested that with the questions and potential changes that the Council table the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading consideration until the next meeting to allow him to revise the fee schedule language.

Mr. Canan made a motion to table Ordinance 19-22, seconded by Ms. Blumenstock. All ayes. Ordinance 19-22 was tabled and will be heard on November 14.

### **Second Reading Considerations**

#### Resolution R39-22 – Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement – Fire & EMS Contract 2023/2024

Mr. Hinkelman discussed Resolution R39-22 which would authorize the Village to enter into an agreement with Covington Fire & EMS for services for 2023-2024. There have been no changes to the agreement since the first reading and no comments or questions received related to it.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if there were any additional questions or comments on the resolutions, and there were none. He noted that the final reading will be held Monday, November 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

### **First Reading Considerations**

#### Resolution R42-22 – Accept Bid for Playground – Schoolhouse Park

Mr. Hinkelman explained the Village put out bids and received a valid bid for the playground at Schoolhouse Park, which met all the requirements of the bid specifications. The bid price was \$108,711.82 which was \$711.82 over the bid amount. He also reminded Council that a donation of \$108,000 was granted to the Village by

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Covington Community Chest on behalf of the Carl and Edith Felger Trust for the construction of a playground in Schoolhouse Park. The donation will cover all but \$711.82 of the cost of the playground. Mr. Hinkelman stated that the playground will be purchased and installed along with the development of Schoolhouse Park.

Ms. Duff made a motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R42-22, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R42-22 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Warner. All ayes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 21-22 – Reappropriations

Mr. Hinkelman noted that Ordinance 21-22 reflects adjustments for posting corrections, as well as reflecting the high cost of gas needed to run the departments.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if there were any questions about Ordinance 21-22 and there were not.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 21-22 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Duff. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Ordinance 21-22 was made by Ms. Duff, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R43-22 – Authorization to Enter Into an Agreement – Turn-Key Environmental

Mr. Hinkelman explained Turn-Key Environmental Inc. was added as a requirement by the EPA to have on site during the demolition of the Rudy property to monitor air quality, asbestos, and other air pollutions. He noted that he is working with Ohio EPA to meet all requirements, and this is another requirement that they are putting on the Village.

Ms. Blumenstock inquired about completion of animal removal, which Mr. Hinkelman stated was complete.

Mr. Hinkelman explained that to move forward with the demolition, Resolution R43-22 would need to be passed, as Ohio EPA is requiring on-site supervision. No date has been set for the demolition due to the additional requirements set-forth by the EPA, as the Village needs to complete these additional environmental reviews.

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Ms. Blumenstock asked if the demolition was contingent upon the weather. Mr. Hinkelman stated the contractor has no weather stipulations but is awaiting direction from the EPA to proceed.

Ms. Williams questioned if there were different requirements for different projects. Mr. Hinkelman stated the EPA sets the guidelines for each demo project based on various criteria. The Village has no say with any of the requirements from EPA and is obligated to meet all requirements that are set forth by the EPA.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if there are any additional questions on Resolution R43-22 and there were none.

Ms. Duff made a motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R43-22, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R43-22 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Warner. All ayes. Motion passed.

### **Police Chief and Elected Officials' Comments**

Chief Harmon shared Trick-or-Treat went great. He noted how nice it was in downtown with Chris Haines and Marias Technology and Alex Moore of Moore's Funeral Home also passing out candy. He noted that over 400 kids received candy. He went on to report there were over 55 contestants who participated in the costume contest prior to Halloween, which was the best turnout ever.

Ms. Blumenstock gave a shout out to Scott Benedict, Manager at Buffalo Jacks for dressing up as Pennywise for Trick-or-Treat. She noted that there were cars stopping to have pictures taken with him and it was a very fun night.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Warner for Council to adjourn into Executive Session to "Consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code" at 7:34 PM. All ayes. Motion passed.

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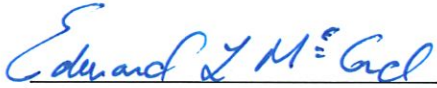
Mr. Reynolds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Warner at 8:23 PM to leave executive session and enter back into regular session. All ayes. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Keith Warner, seconded Ms. Duff to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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

Mayor

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