

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 4, 2026

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

Council Members Present:

- 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
- Jesse Reynolds

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (April 20, 2026, Meeting)

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

Visitors

None

Mayor's Report

None

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Administrator's Report

Mr. Hodges reminded everyone to vote on May 5th. He also noted that this week is public service recognition week so if you see the employees thank them for their service. Mr. Hodges stated the schedule of events is up to date on the website with the Schoolhouse Parks Rocks festival coming up on May 15th-16th. Offices will be closed on May 25th for Memorial Day.

Discussion Items

None

Old Business

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 third 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.

A motion to approve Resolution 11-26 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Hodges stated this is the third 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 approve Resolution 12-26 was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Mr. Blei. 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 third reading and it is an annually required housekeeping item for the Miami County Budget Commission.

A motion to approve Resolution 14-26 was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes. Motion passed.

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 third reading and would allow the Village to participate in the national cooperative purchasing contracts from OMNIA Partners.

A motion to approve Resolution 17-26 was made by Mr. Blei, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed.

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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 is the second reading and would allow the Village to purchase the amphitheater from Omnia Partners purchasing cooperative for Schoolhouse Park.

Third reading with be held on May 18, 2026.

New Business

Resolution R24-26 – A resolution designating Lisa Cavender as Village of Covington Council's designee to receive public records training on behalf of each of the elected officials pursuant to and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43(B) and 149.43 (E)1.

Mr. Hodges stated this would allow the council to designate Lisa Cavender to receive the required public records training on their behalf.

A motion to waive Resolution 24-26 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution 24-26 was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R25-26 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Uniti Solutions to provide internet and phone services.

Mr. Hodges noted this resolution would allow him to enter into the agreement with Uniti Solutions to begin the work on switching over the internet and phone services. The Spectrum contract is now on a month-to-month basis until this installation is completed.

A motion to waive Resolution 25-26 was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution 25-26 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Blei. All ayes. Motion passed.

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

None

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 7:16 p.m.

Lee Harmon, Mayor

Lisa Cavender, Fiscal Officer

Martin Leistner, President of Council