

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 13, 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, Paul Lynch and Stacey Cook. Solicitor Angela Elliot, Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, and Fire Chief Rick Miller were also in attendance. Stacey Cook was not in attendance.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Thompson to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2018 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 6-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Utilities & Surface Water:** We had to replace two lift pump floats at our wastewater plant. Had an electrician check one of our recirculation pumps and found it needed to be replaced. We have ordered the pump which costs \$13,412. Our crews also installed the new Muffin Monster at the wastewater plant. Our crews repaired a water leak on E. High Street behind Legacy Park. The Northwest Sanitary Sewer Project has started with Culy Contracting cleaning the sewer lines and using their camera in the lines. They only found three spots that need to be dug and repaired before the lining of those lines can be completed.

**Planning:** A citation was issued to a resident that did not comply with a zoning code violation. The citation has been paid and the violation has been resolved.

**Finance:** A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the 2019 pay package so it can be presented and voted on in October, November and December. They will review budget figures for the remainder of 2018 and discuss the 2019 budget.

**Park:** No report.

**Streets:** Crews have cut down a total of 9 Main Street trees with 2 more yet to be cut down. Speiles Nursery came in to look at the trees. None of the trees appeared to have been poisoned or diseased. Speiles didn't have a reason for so many dying but said they would help us replace them in the fall.

**Properties:** The sidewalk and storm tile project for 120 E. High has been completed with a total project cost of \$4,032, with the residents share being \$1,152, which was agreed upon by the Village. Received a quote of \$8,600 from Five Star Roofing to repair our wastewater plant roof. An estimated received last month was for \$24,000. Five Star Roofing also gave a quote of \$9,705 for our water plant roof. These repairs are due to water leaks. With these savings, the Village Administrator will have the work done on both before winter.

**Safety:**

**Police-** Mayor Walls reported a total of 219 calls for service from July 1-31, 2018.

**Fire-** Fire Chief Rick Miller distributed the June report. There were 42 EMS calls and 5 fire calls during July. As of August 1, 2018, there have been a total of 392 calls for the year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Village Administrator reported that the water issue on W. Main was investigated and all the hookups are illegal. His property just happens to sit in a very wet area of the Village. At the Street Committee meeting July 19, the residents came to ask if they could keep the stone in place that they had added between the sidewalk and street. They were informed that this is not allowed. Once the stone is removed, the Village will check the drainage and storm tiles.

The Village Administrator requested that Council consider raising the starting pay for a part-time Maintenance from the current \$9.00/hour to \$11.00/hour. He has been trying to fill this vacant position for approximately two years. The position is for an average of 32 hours a week, with 40 hours in the summer. The focus of the position is maintenance

and ground maintenance. It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to amend the 2018 pay package to show the part-time maintenance position starting pay at \$11.00/hour, and to increase the full-time position to \$12.00/hour. Motion passed 6-0.

The Village Administrator asked about the status of the letters to be sent to property owners along Tower Park, regarding them not driving in the park. Cook reported that the letters will soon be ready to mail.

Oen asked about the property across I-75 and the mowing. Mayor Walls stated the issue would not be addressed at this time.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to pay the necessary bills for the month of August 2018. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution #2348 to amend 2018 Permanent Appropriations was presented by the Clerk, who explained that the Municipal Permissive amount of \$27,725.82 has been received from Auglaize County to be used for repair and maintenance of streets; the Capital Outlay item had been over-estimated and is being reduced by \$8,000. The General Fund has one basic adjustment which will not change the total for the fund. There was \$15,000 to be added for the sewer pump. These amendments would make the total 2018 Permanent Appropriations \$2,397,339.36. It was moved by Cook, seconded by West to read Resolution #2348 to title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

**RESOLUTION #2348 – 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 Bailey, seconded by Cook to accept Resolution #2348 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution #2349 was explained by the Village Administrator concerning repairing and/or construction of sidewalks. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Cook to read Resolution #2349 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed: Bailey-abstained, Thompson-yes, West-yes, Oen-yes, Lynch-yes, Cook-yes. **RESOLUTION #2349 – A Resolution declaring the necessity of repairing and/or construction of sidewalks in the Village of Cridersville, Ohio and declaring an emergency**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to accept Resolution #2349 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed: Bailey-abstained, Thompson-yes, West-yes, Oen-yes, Lynch-yes, Cook-yes.

