

# VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting –May 13, 2019

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

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

It was moved by Cook, seconded by Allen to accept the minutes of the April 08, 2019 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 5-0.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Committee of the Whole:** Mayor Walls requested a committee meeting, it was scheduled for Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30p.m.

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Joe Bailey reported that our crews had to dig and fix one water shut off as well as one meter pit. They also replaced an impeller on one of the lift station pumps.

**Planning:** Rick Allen reported that the Village Administrator met with the Village Engineer in effort to plan a storm sewer project n the Southwest corner of the Village. One the project details and estimate are received, Jarid will look for possible funding sources. Currently any funding would have come from the Village's General Fund.

**Finance:** No report

**Park:** Stacey Cook reported the Village crews installed the new basketball backboards at Legacy Park and the court was striped as well. The fence will be reinstalled later this month which will complete the project. A new pergola swing was installed. The cost was shared by the Cridersville Garden Club. The "Welcome to Tower Park" fence screen banner was replaced due to severe wind damage. Stacey would like to discuss upcoming projects at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Streets:** Dorance Thompson reported that twp street signs on National Rd. were stolen. One was the "No soliciting without a permit" and the other was the "Landon Hall" wrestling sign. New signs have been ordered and will be placed as soon as they come in.

**Properties:** Frank Oen reported the Jarid Kohlrieser did apply for funds through the county's CDBG program for "Slums and Blight" to demo the property of 307 E. High St. The estimate was \$15,760.00, the Village would need to pay \$3,152.00 of that cost pending its approval.

**Safety:** Fire Chief Rick Miller gave his report to council. He said there were 47 EMS calls and 8 Fire calls for a total of 55 calls in April. Mayor Walls thanked him for a job well done. Rick added that they get negative remarks on Facebook, but the just have to accept it and move on. He said the department received two calls back to back on May 10 about 4:15p.m. while people are just getting off work. They manned one ambulance, the he call on Wapak-Cridersville Road was turned over to the Wapak department due to likely need for paramedic intervention, and the one on Hanson Lane was handled by Cridersville. Someone on face book didn't seem to think it was handled. The Mayor said that he appreciates all they do and feels most of the community feels the same, and it is amazing the amount of runs that are handled by a volunteer department.

Police Chief Paul Robbins gave the report for the Police Department. There were 155 calls in April. There was \$2,120.00 collected into Mayor's Court. Part time officer Gaige Hennon resigned on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. He took a full time position with Allen County Sheriff's office. Chief Robbins stated he now only has three part time officers, two of which have limited scheduling because of their full time jobs, so there has been an increase in overtime this month and it will continue until he has additional officers. This month Lt. Creech had 8 hours, and Plt. Brushaber had 20 hours. Chief Robbins had 24 hours but as he is salaried, his hours don't cost the community anything. Chief Robbins said he is using Ohio Means Jobs and Indeed to promote vacant positions at no cost to the Village. He reported that Cruiser 402 developed a water leak due to a failed sealing around the light bar, United Fire resealed the area and the leak issue was resolved. The same cruiser had a water pump fail, repairs were made by Reineke Ford for \$1,200.00. He did contact Wapak Ford in an attempt to keep business in Auglaize County but they couldn't do the repairs for the same cost or in the same time frame. He also stated he purchased five used lockers for \$100.00. They will be used for officers to secure their equipment and uniforms while not on duty. New lockers would have cost \$950.00. He also upgraded the Police Department lobby sign for \$90.00. The Chief also announced that he has a new Facebook page and invites everyone to explore. Residents can use the messaging application to share concerns with the Chief. Any inflammatory or derogatory commentary will not be permitted and will be blocked. All parties blocked will be given an invitation to meet with the Chief to resolve the issue. He stated "Social media can be a powerful tool to bring about positive interactions; unfortunately it can also have negative effects."

