

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2017**

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

Present-- Mayor Rick Walls, Council: Joe Bailey, Shirley Anderson, Eric West, Stacey Cook and John McDonald. Councilman Paul Lynch was absent due to illness. Also in attendance were Solicitor Angela Elliot, Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Police Chief John Drake and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by McDonald to excuse the absence of Councilman Lynch. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by West to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2017 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: There was no meeting.

Utilities & Surface Water: John McDonald reported our crews dug and made repairs to two water shut offs in town. They also replaced a booster pump at our water plant.

Planning: Paul Lynch absent. No report.

Finance: Eric West gave an end of the year finance review compared to 2016:

General Fund – Balance is decreased by \$57,000 with receipts decreased by \$8,000, and expenses are down \$52,000.

Street Fund – Over all expenses were down by \$11,315 for 2017.

Water Fund – Revenue increased by \$47,000, expenses increased approximately \$15,000 due solely to the new water well project. We will have an end of the year balance of approximately \$188,000 which is \$100,000 more than 2016.

Sewer Fund – Revenue increased by \$23,000 for 2017, expenses increased by about \$20,000 due to a new pump that had to be purchased at a cost of \$19,000. We will have an end of year balance of approximately \$307,482, which is \$82,000 more than 2016.

Maintenance overtime was up for 2017 by 23 hours compared to 2016, and the Village Income Tax revenue is down just 0.4% from last year.

We had a meeting with Minster Bank to see if banking with them would benefit the Village better than continuing with Chase Bank. Further meetings and talks with them are ongoing.

Park: Joe Bailey thanked Kathy and Ralph Tippie for donating the purchase of one of the trees planted in Legacy Park. He also thanked Tom Eversole for his volunteerism in making repairs and repainting two of the Legacy Park statues that were damaged previously. Stacey Cook stated that the Lion's Club will have a work day in the spring to secure the statues.

Streets: Stacey Cook – No Report

Properties: Shirley Anderson advised that the annual leaf pick-up program has been completed. Our crews collected 40 cubic yards of bagged leaves. The last few Main Street trees have been planted by Speiles Nursery as well as trees planted in Legacy Park and DeLong-Pioneer Park.

Safety:

Police- Chief John Drake reported 202 calls for service in November, 30 traffic tickets issued into Mayor's Court, 18 citations issued into Municipal Court, and 2 crashes at Dixie and Main. Chief Drake told Council he is honored to sit on the committee for the Region I Homeland Security Grant. There are seven sections in Ohio for law enforcement and Allen County is heading up this region's grant. We will be able to get items from this Federal grant such as laptops, radios, license plate readers, and other items.

Fire- Chief Rick Miller reported a total of 63 runs for November, making a total of 651 through December 1st. The Breakfast with Santa and Christmas on Main Street were very successful. The Department was able to make its yearly

donation to the school for the Right to Read program. They are currently accepting donations for their Helping Hand program to assemble Christmas food boxes. Any donations not used will go to the local food pantry.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was moved by West, seconded by McDonald to read Ordinance #1678 by title only for the third and final reading. Motion passed 5-0. **ORDINANCE #1678 – An Ordinance establishing certain rates of pay, health and hospitalization insurance, sick leave, paid holidays and vacation for all non-elected Village employees for the year 2018**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only for the third and final reading. It was moved by West, seconded by McDonald to accept Ordinance #1678 as read by title only for the third and final reading. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Cook to pay the necessary bills for the month of December 2017. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Cook to read Resolution #2333 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2333 – A Resolution to amend Resolution #2315, passed March 13, 2017, making permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, and declaring an emergency**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by Bailey, seconded by McDonald to accept Resolution #2333 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. The total permanent appropriations for 2017 are \$2, 508,343.15.

The Clerk furnished Council with the 2018 planning figures for each fund and a summary of Resolution #2334 for 2018 Permanent Appropriations. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Cook, to read Resolution #2334 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2334 – A Resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by West, seconded by McDonald to accept Resolution #2334 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

Joe Bailey and Stacey Cook were appointed the Legislative Board Members to the Volunteer Fire Fighter's Dependent's Fund for 2018.

A petition to vacate the alley at 216 E. High Street was not brought to the Council meeting as expected. This matter will be dealt with if a petition is presented at a later date.

The Historical Society signed an agreement with the Kalpepper & Meriweather Circus for \$260 to bring the circus to Cridersville on Tuesday, May 14, 2018, with shows at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This will be a fund raiser for the Historical Society instead of an ice cream social. The school children and other interested persons will be invited to view the set up that morning. The largest animals are their big cats. It was discussed with the circus that Tower Park would be the best available space for them, with needed water available. The Historical Society will discuss all the circus needs with the Parks Committee in January and bring the details back to Council. The circus will move out at 6 a.m. on May 15th.

Cook reported that there was a great turn out for Christmas on Main Street. Seventy-five prizes were donated. Shawnee High School students did face painting. She thanked the Fire Department for allowing use of their facility and for all their help setting up. This event always brings the community together. The Lion's Club next event will be a spaghetti dinner served in March; more details to come.

Bailey thanked John McDonald for serving on Council, and stated that Shirley Anderson will be missed on Council. He thanked Stacey Cook for all she does for fund raisers, and also the Fire Department for their involvement in the community.

Mayer Walls commented that John McDonald had brought a lot of knowledge with him to his Council position, knowledge acquired from his years as the Village Administrator.

Shirley Anderson took time to speak to each person around the Council table about memories shared during her fifteen years on Council. Mayor Walls read a Proclamation regarding Shirley Anderson's serving on the Cridersville Village Council from 2002-2017. It will be included with the December 11, 2017 minutes.

The Village Administrator asked for clarification with regard to evaluating staff and giving appropriate pay increases. It was moved by West, seconded by McDonald that the department heads have the authority to give up to a 50-cent per hour pay increase based on their evaluations of employees. Motion passed 5-0.

Police Chief Drake expressed the gratitude of all at the Village for Shirley Anderson's years of service on Council, stating that she has been one of the biggest supporters of the Police Department.

Anderson asked that the Parks Committee look into a matter concerning providing the Tower Park Shelter House free of charge for funeral dinners to the families of Village residents who pass away. It is felt that many years ago there was legislation concerning this, but it has not been located. This will be a matter for the Parks Committee after the first of 2018.

It was moved by Anderson, seconded by McDonald to adjourn the December 11, 2017, regular Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

Rick Walls, Mayor