Resident Steve Burtchin asked the Village to look at the two metal pipes extending out of the sidewalk in front of the parking lot. Cook informed him that the pipes are to hold the bench in place. For years residents have been moving the bench and it gets moved back. Now someone has also moved the one planter. He also hopes that when sidewalks are replaced they will be level with surrounding sidewalks and sloped so pooling of water doesn't occur. He was told that the specifications are listed before the work is started.

Resolution #2350 was introduced. Fire Chief Miller explained that it had been brought to his attention by the Cincinnati Fire Chief of some dissatisfaction by the handling of donated fire equipment through the New Jersey Rotary Club. Since the donated vehicle has not been picked up yet, it is Chief Miller's recommendation that Resolution #2343 be repealed and replaced by Resolution #2351. It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Bailey to read Resolution #2350 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2350 – A Resolution by the Council of the Village of Cridersville, Auglaize County, Ohio to repeal Resolution #2343 and declaring an emergency**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to accept Resolution #2350 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Lynch, seconded by West to read Resolution #2351 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2351 – A Resolution pursuant to ORC 721.15 (C) declaring the Village of Cridersville's 1994 International Ambulance/Cascade Truck obsolete and donating the same; and declaring an emergency**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by West to accept Resolution #2351 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

The Village Administrator informed Council that the property owners at 120 E. High Street have requested that their portion of the amount for repairs to the sidewalk be placed on their taxes. It was moved by West, seconded by Cook to have the amount owed by the property owners at 120 E. High for sidewalk repair assessed on their property taxes. Motion passed 6-0.

The Clerk explained Resolution #2352. It was moved by Cook, seconded by Bailey to read Resolution #2352 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION – Resolution #2352 – Be it resolved that the 2019 alternate plan of distribution of Local Government 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/rejected, and declaring an emergency,** was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Thompson to accept Resolution #2352 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. The Village of Cridersville's portion is 0.046125, estimated at \$71,496.20.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Lynch to read Resolution #2353 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2353 – 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 Bailey to accept Resolution #2353 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Cook reported to Council that the school will be holding a leaders' breakfast this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to bring leaders throughout the community together and see how they can support each other. She is attending for the Lion's Club, the Garden Club and the Village. If anyone else from Council would like to attend, please let her know. On September 8: Garden Club's mum and scarecrow sale, and the Lion's Club annual blood draw for the community from 7-9 a.m. at the school; The Historical Society's Bean Supper-September 20 from 4-7 p.m. at the log cabin on W. Main Street.

Tony Zuppardo, 400 W. High Street, expressed his feeling that no one should be cited for not mowing until the issue across I-75 has been resolved. The Solicitor explained that the main problem is citations must be delivered in person.

Chris Spannati, 306 E. High Street, complained there are weeds as tall as the garage at 307 E. High Street. It is uninhabited. The Mayor said that the Village can request a building inspection from the County.

Jim Davidson, 309 E. High Street, also complained about the property at 307 E. High Street.

Larry Drain, 218 E. High Street, is concerned as a resident with the homes sitting empty in the Village. As the Zoning Inspector he provides lists to the Police Department of violations. There have been a number of letters sent this year and he estimates 90% of the violations were addressed. A list of addresses of properties needing attention will be given to the Mayor. The Village will review and determine how to proceed to take legal actions. It does take time for these to be processed.

It was moved by West, seconded by Lynch for Council to go into Executive Session to discuss the following three items: personnel matter with possible action to be taken afterward, purchase of property with no action to be taken afterward, and to have a conference with our Solicitor to discuss possible court action with no action to be taken afterward. The Village Administrator, Solicitor and Mayor were asked to attend. Motion passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The stated items were discussed. It is moved by West, seconded by Cook to go back into Regular Session. Motion passed 6-0.

West wanted the following statement to be included in the Council minutes: In Executive Session, Council gave a recommendation to the Village Administrator on how to proceed concerning the personnel matter.

It was moved by Thompson, seconded by West, to adjourn the August 13, 2018, regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.