

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2026

Mayor Lee Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following roll call was taken for council:

Council Members Present:

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

Non-member Staff participating:

- Jordan Hodges – Village Administrator
- Lisa Cavender – Fiscal Officer
- Aaron Zuhl – Acting Police Chief

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (June 1, 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

Mayor Harmon stated he would be unable to attend the Premier event in June and anyone else on the council is welcome to attend.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Hodges updated council on current staffing positions that have been posted. He met with ODOT regarding the Chestnut school zone and that will be completed this summer. He applied for the UVMC grant funding for the Amphitheater which will be awarded and announced in late August or September. He is working on the revision of the DRD map but waiting to hear back from the Ohio Department of Taxation. The June planning meeting will have the first update on

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the trail plan and zoning code rewrite. Garage sales begin on Friday, June 5th and extra bagged trash will be collected the following week at no charge. Other large items that cannot be bagged will still incur a fee. Hydrant flushing will begin June 15th. Mr. Hodges reminded everyone the next council meeting will be June 22nd instead of June 15th. Village offices will be closed June 19th for the Juneteenth holiday.

Discussion Items

Mr. Hodges presented council with the idea of getting tablets for the council to use for their meeting packets which he currently provides in a paper format for each meeting. He presented them with a quote for the tablets and several ideas were discussed. No decisions were made.

Old Business

None

New Business

Resolution R29-26 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with OR Colan related to the donation of right-of-way and easements for the Broadway project.

Mr. Hodges stated this would allow the village to donate easements for property owned by the village for the Broadway project.

Second reading will be on June 22, 2026.

Resolution R30-26 – A resolution approving the alternative tax document.

Mr. Hodges stated this resolution will approve the tax budget for fiscal year 2027 which is required to be submitted to the Miami County Budget Commission by July 20th of each year.

Second reading will be on June 22, 2026.

Resolution R31-26 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Finrock Construction Company, Inc. for the Stillwater Dam Modification Project Phase II declaring an emergency.

Mr. Hodges stated this resolution would allow Finrock Construction to begin on Phase II of the Stillwater Dam Modification Project immediately so they can complete the work prior to the deadlines under the ODNr grant.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 31-26 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Blei. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution 31-26 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Leistner. All ayes. Motion passed.

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

Acting Police Chief Zuhl noted the tornado sirens should be delivered in the next ten days and installed by the end of the month. He is also working on getting the Cradlepoint installation completed in the cruisers. He also sent around an example of the good choice award tickets

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that officers are handing out to those caught making good choices. These tickets were given to the department by a citizen.

Ms. Welborn stated the Miami County Foundation is a great organization that can support local non-profits in the county. The foundation offers grants and there are two application cycles, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Mr. Leistner stated there was a nice turnout for the Farmers Market with over 20 vendors and the 3v3 basketball tournament was a huge success. He is thankful to have a nice park for these events and noted the positive impact for Covington. He was also grateful for the food trucks that stayed even after market closed so those watching the basketball tournament had food available.

Executive Session

Mayor Hamon indicated there was a need to have an executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. There is to be no action taken.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Mr. Blei. All ayes. Entered executive session at 7:25 p.m.

A motion to leave executive session was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Blei. All ayes. Motion passed at 7:45 p.m.

Adjournment

A final motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Blei. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Lee Harmon, Mayor

Lisa Cavender, Fiscal Officer

Martin Leistner, President of Council

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