

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting –September 09, 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 Kohlriseser, and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by Thompson to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2019 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No Report

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported a new gate opener was installed by Denny's Door Company at the wastewater plant due to the original gate opener being obsolete and in need of parts. Village crews repaired water leaks at 400 W. High and two water leaks at 619 E. Main St.

Planning: Rick Allen reported the committee met August 26th and decided to use the new gas tax for storm sewer improvements, but has since found out that is not an option. Gas tax can only be used for streets. The issue needs discussed further, a meeting will be set at a later date.

Finance: Eric West said the Village income tax report from St. Mary's shows a 5% increase as compared the end of August last year. \$299,276.63 has been collected thus far in 2019. A Finance committee meeting was scheduled for September 24th at 2:00p.m. to clarify some parts of the 2019 pay ordinance before is presented for the first reading for 2020.

Park: Stacey Cook reported that after discussion at the committee meeting on August 26, they decided Delong-Pioneer Park would not be manicured but kept as a natural area. The park has been mowed and Village Crews will keep it cut at a higher height as it relates to natural theme of the park. The trails/walking paths were again sprayed for weeds. Stacey asked for another Park Committee meeting to discuss development of Legacy and Pioneer parks. Meeting was scheduled for September 30th at 7:00p.m.

Streets: Dorance Thompson reported there was an issue and safety concerns regarding trees along Dupler Ave. After Jarid Kohlriseser met with the homeowners and found out where the road right-of-way was, he determined the trees were in the right-of-way and hired a contractor to remove those trees to alleviate the safety concerns. A street committee meeting was scheduled for September 30th at 7:45p.m..

Properties: Meeting scheduled for September 30th AT 6:45p.m. to discuss the Police Chief driving a village vehicle home. (Discussed later in tonight's meeting.)

Safety

Mayor Walls stated Police Chief Robbins was not present because he is in narcotics training in Columbus. He said there were 151 calls in August. There was \$1,700.00 collected into Mayor's Court. There were 51 hours of overtime paid in August. The department did hire a new part time officer named Nick Rayoum, he is a graduate of Wright State Police Academy, he was sworn in on August 29th and has begun his training here.

Chief Rick Miller gave the Fire Department's report to council. He said there were 71 runs in August, 65 EMS calls and 15 Fire calls. Total calls for the year are 493. He said Dorance Thompson purchased a Knox lock box for his mother's residence. Chief Miller recommends residents look into them, they cost under \$200.00. Only the Fire Department can

access them in the event of an emergency. The new ambulance is up and running, it needs some graphics and a radio antenna.

Frank Oen said he has been approached by residents asking why Police Chief Robbins is driving the departments Crown Vic to and from work. He asked why that didn't come before the property committee or why it wasn't brought up when the resolution permitting Chief Robbins to live outside the Village was passed. Mayor Walls said that wasn't necessary, he approved it so the Chief can better respond in case of a Village emergency. The Chief is paying for the gas. Frank asked how we know he is paying for the gas. Susan Bassitt stated she has not received any bills for gas, so the Village is clearly not paying for it. The insurance is paid whether it is sitting here or being driven. Angela Elliott, the Village solicitor said to schedule a Properties Committee meeting to discuss it further. The Meeting was set for September 30th after the Parks meeting.

Eric West said that the Safety Committee met August 26th in response to Frank Oen's complaint at the August Council meeting about the upkeep of the recently annexed property east of I-75. It was agreed by the committee, the Mayor, Fire Chief, and Police Chief that the property only needs mowed by the road, no views are obstructed, it is regarded as farmland and poses no safety hazards to anyone.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing was discussed under old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2378 THE 2020 ALTERNATE PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND REVENUE ASSISTANCE FUNDS, FOR AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO AS PROPOSED BY THE FOR AUGLAIZE COUNTY BUDGET

COMMISSION was introduced by the Mayor. Motion to read by title only was made by Bailey, seconded by West. The resolution, provided by the county shows an itemized report of the distribution of funds by the county to its entities. Motion to accept the resolution as read was made by Bailey and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION #2379 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

was introduced by the Mayor. Motion to read by title only was made by Thompson, seconded by West. The resolution provided by the county show the Village has two levies in place, one for Village and one for the Fire Department, each collecting \$43,387.00. Motion to accept the resolution was made by West, seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION #2380, AMENDING 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, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was introduced by the Mayor. Motion to read by title only and declared an emergency was made by West, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only and declaring an emergency. Susan Bassitt stated this is adding money to the Fire Department budget for additional equipment for the new ambulance. The Motion to accept the resolution was made by West, seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION #2381, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINSTRATOR, Jarid Kohlrieser to prepare and submit an application to participate in the ohio public works commission state capital improvements and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency

was introduced by the Mayor. Motion to read the resolution by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Cook and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0. The resolution gives the Village Administrator permission to apply to OPWC for financial assistance with the purposed E. Main Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement project. Motion to accept the resolution and declaring an emergency was made by Cook, seconded by Oen. Motion passed 6-0.

The Mayor said the Culpepper Circus would like to come back next May. Council agreed all were in favor of their return providing they do not park on the new basketball courts at Legacy Park.

The Mayor opened the floor to those in attendance.

Chuck and Kim Bowers are opening a thrift shop in the front of 200 W. Main St. called Selligan's. Mr. Bowers said he is concerned with the parking situation on the side of the building. They said they are designated with two spots. He has called the Police Department a few times about people parking in those spots. He said the Police told him they could not enforce parking there. Mayor Walls said he will discuss it with Chief Robbins when he gets back in town and will have him call Mr. Bowers.

Stephanie Unrue of the Beauty Unrue Salon located in the back of 200 W. Main was present and said she is having parking issues as well, some problems with the handicapped space and the parking behind her salon. Rick Allen asked how the Village can designate public parking to individual businesses. Ms. Unrue said she just wants to know what is or isn't hers. The Village Solicitor said the Village can place time restrictions on spaces. The Mayor said they will look into it and get back to her.

Resident Tony Zuppardo asked council why they would want to tie the hands of the new police chief on something as petty as driving a car home. He said in all technicality, he is on duty and responsible for the Village twenty-four hours a day. If you look around at other departments, many do take home a car at night. He said that you are talking about an eight minute drive, he is not abusing it, why not leave it alone. He added if the Village can't afford that small amount of gas, there is a real problem.

Rick Allen said there is a radio console sitting at the curb on Carlisle that needs removed.

Stacey Cook said the Bean Supper is on September 26th.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor