

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Kohlrrieser, Police Chief John Drake and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

It was moved by McDonald, seconded by West to accept the minutes as written for the August 14, 2017 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** A meeting of the committee was scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

**Utilities & Surface Water:** John McDonald reported that Woolace Electric replaced a controller part on one of our blower units at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The well line on Well #3 broke. It had to be dug up and the bad connection has been replaced behind the WTP. Our crews also repaired a 12" water main break on Lavina Street and repaired a 6" water main break on North Street. One more will be investigated next week in the area of Parkview and Hickory.

**Planning:** Paul Lynch reminded residents that have a temporary private pool that the season for those pools is coming to a close for the year. Pools must be taken down and removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>, and stored until next season which will run from May 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**Finance:** Eric West asked that Council members read through and review Ordinance #1673 to see if there is a need to make changes to this year's pay package ordinance as the 2018 pay ordinance is prepared. If there are changes, they should be brought up at the October meeting. The 2018 pay ordinance should be voted on at the meetings in October, November and December.

**Park:** Joe Bailey advised that new grills and trash receptacles have been installed at the Town Pond Shelter and at Tower Park Shelter. Two more park benches that were funded by donations have been installed in Legacy Park, and two newer picnic tables have been installed in Hinkle Park.

**Streets:** Stacey Cook – No Report

**Properties:** Shirley Anderson stated that the sidewalk repair/replacement program for this year is going to be held off until the first part of 2018 before completion.

**Safety:**

**Police-** West reported to Council that the Safety Committee met August 16, 2017: Fire Chief Rick, Police Chief John Drake, Mayor Rick Walls, Council members Bailey and West. The subject addressed was whether to raise the minimum hourly rate for part-time officers from \$11 to \$13 an hour to keep up with rates within the community. The Village currently has four full-time officers and one part-time officer. The Chief would prefer to have 9-10 officers. \$30,000 was paid in overtime for July. He has been successful in readjusting hours to lower overtime. The Committee is recommending to Council, by a 5-0 decision, that the minimum rate be \$12.00 - \$13.00/per hour. The amount would be determined at the discretion of Chief Drake and based on experience. Council members all voiced their belief that a change is needed.

It was moved by West, seconded by McDonald to allow the hourly rate to increase from the current \$11.00/hour to \$12-\$13 per hour, to be determined at the discretion of Chief John Drake. Motion passed 6-0.

Chief Drake reported 184 calls for service in August. He advised one arrest led to an indictment. This particular case has been worked on for several years. There were 23 citations, and \$2,270 was received in Mayor's Court. The 2008 Chevy Tahoe has been for sale but no one has offered the \$7,500 being asked. The Chief stated that Apollo will be opening their Police Academy next month and asked if Council would consider donating the vehicle to Apollo. It can then be removed from our insurance and help their program. Chief Drake is on the Board of Directors for the Apollo Police Academy and will teach there also.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by West to donate the 2008 Chevy Tahoe, which is no longer fit for public use, to the Apollo Police Academy. Motion passed 6-0.

**Fire-** Chief Rick Miller reported 43 EMS calls and 7 fire calls for a total of 50 for July, which makes a total of 482 for the year as of September 1, 2017. The new heavy rescue truck was available for Council to see. The light tower is still being worked on at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:** One of the partners with the future gun club, Rulon Smith, was present and gave Council an update and answered questions. They are still moving forward with the project and have received numerous inquiries about the project. They had to change financial institutions and are working to finalize investments. If they are unable to begin moving ground by mid-October, they will wait until March of 2018. The hotel is still a part of the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to read Resolution #2327 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2327 – Be it Resolved that the 2018 alternate plan of distribution of Local Government fund and Local Government Revenue Assistance funds for Auglaize County, Ohio as proposed by the Auglaize County Budget Commission, and attached hereto, be, and is hereby (accepted) and declaring an emergency,** was read by title only by Mayor Walls. It was moved by Bailey, seconded by West to accept Resolution #2327 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Cook to read Resolution #2328 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2328 – Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and declaring an emergency,** was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by Cook, seconded by McDonald to accept Resolution #2328 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Police Chief Drake introduced Nate Garlock and stated that he recommends Council hire Mr. Garlock as a part-time officer for the Village of Cridersville. He is presently the Safety Service Director for the Lima City Schools. It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Cook to hire Nate Garlock as a part-time officer for the Village of Cridersville. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls will swear in Mr. Garlock immediately after the meeting.

The Village Administrator advised he would like Council to discuss the E. Main Street project deadline, and also the flooding behind the fire house during the Committee Meeting of the Whole on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Stacey Cook reminded Council of the Ham & Bean supper on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-7 p.m.; the Garden Club make approximately \$779 from their recent sale. The Halloween Parade will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and it is possible that there will be more categories for the costume contest after the parade. Trick or Treat will be October 26. Christmas On Main Street will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Cridersville librarian expressed her appreciation for the installation of the baby changing station in the restroom only a week after her request was made.

It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Cook to adjourn the September 11, 2017, regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.