

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 9, 2018**

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

Present-- Mayor Rick Walls; Council: Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Eric West, Frank Oen, and Paul Lynch. Solicitor Angela Elliot, Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Police Chief John Drake and Fire Chief Rick Miller were also in attendance. Stacey Cook was not in attendance. She notified the Clerk at the June meeting that she would be on vacation at the time of this meeting.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Thompson to excuse Councilwoman Stacey Cook's absence. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2018 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 5-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** No meeting.

**Utilities & Surface Water:** No report.

**Planning:** No report.

**Finance:** Our second quarter income tax statement has been received. Through the month of June 2018, the Village has collected \$244,074, compared to \$231,577 this time last year.

**Park:** The dugouts have been installed at Tower Park on diamond 3. The new player benches were purchased through the Wapakoneta Eagles grant and the dugouts were a shared project between the Village and the Cridersville Athletic Association. The dugouts will need the roof installed. The project will be completed this year. The Village did purchase a tank sprayer for our tractor, which we have been using for weed control.

**Streets:** The red diamond shaped dead-end reflectors have been installed at the end of E. High Street along the railroad tracks.

**Properties:** No report.

**Safety:**

**Fire-** Fire Chief Rick Miller distributed the June report. There were 47 EMS calls and 5 fire calls during June. As of July 1, 2018, there have been a total of 345 calls for the year. The preparations for the Firemen's Jamboree July 13 and 14, 2018, are progressing. Donations of pies and cakes should be taken to the fire house on Friday afternoon after 3 p.m. or Saturday morning before 10 a.m.

**Police-** Police Chief John Drake reported 218 calls for service during June. He reminded residents to not leave mown grass on the street; they must clean it up. If left in the street, it will clog the storm sewer drains. He has some citations which are ready to deliver as soon as he can locate the property owners. Councilman Oen asked about the grass violation at the property on the other side of I-75. Chief Drake explained that he has a citation ready to deliver as soon as he can locate the owners. He has repeatedly called them and has not received a call back, but he will continue his efforts to reach them.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to pay the necessary bills for the month of July 2018. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution #2347 to amend appropriations was presented by Mayor Walls. The Clerk explained that two line items under the General Fund-Police Department, were reduced by \$2,790 and moved to three other line items needing additional appropriations. A total of \$8,584 was appropriated for Supplies and Materials for the Wapak Area Community Foundation Fund. It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to read Resolution #2347 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. **RESOLUTION #2347 – A Resolution to amend Resolution #2334, making permanent 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 Thompson, seconded by West to accept Resolution #2347 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 5-0. This amendment brings the 2018 total Permanent Appropriations to \$2,362,513.54.

The following residents had questions for Council and the Village Administrator.

Rick Allen, 304 W. Main Street stated that the always present water running down the street is getting a nasty smell. Several years ago the sump pump from the one residence was checked and it was in compliance. The Village Administrator will check it again to see what the difference is now.

Dennis Maier, 214 S. Dixie Highway was concerned that the property on the other side of I-75 needs mowed and wondered if the owners would have to pay an additional fine since it has taken Chief Drake a long time to contact them. The Mayor and Chief Drake advised that everything is done to work with residents and property owners to get violations taken care of. Mr. Maier also asked if any further information is available concerning the proposed use of that property. Mayor Walls advised that the last he heard, the property was to be used for the original purpose. Mr. Maier thanked Jarid Kohlrieser for seeing that the sewer across from his residence was cleaned out and asked when it might be possible to have a new outlet. The Village Administrator explained that it is a project that will have to wait for available funds and also permission from the State of Ohio to run a new outlet onto the State right-away.

The owners of the property at 309 W. High Street came to ask Council if there was anything that can be done so they can legally keep the stone they put down between the street and the sidewalk in front of their house. Since it has been down the water doesn't lay there anymore. They noticed other properties along the street have stone also and thought it was okay for them to put it there. It always provides more parking space. The Village Administrator had advised them and clarified to Council that according the Zoning Law in place since the 1990's, it is illegal to put stone down between the street and sidewalk.

**A Street Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss this issue.**

Fire Chief Rick Miller notified the public that the new Ohio EPA burning laws are being rigidly enforced. The person in charge of the program is monitoring social media regarding postings of nuisance fires - trash being burnt, or smoke causing problems, etc. Fires must consist of regularly cut wood. The regulations can be found on the Village website under the Fire Department. The EPA person can impose large fines. The area fire departments have all agreed to immediately respond to a complaint by putting the fire out. If they do not respond, they can be fined by the EPA.

It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey, to adjourn the July 9, 2018, regular Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

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Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

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Rick Walls, Mayor