

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 9, 2017**

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

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

It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Cook to excuse Shirley Anderson's absence, as she notified the Mayor that she is ill. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls read a Proclamation celebrating the oldest living resident of the Village of Cridersville, Geraldine Sproul. Mrs. Sproul will have her 100th birthday this month. She graduated from Cridersville in 1935 and was married on March 31, 1939. Mrs. Sproul, her family and other interested individuals were present for the Proclamation reading.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Cook to accept the minutes as written for the September 11, 2017 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: The committee met Thursday, October 5th at 7:30 p.m. Items discussed included future improvement plans which would affect East Main Street. Police Chief Drake advised there should be no major costs for his department in 2018. A new meter reader will be needed in the future. Eric West reported that Income Tax receipts are up this year. The Fire Department will be looking at a new ambulance in the future. Talked about flooding behind the fire house. At this point in time there doesn't seem to be an easy answer without looking at a retention area. Jarid advised that it would cost an estimated \$20,000 to paint the water plant. Streets were discussed that could be included in next year's paving program.

Utilities & Surface Water: John McDonald reported our crews have made repairs to a broken sanitary sewer line on Marcella, replaced two water shut offs, and also repaired a water leak at the corner of Hickory & Sunrise. We also replaced a motor on one of our lift pumps at the wastewater plant as well as another pump and motor replaced by National Water Services. Our crews also conducted annual maintenance on our water plant's wet well and degasifier units. The Village crew had replaced the pump on September 15th, and during the project Danny Yoakam cut his knee. A Workmen's Compensation claim was filed. Danny developed an infection in his knee, but is now doing better.

Planning: Paul Lynch reported on the Planning Commission meeting held October 3rd to discuss an application filed to rezone a particular property which will be brought forward to Council at this meeting.

Council agreed to hear about the matter at this point in the meeting. They discussed the Zoning Map Amendment change requested by Sonya Chapman. It would change just their particular property from being zoned currently as R-2 to Industrial. At this point, Council set a Public Hearing for November 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Letters will be sent out to surrounding property owners affected by the proposed change. Notice of the meeting will be published 30 days before the hearing. After the Public Hearing the matter will be brought back to Council for approval.

Finance: Eric West - No Report.

Park: Joe Bailey advised that during the Committee Meeting of the Whole there was discussion on updating the Tower Park Shelter House, floor, paneling, etc. The Village Administrator got an estimate of \$18,500. Eventually two shelter houses will be constructed at the DeLong-Pioneer Park. The Village has not heard back from the CDBG grant application for Hinkle Park for new playground equipment.

Streets: Stacey Cook – No Report

Properties: In Shirley Anderson's absence, the Village Administrator advised that the 2007 Ford dump truck was taken to Reinke Ford to get the turbo replaced. It was fixed and is back in service. The cost was around \$2,000.

Safety:

Police- Chief John Drake reported 201 calls for service in September. There were 32 citations issued into Mayor's Court. The amount collected was approximately \$3,000 for September. There were 25 citations issued into Municipal Court. There was a recall on both cruisers. The work will only take one day. They will be taken in on separate days. Bailey had a resident ask him if there is a raccoon problem in the Village. The Chief responded that there have been raccoon issues for years. Sometimes live trapping is possible, but some are very hard to catch. The Chief also reported that a letter has been received thanking the Village for the 2008 Chevy Tahoe donated to the Apollo Police Academy.

