

COVINGTON VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2023

Council President Mr. Jesse Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Mayor Ed McCord was absent and excused from the meeting. The following roll call was taken for council:

Council Members Present:

- Jesse Reynolds
- Keith Warner
- Derrick Canan
- Julie Blumenstock
- Dawn Duff
- Amy Welborn

Non-member Staff participating:

- Frank Patrizio – Legal Counsel
- Rhonda Gill - Fiscal Officer
- Kyle Hinkelman - Village Administrator
- Tim Cline – Police Sergeant

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included:

- Approval of Council Minutes (May 15, 2023)
- May Tax Report

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Canan and seconded by Ms. Duff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors – Public Comment

None

Mayor's Report

None

Administrator's Report

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Mr. Hinkelman gave an update on Schoolhouse Park, stating Tall View Palladium was back on site at the Rudy property. He noted that the Village was working on an addendum to the contract to have all the work completed by August 1, 2023 instead of the original approval of mid-June. He explained the delay including the weather, material procurements, and regulatory requirements.

Mr. Patrizio further explained that most contracts have time completion contingencies built in for things that may delay a project if a company states weather conditions or another issue didn't allow a company to complete a project on time.

Mr. Hinkelman continued that Tall View is incentivized to complete the project because they only get paid when they complete work. He is working with them and the engineers to get the project completed by the new August 1 deadline.

Mr. Canan commented on the exorbitant cost AES is charging the Village to move three poles. Mr. Hinkelman responded that he made numerous contacts with AES to negotiate a better cost for the Village, however, everyone at all levels of AES has made it clear that they have no interest in partnering with the Village. He continued that the Village has no alternative other than to pay to have the poles moved and he would bring back a resolution for Council to authorize him to move the poles.

Mr. Hinkelman explained that the Wastewater Treatment Plant project is moving along with no major issues.

Mr. Hinkelman also noted that a new entrance sign is being installed at Community Park that will be the new general signage for public buildings in the Village. The old sign will be kept and likely put up in the improved large shelter once that structure is remodeled.

Mr. Hinkelman thanked the Village Wastewater Supervisor, Ralph "Butch" Boehringer, who is retiring on July 31st, for his 32 years of service. His last day at the Village will be June 7th due to his retirement and other hours. He began his career with the Village on May 26, 1991. He thanked Mr. Boehringer for his leadership in some of the changes implemented in the Utilities Department and wished him well in his retirement.

Discussion Items

None

Old Business

Resolution R19-23 – Adoption of the 2023 Strategic Plan (2nd Reading).

Mr. Hinkelman noted that a public survey was active from May 15 to June 5. He provided a summary of results from the survey for consideration. He noted that the majority of the people that took the survey were in support and agreement with the

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Strategic Plan and its goals and priorities. He noted some of the responses and noted that it was clear from all who took the survey that they believe this document should be reviewed annually. Mr. Hinkelman expressed appreciation for those who completed the survey. He asked if there any additional comments or suggestions from Council and there were none.

Mr. Hinkelman stated that the third and final reading of this resolution would be June 20th and that comments can still be received if anyone wishes to see any updates or changes implemented in the plan.

New Business

Resolution R20-23 – Intention to levy a new 3.0 Mill Fire Levy (1st Reading)

Mr. Hinkelman discussed that the Miami County Auditor requested that the Village change the verbiage from our first passed resolution to meet new State of Ohio requirements. He noted that the changes were reviewed by the auditor's office and they agreed with the new language. He continued that this was the first resolution necessary to authorize a new levy on the November ballot.

There being no additional questions or comments by Council, Mr. Hinkelman asked Council to waive the three-reading rule to allow the second piece of legislation necessary to authorize the levy to be presented June 20th. He reminded everyone that the resolution and future ordinance will put a 3.0 new levy on the ballot. This new levy replaces the two general fund levies currently in place. This is not a renewal levy.

A motion to waive the three-reading rule for Resolution R20-23 was made by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Ms. Welborn. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Resolution R20-23 was made by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Police Chief and Elected Official's Comments

None

Mr. Hinkelman reported the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20th due to the holiday on Monday, June 19th. He also noted that the July 3rd meeting will be held July 10th due to the July 4th holiday week.

Executive Session

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None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Warner, seconded by Ms. Duff. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor

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