

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2026

President Martin Leistner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following roll call was taken for council:

Council Members Present:

- Jesse Reynolds
- Julie Blumenstock
- Derrick Canan
- Steven Blei
- Martin Leistner
- Amy Welborn

Non-member Staff participating:

- Jordan Hodges – Village Administrator
- Lisa Cavender – Fiscal Officer
- Tim Cline – Police Chief

Excused Absence:

- Lee Harmon, Mayor

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (April 6, 2026, Meeting)
- March Check Report
- March Fund Report/YTD Fund Report
- March Balancing Report
- March Income Tax Report

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Blei, seconded by Mr. Canan, All ayes. Motion passed.

Visitors

None

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Mayor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

Mr. Hodges stated that the splashpad and restrooms at the parks are planned to be opened on April 23rd. He is still working on several projects that are in still in progress including the school zone at Chestnut St. and the internet services/communications proposal. Work on the Broadway utilities project is set to begin near the end of April. He also noted that he is waiting for responses regarding his OPWC and Brownfield applications applied for earlier this year.

Mr. Hodges stated the America 250 Covington sponsored events can be found on the village website and the dates are as follows:

- Schoolhouse Park Rocks Festival – May 15-16, 2026
- American 250 Covington – July 18, 2026

Discussion Items

None

Old Business

Resolution R09-26 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with American Structurepoint Inc. for zoning code audit and zoning code rewrite.

Mr. Hodges stated this is the third reading of this resolution. The Planning Commission reviewed proposals and recommends partnering with American Structurepoint, Inc. for the zoning code audit and rewrite.

Ms. Welborn asked how the planning commission made their decision to recommend American Structurepoint, Inc. Mr. Hodges stated that all three applicants reviewed were very comparable in cost and that this company had great reviews and experience working with small communities similar to the village.

A motion to approve Resolution 09-26 was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Canan. Vote: Mr. Reynolds, aye; Mr. Leistner, aye; Ms. Welborn, nay; Mr. Canan, aye; Mr. Blei, aye; Ms. Blumenstock, nay. Motion passed.

Ordinance O07-26 – An ordinance adopting park rental policies and procedures for the Village of Covington.

Mr. Hodges stated this is the second reading and this ordinance would adopt formal park rental policies and procedures for the Village which is necessary with the addition of Schoolhouse Park and the plan to allow rentals of the north and south shelter areas. He noted that the splashpad and restrooms are scheduled to be opened on April 23rd and the front office has been fielding calls with questions regarding shelter reservations.

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Ms. Welborn stated that she would like to see this resolution adopted as soon as possible so people could start making shelter reservations.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 07-26 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Ordinance 07-26 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed

Resolution R11-26 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Duke’s Root Control Inc.

Mr. Hodges explained this is the second reading of this resolution and that this agreement is an annual service that is necessary for root control within the sewer lines to destroy tree roots present in pipes and to deter regrowth.

Third reading with be held on May 4, 2026.

Resolution R12-26 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to complete a grant application with UVMC.

Mr. Hodges stated this is the second reading of this resolution and it would allow him to apply for a grant with UVMC for Schoolhouse Park improvements located within the Village.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 12-26 was made by Ms. Blumenstock, the motion died for lack of a second.

Third reading with be held on May 4, 2026.

Resolution R13-26 – A resolution approving the creation of a mural on private property.

Mr. Hodges stated this is the second reading of this resolution and it would approve the painting of a mural on the private property at 102 S. High St.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 13-26 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Ms. Blumenstock. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution 13-26 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Ms. Blumenstock. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R14-26 – A resolution declaring the intention to proceed under the alternative tax document format provided under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.281.

Mr. Hodges explained this is the second reading and it is an annually required housekeeping item for the Miami County Budget Commission.

Third reading with be held on May 4, 2026.

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Resolution R17-26 – A resolution approving Omnia Partners as a purchasing cooperative option for the Village of Covington, Ohio.

Mr. Hodges noted this is the second reading and would allow the Village to participate in the national cooperative purchasing contracts from OMNIA Partners.

Third reading with be held on May 4, 2026.

New Business

Resolution R19-26 – A resolution approving the purchase of construction design plans, materials and construction of an amphitheater from Omnia Partners.

Mr. Hodges noted this would allow the Village to purchase the amphitheater from Omnia Partners purchasing cooperative for Schoolhouse Park.

Second reading with be held on May 4, 2026.

Resolution R20-26 – A resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2026.

Mr. Hodges noted this would allow the Village to purchase road salt through the ODOT contracts with vendors awarded in 2026.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 20-26 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution 20-26 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

Ordinance O08-26 – An ordinance to repeal part of Ordinance 16-24.

Mr. Hodges noted this would repeal a portion of previously adopted Ordinance 16-24 removing certain stop signs from the list that will not be installed.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Ordinance 08-26 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Ms. Blumenstock. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Ordinance 08-26 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R21-26 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a lease agreement with the Covington Fire and Rescue, Inc. for a portion of land located at Schoolhouse Park.

Mr. Hodges stated this resolution would allow the Covington Fire department to hold bingo games and other activities at the Schoolhouse Park festival.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 21-26 was made by Ms. Blumenstock, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed.

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A motion to approve Resolution 21-26 was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Mr. Blei. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R22-26 – A resolution accepting the resignation of Ray Kimmel as Village Utility Superintendent/Director.

Mr. Hodges announced that Ray Kimmel will retire on April 30, 2026, with over 32 years of service. Mr. Hodges thanked Ray for his dedicated service to the Village.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 22-26 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Blei. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution 22-26 was made by Mr. Blei, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R23-26 – A resolution accepting the resignation of Timothy Cline as Village Police Chief.

Mr. Hodges announced that Tim Cline tendered his resignation effective May 17, 2026. Mr. Hodges thanked Tim for his eleven years of service to the Village. He expressed his gratitude to Tim for helping him learn the ropes at the start of his tenure as the Village Administrator.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 23-26 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution 23-26 was made by Mr. Blei, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed.

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

Chief Cline thanked council and everybody he worked with throughout his eleven years of service. He will remain in Covington and still be a part of community organizations like the Covington Fire and Rescue and the Covington Events Association. He thanked everyone again and stated he looks forward to working with them at future community events.

Council members expressed their appreciation to both Tim and Ray for their years of service to the Village of Covington.

Executive Session

None

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Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Blei. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Lee Harmon, Mayor

Lisa Cavender, Fiscal Officer

Martin Leistner, President of Council