

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting– September 10, 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, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Susan Bassitt, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, and Fire Chief Rick Miller were also in attendance.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** No report

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Needed repairs were made to the sanitary sewer lines so crews can continue work next week on the Northwest Sanitary Sewer Project. Our crew dug and replaced broken shut off valves on Briarwood and Onalee. Also our crews have started working on the storm tile project in front of 309 W. High, which should be completed within the next week or so.

**Planning :** No report

**Finance:** A meeting was held September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Eric West presented council with minutes from that meeting in which he described concerns regarding the gradual decrease in the General Fund over the past several years. Replacing the existing 2ml levy would only increase it's current revenue collection of \$43,000.000 by \$3,000.00. So, he advises council that after lengthy discussion, the first priority will be to ask the Village Administrator and Police Chief to trim their respective budgets for 2019. The 2019 Pay Ordinance was reviewed with the only recommended change to the base starting rate for licensed water and waste water operations personnel. It is recommended that each class operator licensed position be increased by \$1.00 per hour, making the starting wage for an employee with a Class 1 Water license \$13.12 through an employee with a Class 1 Water and a Class 3 Wastewater license at \$15.37. The increase was recommended following council's approval of an increase for the starting rate for non-licensed employees being raised to \$11.00 for part time and \$12.00 for full time positions .

**Park:** Buehler Paving has completed the reconstruction and paving of the Legacy Park basketball court. The project was partially funded by an ODNR Nature Works grant. New poles, striping and fencing is yet to be completed.

**Streets:** Buehler Paving has also completed the patch repair work throughout the village and our village crew has been installing new street signs we received with grant money through the township. Sidewalk repair letters have been mailed to residents and they need to take action by September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. If they don't, the village will make the needed repairs and assess the expense to the property owner's taxes.

**Properties:** Five Star Roofing has made the necessary repairs and recoated the roofs of both the Water plant and the Sewer plant buildings.

**Safety:** There was no officer in attendance, no report was submitted.

**Fire:** Fire Chief Rick Miller distributed the August report. There were a total of 66 fire calls during August. As of September 1, 2018, there have been a total of 458 calls for the year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Resolution #2354 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 presented by Mayor Walls, who explained that the addition to the appropriations is \$7,000.00 being added to "Maintenance of facility" for part of the cost of the recent roof repair on the sewer plant building. This amendment would make the total 2018 Permanent Appropriations \$2,404,339.36. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by West to read Resolution #2354 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. The Mayor read the resolution, by title only. Motion was made to accept the resolution by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

**Ordinance #1683 establishing certain rates of pay, health and hospitalization insurance, sick leave, paid holidays and vacation for all non-elected village employees for the year 2019** was introduced by Mayor Walls who turned the floor over to Eric West. He reiterated the changes discussed earlier this evening during his Finance Committee report in regard to the increases to the licensed positions in the water and waste water departments. Mayor Walls then asked for a motion to read **Ordinance #1683** for the first of three readings by title only. Motion made by Lynch and seconded by Bailey. Mayor Walls read the ordinance by title only. Motion passed 6-0. Motion to accept Ordinance #1683 as read, and for the first reading was made by Oen, seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls asked council members if they had anything else.

Stacey Cook stated the Cridersville Historical Society's Annual Bean Supper is September 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 until 7:00 at the Daniel Bowsher Log Cabin on East Main St. Adult dinners are \$8.00. Stacey also thanked the public for coming out in the rain on September 8<sup>th</sup>, making the Garden Clubs Mum and Scarecrow sale a success. Stacey announced some funds from that event will pay half the cost of replacing one of the broken swings at Legacy Park.

Dorance Thompson thanked the community for their turn out to the Lion's Club Blood Clinic on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the clinic event is the biggest fundraiser for the Lion's Club.

Jarid Kohlrieser asked that a Special Council Meeting be scheduled next week to discuss participating in a Ohio Public Works Commission program that could help finance sewer improvements in the east half of town. Meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 17, 2018 at 8:00p.m. at the Village Hall.

Mayor Walls opened the floor to the residents in attendance.

Jim Davidson of 309 E. High St. repeated concerns about the condition of the property nextdoor to him at 307 E. High St. He states the house is abandoned and in extreme disrepair and over grown with weeds and grass. Jarid Kohlrieser explained that the owner is incapacitated in a nursing home and attempts to contact any relatives have failed. He will continue to try to get a response from the property owner's family. Meanwhile, the village will cut the grass and weeds, but the Village will not be taking ownership of the property at this time.

Melissa Luthman from the library expressed her gratitude to Jarid Kohlrieser for his assistance last week when the library experienced some water issues from the storms.

Larry Drain, the Village Code Enforcement Officer asked if the barn on Waverly St. had been torn down yet. Jarid stated it is in the process. Larry also asked about the house on Sugar St. behind the Village Hall. He did not state the address or specify the exact problem. Mayor Walls stated that he has discussed it with the acting Police Chief, Bryan Creech and that he is currently working to resolve the issue.

Mayor Walls asked if anyone had anything else, no one had any or questions or concerns. Motion to adjourn was made by Cook, seconded by West.

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Susan Bassitt, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

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Rick Walls, Mayor