COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2026

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

Council Members Present:

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

Non-member Staff participating:

- Jordan Hodges – Village Administrator
- Lisa Cavender – Fiscal Officer
- David Friend – Police Chief

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (October 19, 2026, Meeting)

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Blei, seconded by Mr. Leistner. Vote: Mr. Reynolds, aye; Mr. Leistner, aye; Ms. Welborn, aye; Mr. Canan, abstain; Mr. Blei, aye; Ms. Blumenstock, aye. Motion passed.

Visitors

None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Harmon thanked the police department and everyone involved for their work on the Halloween costume contest and beggar's night noting it was a good turnout.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Hodges encouraged everyone to get out and vote tomorrow on November 3rd and he reminded everyone that the village will be closed on November 11th for Veterans Day.

Discussion Items

Mr. Hodges wanted to discuss information he was given from Miami County regarding the coding and permits for the amphitheater project. He stated that the current design is for two feet of concrete for the stage area and if that is increased to thirty inches or more a railing would be required to be installed for liability and that would also increase the overall cost of the project. He was looking for their guidance on whether to leave the project as originally designed or to let him know if they wanted the stage area to be higher. It was discussed that having to add rails would defeat the original purpose. After much discussion, the majority decided that council should leave the original plans in place as previously approved.

Old Business

Resolution 49-26 – A resolution authorizing and naming of the amphitheater within the park as the Roy J Weikert Amphitheater and the Premier Health UVMC Community Benefit Fund Plaza.
Mr. Hodges explained that this is the third reading of this resolution authorizing the naming of the new amphitheater and plaza in recognition of the funding assistance provided for the project

A motion to approve Resolution 49-26 was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed.

New Business

Resolution 50-26 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with the City of St. Marys, Ohio for Income Tax Collection.
Mr. Hodges explained that this is the first reading of this resolution that would allow him to enter into a three-year contract with the City of St. Marys to continue the collection of income taxes for the village.

Second reading will be on November 16, 2026.

Resolution 51-26 – A resolution to approve authorizations (then and now certificate) for purchase order RG260173, for the Village of Covington, and declaring an emergency.
Mr. Hodges explained that the annual LEADS fee to the Ohio State Hwy Patrol was never received in the mail and after contacting them for a copy of the invoice, the purchase order date is after the invoice date and requires approval due to the amount of the invoice.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution 51-26 was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Canan. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution 51-26 was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Mr. Blei. All ayes. Motion passed.

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

Mr. Leistner congratulated Tony, owner of the new Covington Barber Shop, on his new business. He shared that he has already stopped in and enjoyed seeing the old children's barber chair that once belonged to former barber, Steve Root. Mr. Leistner also expressed his excitement about the downtown interior lighting, noting how nice the businesses and downtown look illuminated in the evenings. He appreciates the community spirit displayed by the posters

cheering on the Covington football team during the playoffs. He encourages everyone to keep up the good work supporting local business and promoting the downtown area.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Leistner, seconded by Mr. Blei. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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Lee Harmon, Mayor

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Lisa Cavender, Fiscal Officer

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Martin Leistner, President of Council