

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – March 11, 2019

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present—Mayor Rick Walls, Council members: Joe Bailey, Eric West, Frank Oen, Rick Allen and Stacey Cook. Also present: Solicitor Angela Elliot, Financial Officer Susan Bassitt, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Police Chief John Drake and Fire Chief Rick Miller. Dorance Thompson was absent. Motion to excuse Dorance was made by Bailey and seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by Allen to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2019 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No Report.

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported that the estimate for the return pump that needs replaced at the wastewater plant is roughly \$11,000.00. Jarid is going to order two of them as a second one is starting to go out. A spare motor was ordered for one of the lift pumps at the wastewater plant as well. Village crews repaired a water leak on Water St. and dug a sink hole area on Marcella.

Planning: No report.

Finance: Eric West said the annual Tax Assistance Day is April 6th from 9am – 11am at the Village Hall. The St. Mary's Tax Department will have two representatives available to help Cridersville residents file 2018 local income tax returns.

Park: No Report

Streets: Mayor Walls reported the Village crews have filled many potholes throughout the Village and will assess those areas this spring to see which areas may need permanent patching later in the year.

Properties: Frank Oen reported there were some minor damages due to the wind storm on February 24th. Shingles were blown off the Village Hall/Library building, the windscreen on the fence in Tower Park was destroyed and two trees were lost in the park. Those items have been taken care of or will be replaced and the roof will be permanently repaired when the weather warms up.

Safety: Fire Chief Rick Miller gave his report to council. He said there were 42 EMS calls and 7 Fire calls for a total of 49 calls in February. The Fire Department will hold a Pancake Breakfast on April 6, 2019 from 7:00a.m. until 12:00p.m. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of equipment for the department.

Sergeant Paul Robbins gave the report for the Police Department. There were 140 calls and one arrest in February. There was \$2,355.00 collected into Mayor's Court. Chief Drake added that he has been researching information on tree ordinances and other ordinances concerning properties. The Triskele buildings located east of I-75 have been demolished and the property has been cleaned up. A couple other properties have been served violation letters and have until later this month to comply. He requested a meeting be set with the Safety and Finance Committees to start reviewing the village ordinances. Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th at 1:30p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance #1684 implementing sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, establishing and describing the boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area in the Village of Cridersville, designation of a Housing Officer to Administer the program and creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and Tax Incentive Review Council was introduced by the Mayor. A Motion to read the resolution by title was made by Bailey, seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept the resolution as read for it's second reading was made by Cook, seconded by West, Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution # 2366 Authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into a contract with Duchouquet Township for FIRE and EMS Services was introduced by the Mayor. A Motion to read the resolution by title only and declaring an emergency was made by West, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declare an emergency was made by West, seconded by Oen, Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution #2367 Authorizing the Village Administrator to place bids for the sale of village property and declaring an emergency was introduced by the Mayor. The Village Solicitor read the resolution for the sale of a 1989 AM General M 998 Utility Truck (Humvee) and two (2) one and a half ton covered trailers pursuant to 721.25 of the Ohio Revised Code to the highest and best bidders. All items are being sold AS IS. Sealed bids can be sent to the Village Administrator c/o the Village of Cridersville at 110 W. Main St. Cridersville, Ohio 45806. Bid opening will be March 25, 2019 at 12:00p.m.

Resolution #2368 requesting the Auditor certify the tax levy valuations and revenue renewal levy and declaring and emergency was introduced by the Mayor. Motion to read by title only and declare an emergency was made by West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Walls read the resolution by title, and stated the legislation is the first step necessary to put the Village's 2 mill levy on the November 2019 ballot. Motion to accept the resolution was made by Bailey, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution #2369 requesting the Auglaize County Auditor to certify to the Village of Cridersville the current tax valuation of the Village and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal 2 mill Fire Tax levy and declaring and emergency was introduced by the Mayor. Motion to read the resolution by title only was made by West, seconded by Allen. Motion passes 5-0. Mayor Walls read the resolution by title, and stated the legislation is the first step necessary to put the Fire Department's 2 mill levy on the November 2019 ballot. Motion to accept the resolution was made by West, seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0.

Larry Drain, the Village's code enforcement officer stated he met with Paul Eisert of Wapak. He obtained copies of their codes. He said they do things differently. He is concerned about landlord's not taking care of their properties. He told council they should come ride around town with him to see just how run down things are from a different perspective. These issues are the purpose of the Safety/Finance meeting on the 19th.

Council member Rick Allen directed a question to Larry Drain, John Drake and Angela Elliott. He stated that around his house at 304 W. Main St., people are putting up plywood on their windows and wanted to know if there was anything in the ordinances that could be done about it. He said it is killing his property values. He said it has cost him \$20,000.00 in property value because of his neighbors. He said it isn't just around his house, but there are a lot around his house. Chief Drake said there isn't anything in the ordinance's against it. Rick wants council to get something done about it. Issues such as these are the purpose of the Safety/Finance meeting on the 19th.

Jarid Kohlrieser announced the Neil Armstrong Astronomy Club will be holding a star gazing event at Tower Park on April 6, 2019 t 8:30p.m. Any questions should be directed to Brittany at the Armstrong museum in Wapak.

Stacey Cook reminded residents of the Cridersville Lion's Club Spaghetti Dinner, March 14th for 4:30-6:30p.m. and the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th at 10:30a.m. at the United Methodist Church on Shawnee Rd.

Eric West made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter with no decision to be made. Motion was seconded by Bailey, motion passed 5-0.

Motion was made to enter back into regular session by West, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn was made by West and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0.

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor