

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 14, 2017**

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

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

It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Bailey to accept the minutes as written for the July 10, 2017 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Utilities & Surface Water: No report.

Planning: Paul Lynch provided a written Planning Committee report of the July 24th meeting held at 8 p.m. Greg Myers from WAEDC was present. The purpose of the meeting was to look at future goals and plans pertaining in the soon to be constructed gun club to be built on the east side of Interstate 75. Items discussed were: tax abatement, liquor permit process, utility extension, owners/Council/WAEDC meeting for next step.

Mayor Walls reported that the financial institution that has acquired the building on East Main Street hopes to be open by year end. At the present time they are getting approval for their plans to remodel the site.

Finance: The Village audit has been completed and the preliminary review shows no issues.

Park: We had vandalism once again at Legacy Park with the breaking of a couple more statues within the Memorial Sidewalk. Video has been reviewed and the Police Department is working on the case. Chief Drake stated that it is an open case and they do have individuals of interest at this time. The lighting and video clarity at the park have been addressed to help in future videos.

Streets: The 2017 repaving project has been completed by Buehler Asphalt.

Properties: Anderson reported that the painting project for the front of the Village Hall, and the Gazebo staining have been completed. Chief Drake had no update on the old garage on West Main Street.

Safety:

Police- Chief Drake reported 213 calls for service in July. He had plenty of help for the Jamboree. He has been working with a lady for the last several weeks as she finally had her grass mowed but doesn't want to trim. She will be sited tomorrow because today was the last day for compliance under the law.

Chief Drake has received the following two resignations: Part-time Officer Dan Query effective July 17, 2017 due to personal issues, and Sgt. Paul Robbins effective August 6, 2017, who has taken a position with the Wapakoneta Police Department. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Bailey to accept the resignations of Officer Dan Query and Sgt. Paul Robbins. Motion passed 6-0.

The Chief had two people to recommend to Council tonight to hire but both withdrew their names in the last few days, as they were hired by other departments. At the present time the Village has 4 fulltime officers and 1 part-time officer, with one on active duty in Afganistan. With the Police Department being under staffed, the overtime hours have been ridiculous. Cridersville is one of the lowest paying municipalities around at \$11.00 per hour. Other area departments pay between \$13 and \$16 or more per hour. The amount paid in July overtime would probably cover the increased cost for the year if the rate was \$13/hour. Area departments are hiring fulltime officers at better pay. The fact is that at this time there are not as many people wanting to become police officers, and the schools that train them have to limit the number of applicants they accept. **A Safety Committee meeting to review the pay for officers was set for this Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at 8:00 p.m.**

Fire- Chief Rick Miller reported 64 EMS calls and 4 fire calls for a total of 68 for the month, which makes a total of 432 for the year as of August 1, 2017. He advised that the Jamboree had a bad night on that Friday due to the storm earlier,

but with help getting the word out, they were able to fill two Village blocks with cars for the car show. They need to work on the 5K to be ready for next year's event. Saturday was phenomenal and he thanked everyone again for their work and support. The Mayor thanked the Department for their commitment and service to the community.

The new truck is not quite ready but he hopes to have it at the September Council meeting. There has been interest in the two old trucks which will be sold after the new one is in service.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Anderson to pay the necessary bills for the month of August 2017. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Cook to read Resolution #2324 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2324 – 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 Cook, seconded by Bailey to accept Resolution #2324 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. There was an increase to General Fund Donations/Contributions for the \$1,525.53 Eagles Grant for Tower Park, and an increase of transfers out of General to Capital Projects for balance of Street Paving payment, \$5,179.78. Also in the Capital Projects Fund, the General Capital Projects was increased to \$13,928.34 for the Village's portion of 2017 Street Paving, and the OPWC 2017 Street Paving (OPWC's portion) was decreased by \$40,946.46. This reflected the information the Village Administrator received on the final figures for the project.

It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Bailey to read Resolution #2325 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2325 – A Resolution to approve the necessary transfer of funds for the Village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency for the year 2017 as follows,** was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Bailey to accept Resolution #2325 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. This was necessary to pay the Village's share of the OPWC 2017 Street Paving Project.

The Solicitor advised that Resolution #2326 is to delete wording referring to the Fire Fund from the second paragraph included in Resolution #2323 passed at the July Council meeting. Council members had copies of the resolutions. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Anderson to read Resolution #2326 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2326 – A Resolution approving the acquisition of a Utility Easement over, through, and across a tract of land owned by Adam Ferguson as described in attached exhibit A in order to extend Village services to newly annexed property as described in attached exhibit B and declaring an emergency,** was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by West to accept Resolution #2326 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Cook advised that this Saturday, August 19th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a carnival with backpacks to be given away to kick off the school year.

The Cridersville Library has gotten Solar Eclipse glasses which they are distributing to the public for the August 21st event.

The annual Mum Sale will be held Saturday, September 9th from 9a.m. to 1 p.m.

Also on September 9th the Lions Club will hold a blood draw from 7-9 a.m. at the Cridersville Elementary School. They will welcome people to come help sign up participants.

On September 21 from 4-7:00 p.m. the annual Bean Supper will be held at the Log Cabin on East Main Street and the Cridersville Health Care Center will hold their annual car show.

Bailey reported that there was a golf outing which raised an estimated \$1,500-\$1,700 to go toward the sports programs.

The Village Administrator informed Council that he has been trying to reach the investor for the gun club project. He will arrange a meeting with Council as a whole as well as the CEO of Top Mark within the next month or two.

Fire Chief Miller advised the second payment from Duchouquet Township was received today and given to the Clerk.

Police Chief Drake reported that the school lights are operating as of today.

Russ and Tama Hollar of 315 W. North Street had brought photos of the property at 313 W. North Street, which is next door to their property. They voiced their complaints because the property is not taken care of. Chief Drake stated that the property owner lives out of State. This is the property he talked about earlier in the meeting. They are also concerned about other properties around town that are neglected.

Dorance Thompson, 500 Clayton Drive, asked if the Village has had any information on trains stopping and blocking streets during the day recently. Council and the Administrator were not aware of the events.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by Bailey to adjourn the August 14, 2017, regular Council meeting.
Motion passed 6-0.

Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

Rick Walls, Mayor