



COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2022

Mayor Ed McCord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Oath of Office:

Mayor Ed McCord gave the oath of office to the following newly elected officials for their terms ending December 31, 2025:

- Dawn Duff
- Amy Welborn
- Derrick Canan
- Julie Blumenstock

The following roll call was taken for council:

Council Members Present:

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

Non-member Staff participating:

- Frank Patrizio – Village Counsel
- Lee Harmon – Police Chief
- Tim Cline – Police Sergeant
- Kyle Hinkelman - Village Administrator

Council President Nominations:

Mayor McCord opened nominations for Council President for 2022. Three members were placed for consideration – Dawn Duff, Jesse Reynolds, and Keith Warner. Voting

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took place and was 2-2-2 for each member. A second vote was taken and it was 4-2 for Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Jesse Reynold was voted to be Council President for 2022.

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Minutes from the December 13, 2021, meeting
- November 2021 Fund Balance Report
- December 2021 Check Report
- December 2021 Income Tax Report

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as it stands with no modifications by Mr. Jesse Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Keith Warner. Ms. Duff, aye. Mr. Warner, aye. Mr. Reynolds, aye. Ms. Welborn, abstain. Ms. Blumenstock, abstain. Mr. Canan, abstain. Motion carried.

Visitors

No comments were received.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McCord noted that the next meeting will be held on January 18 instead of January 17, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Kyle Hinkelman noted that trash on the week of January 17 will be delayed one day due to the holiday. He also noted that Council meetings will be held on January 18 and January 31.

Mr. Hinkelman said that he and Ms. Gill were working to close the year, and likely would be bringing a final reappropriation for the year at the January 31st meeting.

Mr. Hinkelman discussed the new YouTube streaming option as Zoom would no longer be used as well as potential future branding and logo discussions, as the Village has never had an adopted logo before. He noted his excitement about the many projects going on in the Village and the positive changes that will be seen within the Village in 2022.

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Mr. Hinkelman asked if the Council had any questions of him, and there were none.

Discussion Items

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Third Reading Considerations

None

Second Reading Considerations

None

First Reading Considerations

Resolution R02-22 – Appointment to Boards & Commissions

Mr. Hinkelman discussed that the resolution relates to the mayor's appointments and to two appointments to the CRA Housing Council for Council members. Mr. Hinkelman noted that there were still openings that would need to be filled, but this would put in place the majority of the appointments for the year.

Ms. Blumenstock and Mr. Canan stated their interest in being appointed to the CRA Housing Council, and all agreed.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if the Council had any questions related to the resolution and there were none.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R02-22 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Duff. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R02-22 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes. Motion passed.

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Resolution R03-22 – ODOT Final Legislation – High Street Project

Mr. Hinkelman stated that this resolution relates to the High Street project and is the final required document entering into an agreement with ODOT related to the High Street Project.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if the Council had any questions related to the resolution and there were none.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R03-22 was made by Ms. Duff, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R03-22 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Duff. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R04-22 – Support for Brownfield Remediation Application

Mr. Hinkelman discussed that the resolution is related to a request for a grant from the Ohio Department of Development's Brownfield Remediation Program. This resolution provides support for the application.

Mr. Warner asked when we would find out if we received the demolition funds. Mr. Hinkelman responded that his understanding was in February.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if the Council had any additional questions related to the resolution and there were none.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R04-22 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Warner. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R04-22 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R01-22 – Authorizing Approval of a Donation Agreement

Mr. Hinkelman began by explaining Schoolhouse Park and how Phase 1 was designed. He noted that Phase 1 includes the development of the site plan, grading, utilities, and earthwork. He continued that it also included the construction of a splashpad and

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restrooms / pavilion area for seating. He said that due to the generous donations towards the park to date the Village had over \$250,000 dedicated to Phase 1. Mr. Hinkelman noted that Phase 1 does not include the Rudy Property, as that is a separate project.

Mr. Hinkelman then read the resolution noting that the resolution was to allow the Village Administrator to enter into a donation agreement for \$450,000.00 towards the completion of Phase 1 of Schoolhouse Park from Upper Valley Medical Center. Mr. Hinkelman noted the process of receiving the donation from UVMC and said that with this generous gift that Phase 1 was fully funded.

Mr. Hinkelman read a portion of a press release that noted that the UVMC Board of Directors support initiatives that help serve the health and wellness-related needs of the Miami County area and align with the Premier Health mission of building strong, healthy communities. Mr. Hinkelman thanked Kevin Harlan, President of UVMC, and the UVMC Board for their support of the Village and faith in ability to create this park.

Mr. Canan asked if we knew when we would find out if we received the LWCF grant. Mr. Hinkelman stated that it would be in April or May, as that is when the State has made those announcements in the past.

Mr. Hinkelman asked if the Council had any additional questions related to the resolution and there were none.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R04-22 was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R01-22 was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

Police Chief and Elected Officials' Comments

There were none.

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Ms. Duff. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

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