

# COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

**January 16, 2024**

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
- Amy Welborn
- Julie Blumenstock
- Dawn Duff
- Jesse Reynolds

### **Council Members Absent:**

- Martin Leistner- Excused

### **Non-member Staff participating:**

- Frank Patrizio – Legal Counsel
- Rhonda Gill - Fiscal Officer
- Tim Cline – Police Chief

### **Swearing In Ceremony**

Mayor Lee Harmon swore in Jesse Reynold for a Council term ending 2027.

### **Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (January 8, 2024)

There were no comments or questions.

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

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## **Visitors**

None

## **Discussion Items**

Signage for Schoolhouse Park was discussed with Mayor Harmon presenting examples of brushed aluminum and casted aluminum. The council unanimously agreed the brushed aluminum was more appropriate.

Mayor Harmon will bring some paint colors to review for the Schoolhouse Park buildings.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Resolution R04-24 – A resolution authorizing the Village Administrator or Mayor to enter into a contract with Access Engineering Solutions, LLC.

Mayor Harmon asked council to consider waiving the three-reading rule to avoid delays in the St. Rt. 36 project.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R04-24 was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion to approve Resolution R04-24 was made by Mr. Canan, seconded by Ms. Duff. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution R05-24 – A resolution to sell property to a retiring employee.

Mayor Harmon stated Officer Steve Blei retired after 25 years of service with the Village of Covington Police Department. The village allows for retiring police staff in good standing to have the opportunity to purchase their duty weapons. Officer Blei has expressed interest in purchasing his weapons.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R05-24 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Ms. Blumenstock. All ayes. Motion passed.

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A motion to approve Resolution R05-24 was made by Ms. Duff, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion passed.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Harmon reported he spoke with Christina Ashburn, and she agreed to serve on the Planning Commission.

### **Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments**

None

### **Executive Session**

Ms. Blumenstock made a motion to go into executive session at 7:14 PM under ORC 121.22(G) (1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, seconded by Ms. Welborn.

Ms. Blumenstock made a motion to leave executive session at 7:44 PM, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes, motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

A final motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Blumenstock, seconded by Ms. Welborn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.



Fiscal Officer



Mayor

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