

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 12, 2018**

Mayor Rick Walls called the regular Council meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present-- Mayor Rick Walls; Council: Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Eric West, Frank Oen, Paul Lynch and Stacey Cook. Also in attendance were Solicitor Angela Elliot, Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrrieser, Police Chief John Drake and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Thompson to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2018 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 6-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** No meeting to report.

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Joe Bailey reported that Village crews jetted a sanitary sewer line on W. Sugar Street due to heavy deposits that were blocking some of the flow. Leary Construction was called to fix the red light on top of the newer water tower, as it has been out for awhile, and replacing the bulbs twice did not fix it. The repair is covered under our service agreement through them.

**Planning:** Paul Lynch – The variance that was applied for by Top Mark Federal Credit Union was approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals and work is currently underway. The Triskele gun club project is still moving along with plans to be resubmitted to Miami County soon.

**Finance:** Eric West - No Report

**Park:** Stacey Cook – No Report

**Streets:** Dorance Thompson - Our crews were able to patch most of the potholes from this winter season with a few smaller ones yet to be repaired.

**Properties:** Frank Oen – No Report

**Safety:**

**Police-** Chief John Drake reported 171 calls for service for February, 1 traffic crash, 16 traffic citations issued into Mayor's Court, with \$2,500.00 collected.

There were two applications received for the Code Enforcement Officer position: one from out of town and one from in town. Chief Drake advised he has decided to hire Larry Drain of Cridersville. He will begin training and should be ready to begin in the next two weeks.

**Fire-** Chief Rick Miller reported 48 EMS runs and 6 Fire runs for February, for a total of 127 responses as of March 1. The grass truck is being finished and will soon be ready for use.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Mayor read the Community Events which were presented at the January meeting but not included in those minutes:

Annual Cridersville Income Tax Assistant Day-April 7, 9-11 a.m.

Garage Sales-May 12, at 9:00 a.m.; the Fire Department will serve food.

Annual Clean-Up Day-May 19, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Firemen's Jamboree-July 13 & 14.

Fall Festival-October 22; and Trick or Treat-October 25, 6-7:30 p.m.

Other events for the community will be Beef & Noodle Dinner at the school-April 26; Blood Drive-September 8, 7-9 a.m.;

Mum Sale-September 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Bean Supper-September 20; Quarter Auction-November 3;

Christmas Tree Lighting-December 3, 6 p.m.; Christmas On Main Street-December 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bailey asked where the Village is at regarding tax abatement legislation. The Solicitor has received information from Auglaize County and is to receive more from them on the issue before preparing the legislation and presenting it to Council for consideration. It could be as soon as next month. The Mayor has a goal of presenting legislation on tax abatement by June. He informed Council that they will need to vote on tax abatement for each separate project as it comes up.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by West, seconded by Thompson to pay the necessary bills for the month of March 2018. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Cook to read Resolution #2339 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2339 – A Resolution authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into a Contract with Duchouquet Township**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by West to accept Resolution #2339 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Discussion: Frank Oen asked about the contract and Chief Miller advised that there were 117 runs made from 4/1/2017-3/6/2018. The amount paid by Duchouquet Township is based on property evaluation, with Cridersville receiving 32.4% for Duchouquet (\$51,160.00), and one-half of Buckland's 5.8% (\$4,579.00). The motion passed 6-0. This contract is for Fire and EMS services.

Mayor Walls advised that the Village has received an application for the Revitalization District. The paperwork will be completed and presented to Council next month. The Solicitor stated that the application information must be printed in the newspaper one time a week for two weeks, and the legislation needs to be passed by Council within 75 days after the information is published in the paper.

Ordinance #1681 was introduced by the Solicitor. The State of Ohio has passed legislation permitting certain types of city income taxes to be collected by the State of Ohio, allowing for a collection fee, and then sending the taxes to municipalities. This legislation serves to change our tax code so that the Village would still be responsible for the collection of the Village of Cridersville Income Tax. It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to read Ordinance #1681 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **ORDINANCE #1681 – To amend the City Income Tax Code to adopt Sections 718.80 through 718.95 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency**, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Thompson to accept Ordinance #1681 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Daniel Allen, 312 Parkview, addressed Council about the possibility of placing stone in the park from the recycling parking lot to the back of his residence so that he can park his new camper on the back of his property. He stated that there is not enough room for him to drive around his house to reach the back of the property, and he had been driving his previous camper through the park. The ground is always damp in that area and he doesn't want to leave ruts in the park. After discussion, the matter was referred to the Parks Committee. **The Parks Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Tower Park Shelter House so members can view the situation and also take a good look at the shelter House.**

Cook reminded everyone of the Spaghetti Dinner this Thursday from 4:30-6:30, and also the Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 at 10:30 a.m. at Cridersville United Methodist Church. On April 2, 2018 the Historical Society will hold their meeting at the Fire Department at 7:00 p.m. The program will center on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fire which destroyed a large portion of Main Street.

Mayor Walls passed around drawings of the Top Mark Credit Union exterior changes. Work is progressing and the Credit Union hopes to be open around the end of June or the first part of July 2018.

The Village Administrator, Jarid Kohlrieser, asked for Council's approval to hire two summer workers from May 28 through the first part of September. These workers will be new employees since no one is returning from last year. Council had no problem with hiring two summer workers.

Chief Drake reminded those present that the annual Blue on Blue Auglaize County Basketball game will be held on March 27 at St. Marys High School. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the game will begin at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Special Olympics.

It was moved by West, seconded by Thompson for Council to go into Executive Session to discuss possible future hiring for the Police Department. In addition to Council, West asked the Mayor, the Solicitor, Police Chief Drake, and the Village Administrator to stay for the Executive Session. There will be no action taken afterward. Motion passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion was held with regard to possible future hiring for the Police Department.

It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to go out of Executive Session. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by Bailey to adjourn the March 12, 2018, regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

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Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

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Rick Walls, Mayor