

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2022

Mayor, Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following roll call was taken for council:

Council Members Present:

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

Non-member Staff participating:

- Rhonda Gill - Fiscal Officer
- Kyle Hinkelman - Village Administrator
- Tim Cline – Police Sergeant
- Ray Kimmel – Water Supervisor
- Ben Denson – Public Works Director

Visitors – Public Comment

Ms. Joyce Robertson, 201 S. Lindsay Street, Covington, OH, spoke for the Covington-Newberry Historical Society and requested that the Village Council financially support the Society Museum, which is owned by the Village. She noted that the society had received quotes for work to the roof and that they could not afford the metal roof that they really wanted, so they went with a shingle roof instead. She asked that Council support the doors and windows that need replaced on the building as well.

Ms. Welborn stated that she had spoken at the CNHS meeting the previous night and her opinions were known then, but that she was not supportive of additional financial support to the CNHS due to their recent purchasing of a building next door to the museum with all cash.

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Ms. Welborn asked Ms. Robertson why the CNHS board did not use those funds to invest into the museum building, and Ms. Robertson replied that they needed more space and that the museum was too small for their collection.

Mr. Hinkelman asked Ms. Robertson if she was asking for funding beyond the \$5,000 that the Village Council had already agreed to donate in 2022. Ms. Robertson replied that she was asking the Village Council to financially support the replacement of the doors and windows on the building as well.

There were no further questions.

Discussion Items

Mr. Hinkelman explained that he would have each department head come up and speak a bit about the 2022 year and how things went, and then what goals they have for the 2023 year ahead.

Sgt. Cline, Mr. Kimmel, and Mr. Denson all spoke regarding these topics and provided their goals for the 2023 year to Council for consideration. Mr. Hinkelman spoke for the wastewater department as Mr. Boehringer could not be at the meeting.

Mr. Hinkelman discussed his summary of the proposed 2023 budget which shows all funds being net positive at the end of 2023. He went through specifics related to staffing, including expected retirements and proposed hiring, and overall staffing levels. He continued to discuss potential capital expenditures in 2023 and the needs of each department. He finished with a discussion on the estimated revenue and expenditures for the 2023 budget.

There was general discussion about the budget and Council provided general support for the staffing, capital, and expenditures reflected in the draft budget.

Mr. Hinkelman asked for feedback from Council related to the draft budget and reminded everyone that the formal budget will be brought back to Council for consideration at the first meeting in December.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if there were any additional comments or questions about the budget and there were none.

Adjournment

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A motion was made by Mr. Keith Warner, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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

Mayor

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