

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 14, 2016**

Mayor Rick Walls called the regular Council meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Rick Walls; Council members--Joe Bailey, Eric West, Paul Lynch, Stacey Cook and John McDonald. Shirley Anderson was not present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Angela Elliot, Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Fire Chief Rick Miller, and Police Chief John Drake.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by West to approve Shirley Anderson's absence. She had notified the Mayor of her inability to attend tonight's meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to accept the minutes as written for the Regular November 14, 2016 Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** There was no meeting last month.

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Crews from Layne are still working on the new water well at the water plant. Early indications show that this well should be a superior well. We might be able to pump the same if not more water than our other three wells combined. We purchased some filter media cleaner for two of our water filters to test it out before we buy more next year. The results from the post cleaning test came back showing great results. Doing this maintenance cleaner on our filters will help eliminate the need to completely replace the filter media. There will be substantial savings as well.

**Planning:** No report.

**Finance:** Update on some finances to date for 2016: General Fund balance is \$417,832, which is down from last year due to receiving and transferring out the AEP payment, but our income tax collection is up by \$1,000 and general property tax is up by \$6,000. We have spent \$20,000 more in 2016 in Parks compared to 2015. Police Department expenses are down 4% from last year. Other General Fund expenses are down 2% from last year. As a whole the General Fund expenses are down by 3% from 2015. Our Water Fund balance is currently \$77,693, with expenses down 11% from last year. The Wastewater Fund balance is \$182,242, with expenses being decreased by 3%. Furthermore, our utilities overtime has been reduced by 12% from 2015.

**Park:** No report.

**Streets:** Buehler Asphalt has completed the spot paving project throughout the Village.

**Properties:** Village crews collected approximately 70 cubic yards of leaves in the month of November. There was a recall on the GMC utility truck air bag. It has been repaired.

**Safety:**

**Police-** Chief Drake reported 222 calls for service in November. The new officers passed their physicals and started fulltime on December 4. The new cruiser is estimated to arrive by February 28. We will sell the Tahoe once it is replaced. Officers have had chats with residents on Main Street regarding their responsibilities for cleaning the sidewalks of snow and ice. The Chief thanked Fire Chief Miller for the free CPR classes for the officers.

**Fire-** Chief Miller reported 32 EMS runs and 19 Fire runs for November, making a total to 672 as of December 1<sup>st</sup>. The pancake day last Saturday was a great success. There will be a nice donation to give to the Right to Read program at the school.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Lynch, seconded by West to pay the necessary bills for the month of December 2016. Motion passed 6-0.

The Solicitor advised that Council can pass Ordinance #1673 on the second reading declaring an emergency. It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to read Ordinance #1673 by title only for the second and final reading and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **ORDINANCE #1673 – An Ordinance as amended establishing certain rates of pay, health and hospitalization insurance, sick leave, paid holidays and vacation for all non-elected Village employees for the year 2017**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only for the second and final reading. It was moved by West, seconded by Lynch to pass Ordinance #1673 as read by title only for the second and final reading and declaring an emergency. West noted typographical errors which the Solicitor will have corrected. McDonald asked what is established to pay the rate of pay for salaried people. West stated that the annual pay ordinance has been written the same the last three years. He understood the question and suggested that Council look at the matter later. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Lynch, seconded by McDonald to read Resolution #2306 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2306 - A Resolution authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into an amended contract with Duchouquet Township and declaring an emergency**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by Cook, seconded by West to pass Resolution #2306 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Discussion: The amended contract was necessary due to the Auglaize County Auditor's error in calculating the funds available for payment. As a result Duchouquet Township has amended the fire contract to reflect the additional funds owed to the Village for fire and EMS services. Motion passed 5-0.

The Clerk explained that Resolution #2307 moves funds within funds, only adding \$800 to cover additional Utility Deposit Refunds received. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Lynch to read Resolution #2307 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2307 – A Resolution to amend Resolution #2291, passed March 14, 2016, making permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, and declaring an emergency**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by Bailey, seconded by McDonald to accept Resolution #2307 as read by title only and declaring an emergency.

The Clerk introduced Resolution #2308 for Temporary Appropriations for the first three months of 2017. It was moved by West, seconded by Lynch to read Resolution #2308 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2308 – A Resolution to make Temporary Appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the period of January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017, and declaring an emergency**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to accept Resolution #2308 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls advised that Resolution #2309 is to hire a law firm for the year 2017. It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to read Resolution #2309 by title only. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2309 – Contract to hire the law firm of Fitzgerald, Reese & Van Dyne, Co. as Solicitor for the Village of Cridersville**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by West, seconded by McDonald to accept Resolution #2309 as read by title only. Motion passed 5-0.

Cook thanked everyone who helped with Christmas on Main Street and all the events held during the year.

Police Chief Drake advised Council that he wants approval to give pay raises on the range of 0-65 cents. It was discussion on the proposal. It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to give approval of pay raises based on the range of 0-65 cents. Vote: McDonald-yes, Cook-no, Lynch-yes, West-yes, Bailey-yes. Motion passed 4-1.

The Village Administrator reminded residents that the legislation passed last year for water/sewer increases provided built-in increases. As of January 1, 2017, the rates will increase 1%. An average monthly bill for inside the Village was \$38.64 in 2016 and will be \$39.03 in 2017. For customers outside the Village an average monthly bill in 2016 was \$54.84; it will be \$55.39 in 2017.

The Administrator also gave an update on the gun club. They hope to start the project in February of 2017 and be completed in November 2017. The Village Engineers are working on figures for infrastructures that the business will need. He understands that the proposed hotel is also a go.

The Administrator and Police Chief are concerned about the property at 220 W. Main Street. The owner did part of the work he promised to do on the building, but there is still more work to do. The Solicitor was asked how they should proceed. Once the owner is contacted they will need to set another time frame for the rest of the work to be finished. This property is an ongoing problem. The owner had indicated interest in selling the property but has not done so yet. The estimate received to demolish the structure was \$38,000, and then the amount would have to be added to the property's taxes. Since it is zoned a Commercial property, Fire Chief Miller suggested they contact the State Fire Marshall for direction in the matter.

Mayor Walls read the monthly increases taking effect for TSC cable: Basis Cable-\$1.00, Expanded Basic Cable-\$5.29, Digital Cable-\$1.00, and Retransmission-\$2.00.

It was moved by West, seconded by Lynch to adjourn the December 12, 2016 regular Council meeting.  
Motion passed 5-0.

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Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

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Rick Walls, Mayor