

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting –April 08, 2019

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No Report.

Utilities & Surface Water: Mayor Walls reported that our crews had to dig up the parking lot behind the library in order to find the water shut off for the building due to a water leak we had in the basement of the library of March 16th. Armor Fire Protection came in and repaired that line and the village will patch the parking lot later this year. Data-Command was in and upgraded the water plant SCADA system.

Planning: No report.

Finance: Eric West said the annual Tax Assistance Day was last Saturday and 30 residents came in to get assistance filing their municipal income tax. Also, the first quarter 2019 income tax statement was received showing tax collection is down 4% from the first quarter of last year.

Park: No Report

Streets: Dorance Thompson reported that traffic counters were installed throughout the village today. They were ordered by ODOT for their records and will be removed on Thursday.

Properties: Frank Oen reported there might be an opportunity for the village to apply for funds through the county's CDBG program for "Slums and Blight" to possibly try to demo the property of 307 E. High St. There would be matching funds required from the village if awarded based on the amount applied for. The estimate is forthcoming. And on March 25th, the bids were opened for the auctions of the military Hummer and two trailers which all together brought in \$4,628.00 to the police department.

Safety: Fire Chief Rick Miller gave his report to council. He said there were 40 EMS calls and 45 Fire calls for a total of 49 calls in March. Year to date there have been 157 calls. He said there was a structure fire 207 N. Waverly, the house is deemed unsafe and the insurance company's determination on the property is pending.

Sergeant Paul Robbins gave the report for the Police Department. There were 134 calls in March. There was \$1,700.00 collected into Mayor's Court. He stated the property at 307 E. High St. has a \$31,126.76 lien on it by Medicaid. He has been in touch with the lawyer of the estate of the Elizabeth St. property that had a fire last year. It is their intent to clean up the property and they have contracted to have to yard mowed weekly. They will decide if and what repairs will be done prior to putting it up for sale. He will keep council updated as he receives additional information.

Mayor Walls announced that John Drake retired the end of March. The chief's position was posted within the Police Department as required by the Village's Policy and Procedure Manual. There were two applications submitted, one

from Matt Brushaber and the other from Paul Robbins, both of which the Mayor interviewed. The Mayor asked council for a motion to appoint Paul Robbins to the position of Police Chief of the Village of Cridersville effective immediately. Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by West. Motion passed 4-1. Frank Oen voted no. He said he did not like the way the whole thing went down.

Eric West stated that there was a Safety/Finance meeting on March 19th. Specifically addressed were five topics. First of all was 307 E. High St. Today was the deadline for the property to address the issues inside and outside of the house and clean up the entire property. The news gathered thus far is that the Mother whom lived there is deceased and she has two daughters. It is unclear who is in charge of the property. It needs torn down, the bottom floor is flooded, water can be seen from the window in the door. There are animals coming and going and the gathering debris and it is spreading to the adjoining property. The Village will contact various agencies to see if any help can be found.

Eric said there will be a new ordinance before council tonight for grass and weed cutting and blowing grass in the street. The Village will be increasing the charge to mow.

It was agreed by the safety meeting that a new system will be put in place to notify property owners of code violations. They will tag the door first, with follow up with letters as needed. This process will be quicker and less expensive.

It was also agreed by the safety committee to bring to council tonight a new ordinance regarding abandoned or unmovable vehicles, as well as an amended ordinance regarding trash and rubbish.

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 West, seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept the resolution as read for its third and final reading was made by West, seconded by Allen, Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2370 DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND SAID LEVY BEING A RENEWAL LEVY FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES AND RELATED SERVICES was introduced by the Mayor. A motion to read the resolution by title only for its first reading was made by Cook, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept resolution for the first reading was made by West, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION #2371 DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND SAID LEVY BEING A RENEWAL LEVY FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RELATED SERVICES was introduced by the Mayor. A motion to read the resolution by title only for its first reading was made by Cook, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept resolution for the first reading was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION #2372 TO AMEND RESOLUTION #2361, MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 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 resolution was made by West, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION #2373 ADOPTING THE AUGLAIZE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was introduced by the Mayor. A motion to read the resolution by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept resolution was made by West, seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE #1685 APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2019 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CRIDERSVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was introduced by the Mayor. A motion to read the resolution by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept resolution was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE #1686 REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF UNLICENSED OR INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was introduced by the Mayor. A motion to read the resolution by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept resolution was made by West, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE #1687 AMENDING AND REPLACING VILLAGE ORDINANCE 174.20 ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES; REMOVAL OF TRASH AND RUBBISH AND ESTABLISHING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND FINES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was introduced to the Mayor. A motion to read the resolution by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept resolution was made by West, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE #1688 AMENDING AND REPLACING VILLAGE ORDINANCE 174.50 CUTTING/TRIMMING REQUIRED AND ESTABLISHING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND FINES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was introduced by the Mayor. A motion to read the resolution by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept resolution was made by Thompson, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls stated he received the annual notice of local establishment's local liquor permits being up for renewal and asked council if anyone has any objections to any renewals. Eric West asked Chief Robbins if there were any problems with any of the places holding permits and he responded that there were virtually no issues in town. No one had any objections.

Dorance Thompson would like to remind residents to remove garage sale signs when their sales are over. He also wants to remind residents not to blow grass into the streets. Mayor Walls added that the grass clogs the storm sewers causing issues when it rains. Angela Elliott added the clippings are also very slippery to motorcyclists.

Frank Oen requested a Property Committee Meeting for the purpose of discussing village property . The meeting was scheduled for April 29, 2019 at 7:00p.m.

Rick Allen asked the Police Chief what can be done about barking dogs. Chief Robbins said to call the police department and they would respond and make contact with the owner.

Stacey Cook asked about what actually happened with John Drake. Did he retire or was he forced to resign. The Mayor said he retired, his last day was March 24, 2019. Angela added he retired before he was forced to resign.

Frank Oen asked what Chief Robbins wage is. Susan Bassitt replied it's \$58,500.00.

Angela Elliott said that an ordinance about the display of house numbers had been mentioned, and asked if that was something council wanted her to write. Fire Chief Rick Miller said it can be a problem with fire or EMS runs. She will bring that to the May meeting.

Jarid announced that the employee he hired in December quit the end of March so he will be advertising to fill that fulltime position. And he requested permission to hire two summer help who would work from mid May through mid September. Council approved.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor