

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting –June 10, 2019

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present—Mayor Rick Walls, Council members: Eric West, 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. Joe Bailey was absent. Motion to excuse Joe Bailey was made by Thompson and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by Thompson to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2019 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: Mayor Walls reviewed minutes from the meeting held June 3rd (see attached)

Utilities & Surface Water: Stacey Cook reported in Joe Bailey's absence that the annual spring fire hydrant flushing has been completed. Village crews dug and fixed broken storm tiles along Dixie Highway and in the alley near S. Gay St. They also repaired a sink hole on Onalee. Woolace electric fixed some electrical issues on some pumps at the wastewater plant.

Planning: Rick Allen reported that the Village Administrator met with the Village Engineer and got estimates on some of the storm sewer projects discussed last month. Estimate for Shawnee Rd storm tile is \$32,000.00. To reinstall swales that were originally in place would be about \$20,000.00. The storm line in the alley behind 406 W. Main St. was estimated at \$12,000 to \$15,000.00. Due to the scope of the southwest corner of town, more engineering and surveys are needed to establish an estimate. The study and survey alone will cost about \$6,200.00. Jarid added the anticipated cost would be from \$500,000.00 up to \$1,000,000.00. The engineers felt the smaller projects may be too small to get grant funding. The Village has \$5,000.00 in the budget for storm sewer repair. The Village will need to explore more funding possibilities.

Finance: No report

Park: Stacey Cook reported that two new park benches have been ordered for Legacy Park. The Historical Society will pay for them with donations for the park.

Streets: Dorance Thompson reported that new signs have been installed on National Rd. replacing those that were stolen a few months ago.

Properties: Frank Oen reported the annual clean up day was May 18th and the Village received roughly 140 cubic yards of discarded materials. Jarid added that he checked with the American Disabilities Act in regards to an automatic door to the Village Hall. There are no regulations stating one is needed. He also said that an asbestos inspection was needed on 307 E. High St. before the grant process for possible demolition could continue. The cost was \$350.00, nothing was found that needs removed before the house could be torn down.

Safety: Joe Schimpf gave the Fire Department's report to council. He said there were 76 runs in May, 53 EMS calls and 23 Fire calls. Total calls for the year are 288.

Mayor Walls read a card from a resident thanking the Fire and Police Departments for putting themselves at risk by driving through town warning residents on their loud speakers that there was an immediate tornado threat and to take cover late in the evening of May 27th. The Mayor commended both departments as well for taking quick action when the power went out and the tornado sirens didn't work. He has obtained estimates for installing generator backed up sirens

for a cost of \$14,000.00. A discussion was had with Troy Anderson, the county EMA director about possible grants. Cook suggested the possibility of joining with other entities in the area to explore funding solutions. The power outage reportedly originated in New Knoxville.

Police Chief Paul Robbins gave the report for the Police Department. There were 177 calls in May. There was \$2,005.00 collected into Mayor's Court. There was a total of 68 hours of paid overtime in May, Lt. Creech had 32 hours, and Plt. Brushaber had 36 hours. Chief Robbins had 30 hours which are included in his salary.

Chief Robbins said that the new tagging system for code enforcement issues has improved communication with the community. All but three property owners have complied. Two of those have been granted extensions, and the third will be cited June 11th if not brought into compliance. Larry Drain will post notices next week on properties that need to display house numbers.

Chief Robbins said he was intrigued by a budget comment during the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 3rd. He provided research results breaking down some area Police Department budgets. He said other communities don't mirror the Village exactly but he included a few close in population and demographics. He said of the seven reported, Cridersville has the lowest median income and the highest poverty level. Jackson Center is similar in population to the Village. They have two full time officers, six part-time and 1 school resource officer and their budget is \$433,970.00. The Village has 3 full time and 4 part-time officers with a budget of \$388,295 at the present time which Chief Robbins is trying to reduce further.

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

ORDINANCE #1690 , REGARDING THE DISPLAY OF ADDRESS STREET NUMBERS ON BUILDINGS IN THE VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE, AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was introduced by Mayor Walls. It was discussed at the Committee of a Whole meeting, council agreed legislation shouldn't be necessary, and that the Police Chief would compose a letter to be given to any residents that don't have visible house numbers explaining the need in the event of an emergency. Motion made by West, seconded by Thompson. Motion was voted down 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2375, TO APPROVE THE NECESSARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE YEAR 2019 AS FOLLOWS: was introduced by Mayor Walls. Motion to read by title only was made by West, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. This resolution transfers money for the payment of salt from the county for 2020. Motion to accept the resolution was made by Cook, seconded by Oen. Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE #1691, WAIVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF VILLAGE CODE SECTION 34.02 ESTABLISHING ALTERNATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, allowing Police Chief Robbins to live within twenty miles of the Village. The ordinance will be read three times. Motion to accept resolution for the first reading was made by West, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

The Mayor asked council if anyone had anything to discuss. They did not. He opened the floor to those in attendance.

Bob White of 327 W. Main St. expressed his gratitude to Fire Chief Miller for taking him to the Fire Station and explaining the lock boxes discussed last month that can be purchased by residents from outside companies that can be put on houses allowing safety services entry in case of an emergency.

Jim Lucas of 325 W. Main St. asked if the Village has a machine to blow out storm sewer lines. Jarid replied he does and it can be used in proper conditions. Mr. Lucas the Village put a drain in behind his home a few years ago and he has had no water issues since. He said the trees in the tree lawn drop a lot of blooms and leaves into the street clogging storm drains, but he does not mind cleaning them out in front of his house.

Steve Burtchin of 330 Onalee asked why his storm drains aren't getting flushed out. He said the Village should clean his up before discussing bigger improvements. It was mentioned that Otterbein and the school lines drain into the retention ponds at Otterbein not into his neighborhood. The Mayor said Mr. Burtchin is on the list and will be taken care of as soon as time permits.

John Drake of 213 W. High St. commended Chief Robbins for his efforts at the Crisis Center Chili Cook Off, raising money for the Center. He commented that one of the Village council members was in attendance and when everyone stood up and clapped for the Police and Fire Departments involved, he didn't stand or clap. And he asked why the same council member is permitted to have a disabled vehicle sitting on his property and nothing is being done about it. He said before the Village complains to other residents, maybe they should check on themselves. Mayor Walls said that problem has been addressed referring to Chief Robbins who said it has been identified and could result in a couple citations.

Residents Billy Sargent of 402 W. Main St. said his flooding issues were discussed earlier and he appreciates it.

Melissa Luthman, the Librarian at the Cridersville Library has started the summer reading program. They have 112 children signed up. There are a number of performers lined up to come. All ages are welcome. Rick Allen said he has about 100 children's books in good condition he would like to donate.

Jarid Kohlrieser stated he has finally filled the vacant full time maintenance position with Hunter Breitigam. He is a 2019 graduate from Apollo, he started May 28th. Jarid started him at \$13.00 per hour rather than \$12.00 because he acquired his CDL the day before he started.

Jarid said that he contacted Miller Masonry to take a look at the Legacy Park Archway to see about completion.

Chief Robbins said a new part time officer, Chris Vanmeter, was sworn in before tonight's council meeting. He is from Shelby County and has about 18 years experience. The Chief also expects former part time officer Gage Hennon to return in July. That would give the department five part time officers. Chief Robbins requested a Safety Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters in his department. Meeting was scheduled for June 18th at 12.30p.m.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor