

# VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting –July 08, 2019

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Present—Mayor Rick Walls, Council members: Joe Bailey, 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 and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

It was moved by West, seconded by Thompson to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2019 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 6-0.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** No Report

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Joe Bailey reported Village crews water jetted storm sewer lines on Thomas and Onalee. They also dug a couple sinkhole areas along W. Sugar St. They cleaned out catch basins throughout the Village removing large quantities of debris. The crews performed routine maintenance on the water plant wet well and degasifier unit. Leary Construction painted the water wet well and made repairs to the concrete. They also washed the exterior of the big water tower which is a covered service through the maintenance contract. A new recirculation pump was installed at the wastewater plant. Woolace Electric was hired to install the wiring for that pump prior to its placement.

**Planning:** Rick Allen reported the Village Administrator has been in contact with the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) to see if there could be funding sources or assistance for storm sewer related projects. Loans and small grant money may be available depending on proof of ability of repayment. He will continue to look into the storm sewer problems as they arise and will look for other funding options for a repair program.

**Finance:** No report

**Park:** Stacey Cook reported that two other brick masons have been contacted regarding the Legacy Park entrance archway. Neither were interested in the work. They are still in need of a mason for the project. Village personnel did mow Delong-Pioneer Park, though it is a nature park, to help control some the overgrowth concerns. The Village will mow it a couple times a year in efforts to alleviate those problems.

**Streets:** Dorance Thompson reported that all the signs received for a grant program through Duchouquet Township have been installed. He has a partial list of signs that need replaced in the Village, he will get that finished and give to Jarid. He asked if some sort of "rough road" signs could be placed at the Main St. train crossing until CSX has completed their work on the tracks. Rick Allen has already been in contact with CSX about the poor condition of the crossing and will contact them about signs.

**Properties:** No Report

**Safety:** Chief Rick Miller gave the Fire Department's report to council. He said there were 58 runs in June, 49 EMS calls and 9 Fire calls. Total calls for the year are 346. The Fire Department has three new fire fighters.

Police Chief Paul Robbins gave the report for the Police Department. There were 135 calls in June. There was \$710.00 collected into Mayor's Court.

Chief Robbins said while evaluating ways to trim the Police Department budget, he decided to keep cruiser 402 until 2021. It has 82,000 miles on it. He had it re-stripped to match cruiser 409, with the addition of the Village seal. The cost was \$523.00.

On Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>, Chief Robbins partnered with area Law Enforcement agencies and the Grand Lake Task Force to serve sixteen indictments. Four subjects from Cridersville were arrested on felony drug charges. More indictments are expected in the near future.

There was a Safety meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> where Chief Robbins asked he be permitted to make part time officer Adam Baker full time at \$14.00 per hour, and promote current full time Officer Brushaber to Sergeant with a raise of \$1.00 per hour. The current part time officers can't cover all the shifts that are needed as they have commitments to other full time jobs. Promoting Brushaber to Sergeant would give the department an additional supervisor should the need arise. Rick Allen expressed major concerns about the cost of a full time officer in that the Village has to pay benefits in addition to wages. Eric West said everyone is concerned about the cost as well. Joe Bailey said it will cut down on overtime hours the other full time officers are now working and that there was a fourth full time officer until the first of this year, the Mayor agreed and said he had talked to Susan (Bassitt) about it. Rick Allen asked Susan what she thought, she said she has major concerns about the finances. Council members continued conversing and agreed the additional coverage was needed. Motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Bailey to permit both requests. Motion passed 6-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**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 second reading was made by West, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Joe Bailey reminded council they should all ride along with Larry Drain. Larry said the tagging system is working much better than sending letters to residents with zoning violations. There are only four residents in noncompliance with some issues.

Resident Karen Burk of 404 Marcella complained that she feels she is being singled out by Larry Drain about her vehicles not being moved. They are parked in her driveway. She stated there are other people in town that vehicles parked on the street that are never moved. There was a twenty minute discussion about various parking issues. Chief Robbins said vehicles are required to be moved once every thirty days to insure they are not disabled.

Resident Shirley Anderson of 400 Sunrise asked why the grass behind her fence along Tower Park was not being cut up to her fence and the weeds not cut. Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser stated all the fences along the park belong to the home owners and by Village Ordinance the property owner is responsible for taking care of two feet on the outside their fence. It was decided the Village will mow as close to the fence as possible but will not remove weeds along the fence. Shirley also said trash from the recycle facility blows up along the fence. Stacey Cook said she knows of a scout troop that may be able to clean the park fence row of trash. Auglaize County Solid Waste is responsible for keeping the facility cleaned up.

A motion to adjourn was made by West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.