Fire- Chief Rick Miller reported 45 EMS calls and 6 fire calls for a total of 51 for September, which makes a total of 533 for the year as of October 1, 2017. Unit #444, the new heavy rescue truck is now road worthy. This vehicle replaces two others. He has had interest shown in the old rescue unit but that person must get approval before any action can take place. Chief Miller distributed a letter to the Council showing three planning items for next year and into the future. Included are a new ambulance for EMS services, replacement of backup Engine 441, and estimates to replace the station's apparatus floor and upgrade on the water drainage system.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Resolution #2329 was introduced by the Clerk. It provides for transfer from the General Fund to National Road Paving OPWC Loan Fund, North St./North Place Reconstruction OPWC Loan Fund, Wyandot Street Reconstruction OPWC Loan Fund, Sunrise/West Sugar Street Reconstruction OPWC Loan Fund and to Capital Fund Projects Fund for payment of the balance of the street paving project to Buehler Asphalt; transfers from the Water Fund to Water Tower Construction OWDA Loan Fund and the Water Treatment Improvement OPWC Loan Fund; transfers from Sewer Fund to Sanitary Sewer Rehab OPWC Loan Fund and Waste Water Improvement OWDA Loan Fund.

It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Cook to read Resolution #2329 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2329 - A Resolution to approve the necessary transfer of funds for the Village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency for the year 2017**, was read by title only by Mayor Walls. It was moved by McDonald, seconded by Bailey to accept Resolution #2329 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Cook to read Resolution #2330 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2330 - 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. There was a question from Eric West asking about the addition of \$2,315 to the Clerk-Treasurer Personnel Benefits. The Clerk responded that she could not give him an exact reason, but that an insurance premium may have been higher than anticipated at the beginning of the year, but that this amount was needed to cover the rest of the year for the line item. It was moved by Bailey, seconded by McDonald to accept Resolution #2330 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0.

Council were asked if they had found any items in the 2017 pay ordinance that needed changed for the 2018 ordinance. The only comment was that last month's change regarding page 3 for part time officers would be incorporated in the 2018 ordinance showing the starting pay range at \$12.00-\$13.00 at the discretion of the Police Chief, based upon experience. It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to read Ordinance #2018 by title only for the first of three readings. Motion passed 5-0. **ORDINANCE #2018 - 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 2017 and declaring an emergency**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only for the first of three readings. It was moved by West, seconded by McDonald to accept Ordinance #2018 as read by title only for the first of three readings. Motion passed 5-0.

Police Chief Drake introduced Derek Dennis, who is employed in New Bremen, to be hired as a part time office for the Village of Cridersville. It was moved by Cook, seconded by West to approve hiring Derek Dennis as a part time police officer for the Village of Cridersville. Motion passed 5-0.

Solicitor Angela Elliott advised Council that the State of Ohio has once again asked for a change in wording for the Village Income Tax legislation in order for the Village to lawfully collect or have the tax collected. Many municipalities have expressed concern that the State of Ohio does not have the legal right to tell them how to collect their taxes. This year the State also has given businesses the option of sending their municipal income taxes into the State of Ohio for distribution to the taxing municipalities. At this time there is no Village business which is doing this. There would be no way to know accurate figures submitted if this was done. There is a class action suit being prepared against the State of Ohio and the Village can join the suit and make a contribution based on our size community. Angela will check exactly what that cost would be. Council can decide soon as there has been no deadline given to join the suit.

Stacey Cook reminded everyone the Halloween Parade will be October 23rd and if anyone wants to participate in the parade the participants will line up before 5:00 p.m. Addition funds were received so there will be more categories for the costume contest after the parade. Trick or Treat will be October 26. The Historical Society will have their Quarter Auction on November 4 at the Fire House. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 7 p.m. They hope for a good turn out as it has been their biggest fundraiser, but they have learned there will be a new event in Wapakoneta for the United Way. The Historical Society's meeting will be held November 6 at the Fire House and Chief Rick Miller will be speaking. Christmas-On-Main-Street will be December 9th. The next newsletter should be out soon.

The Village Administrator updated on the gas line replacement project which should be completed by December 15, 2017 with restoration done in the spring. Leaf pickup will be done from November 1-December 1. Leaves must be bagged and put by the curb and not be heavier than two men can lift. The fire hydrant flushing will be done on October 27-28. The flushing is done at night so the water can settle down by morning.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by McDonald to adjourn the October 9, 2017, regular Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

Rick Walls, Mayor