#### **OLD 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 second reading was made by Thompson, seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept resolution for the second reading was made by Thompson, seconded by Bailey. 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 second reading was made by Cook, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept resolution for the second reading was made by Thompson, seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE #1689 REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF GRASS OR OTHER YARD CLIPPINGS FROM THE ROADWAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was introduced by Mayor Walls. Motion to read the ordinance by title only was made by Bailey, seconded by Oen. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the ordinance by title only. This ordinance addresses grass clippings separately from litter in a previous ordinance. Motion to accept the ordinance was made by Bailey, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

**ORDINANCE #1690 , REGARDING THE DISPLAY OF ADDRESS STREET NUMBERS ON BUILDINGS IN THE VILLAGE OF CRIDRESVILLE, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was introduced by Mayor Walls. Motion to read by title only was made by Bailey, Seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the ordinance by title only. After discussion concerning the requirement for the address numbers to be on homes and buildings even if the numbers are displayed elsewhere, such as on mailboxes or lawn decorations, the ordinance was tabled for further discussion at the June 3rd Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion to table it was made by Cook, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

**RESOLUTION #2373, TO APPROVE THE NECESSARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF CRIDRESVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE YEAR 2019 AS FOLLOWS:** was introduced by Mayor Walls. Motion to read by title only was made by Bailey, seconded by Oen. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. This resolution transfers money for the payment of semi-annual debt service obligations for the Village. Motion to accept the resolution was made by Thompson, seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

**RESOLUTION #2374 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 Cook, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept resolution was made by Bailey, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

The Mayor asked council if anyone had anything to come discuss.

Frank Oen complained he has three sink holes in his yard and asked what can be done about it. He said it is an old problem and that when Lorali was mayor, she had dirt put in them but the dirt is going somewhere. The Mayor asked if there was a storm drain nearby, Frank said no. Dorance Thompson said there used to be a large tree in front of Frank's house. Mayor Walls said the problem will be looked into.

Stacey Cook said that Eric West was supposed to bring up the Village's annual donation to the Cridersville Garden Club, but he was absent. The Mayor asked for a motion to give the Garden Club \$500.00 as we have done for a number of years in the past. Motion made by Thompson, seconded by Oen. Motion passes 4-1-0. Cook abstained.

Jarid stated Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:00. It is for Cridersville residents only, proof must be shown such as a water bill or they will be turned away. No tires, paint, yard waste or garbage.

Jarid stated the new owner of the old thrift shop building (200 W. Main St.) would like to have the two parking spaces designated to the thrift shop given to her as well. The signs are on the east side of the building. She would like them to be specific to the address rather than the name of the building. She will be opening a beauty salon in the rear of the building and expects to rent out the front. Jarid said part of the parking area on Gay belongs to the Village and they have in the past given use of the front two spaces to the occupant of that building. Motion to approve the parking signs was made by Cook, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 4-0. Allen voted no. Stacey Cook and Rick Allen would like to know where the property lines are. Susan Bassitt said that information is available on the Auglaize County Auditor's website for anyone to view.

Residents Billy Sergent of 402 W. Main St, Carl Atkins of 406 W. Main Street, Dale Koenig of 310 Shawnee Rd., and Steve Burtchin of 330 Onalee individually addressed council about various flooding issues on their individual properties. After a lengthy discussion, The Mayor said the Village will look into their problems and see if they can do anything to help them. The Mayor said that most everyone in town is currently having water problems due to the heavy rains.

Bob White of 327 W. Main asked council if anyone knew of some kind of lock box available for senior citizens to put on their homes to enable EMS or Police to get into their homes in response to a 911 call. Fire Chief Miller said the Knox Company does make a box for that purpose for \$150.00, only the Fire Dept would have the code to access the key to the person's residence. There are those available like realtors use but he doesn't feel they are very safe. He has paperwork for the Knox Company product at the fire station if anybody is interested.

Dorance Thompson made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter with no action being taken. Motion was Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

After returning to the regular session, a motion to adjourn was made by Cook and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

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Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor