

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting –November 09, 2020

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic gathering restrictions, the meeting was held at the Village Hall with a limit of ten people in attendance. Others were invited to join by conference call. 1-971-224-6574, code 647559.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council President Eric West, Council Members: Joe Bailey, Stacey Cook, and Dorance Thompson. Also present: Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, , Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller. Solicitor Angela Elliott attended by phone. Rick Allen notified the Mayor he would be a little late. Frank Oen was absent due to pink eye. Motion to excuse Mr. Oen was made by Thompson and seconded by Cook, Motion passed 4-0.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Thompson to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2020 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Rick Allen arrived at 7:45.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report.

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported the Village crews have completed the annual fire hydrant flushing program. Leary Construction waxed the interior of the smaller water tower at a cost of \$9,800.00. Layne Company pulled well #3 and ran a camera in the well for further analysis. The well itself seems to be in good shape. They are looking at the data to see if the pump needs replaced.

Planning: Mayor Walls reported that there was a preconstruction meeting with Crossroads and their contractor in which the Village Administrator was invited to attend regarding the utilities extension. The timeline was to start that construction the end of October or early November. But the project can't commence until the TIF district and developer agreement has been completed. The Village and developer have been working on that issue for several months.

Finance: Eric West reported that the local income tax revenue is down 4% from this time last year. Eric said that comes as little surprise considering the number of people out of work due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Park: Stacey Cook reported that part one of the Tower Park Shelter House has been completed with a bathroom remodel costing \$1,848.00. The revamped storage room will be part two. That will begin in the next couple weeks. New park hour signs have been installed in all the Village parks stating open hours as dusk until dawn.

Streets: Dorance Thompson reported that the Village Administrator met with Spieles Nursery regarding replacement of trees yet this year. The cost will be split with the Nursery and the Village. Some of the trees are covered through their warranty.

Properties: Mayor Walls reminded everyone that leaf pick-up will continue through November 30, 2020. Residents are asked to place bagged leaves along the curb or street edge for daily pick up. There was a properties meeting on October 19, 2020, Frank Oen hasn't turned in minutes and is absent tonight so he will give the report on that meeting at the December council meeting.

Safety: Police Chief Robbins said there were 192 calls in October. There was \$1,135.00 taken into Mayor's Court. As far as overtime for October, Creech had 6.5 hours overtime, Rayoum had 49 hours, Gilstrap had 12 hours and the Chief had 32 hours overtime which he is given in form of comp-time. His total comp-time earned for the year is 244 hours.

Fire Chief Rick Miller said there were sixty-four (64) EMS calls for the month of October and ten (10) Fire calls. They did have some damage to a front line engine which the department repaired at their expense, they didn't ask the Village for any money for the repair.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced **ORDINANCE #1695, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN RATES OF PAY, HEALTH AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE, SICK LEAVE, PAID HOLIDAYS AND VACATION FOR ALL NON-ELECTED VILLAGE EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2021.** A motion to read by title only for the second of three readings was made by West and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Walls read the Ordinance by title only. West stated the only change from last year was in SECTION THREE: LAW ENFORCEMENT defining part time officers as those who work less than thirty (30) hours in a one (1) week period, unless approved in advance by the Mayor. It previously stated up to twenty five (25) hours. **Motion to accept Ordinance #1695 as read for the second of three readings was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced **Resolution #2400, A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING A SUBGRANT OF CARES ACT FUNDS TO THE VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT.** A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Bailey to read by title only. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read Resolution #2340 by title only and explained the Village received \$182,110.54 in Cares Act Funds from Auglaize County. The Village could offer the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department some of the money in the form of a grant. Chief Miller gave council a proposal asking for \$55,440.56 for the purchase of two (2) Lucas 3 automatic CPR devices at a cost of \$40,940.56 and for the installation of a shower facility in the fire department at a cost of \$14,500. After lengthy discussion, Council decided to give them \$20,000.00 to be used towards the expenses outlined in the proposal. The remaining money in the amount of \$162,110.54 is to be used by the Cridersville Police Department for wages and the purchase of radios and body cameras so the officers do not have to share them. Also they will purchase foggers and the chemicals needed to sanitize their offices and vehicles. **A motion to pass Resolution #2340 that authorizes and directs that twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) of the Village CARES act fund be made available for a grant to the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Company. Inc. was made by Allen and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.**

Mayor Walls introduced **Resolution #2401, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION#2384, MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Motion to read the resolution by title only was made by Bailey and seconded by West, motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Bassitt stated the new appropriations of \$182,110.54 are for the CARES Act money to the Police Department and Fire Department and the other changes are in miscellaneous other account line items not affecting the total appropriations. These appropriations do put \$20,000.00 back into Pioneer/Delong Park fund that was previously taken out and put in police wages. **Motion to accept Resolution #2401 as read and declaring an emergency was made by Bailey, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.**

Joe Bailey said he is still working with "Let's Back the Blue" campaign raising money to assist law enforcement agencies in Auglaize County. He has raffle tickets available.

Stacey Cook gave information on some local events:

Lions Club breakfast with Santa will be held on November 28, 2020. It will be a drive thru event from 9:00-11:00 at Westview Church.

The Historical Society will hold the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 7, 2020, all outdoors at the log cabin.

Eric West brought up the fact that the Police Department is in need of future funding. It is going to take community money to keep the department operating. A Safety meeting was scheduled to begin discussions on a levy or tax options to be put before voters in 2021 so money could hopefully start being collected in 2022. The meeting was scheduled for November 18th at noon at the Village Hall.

Jarid Kohlrieser said Wapakoneta Head Start would like to hang a banner announcing enrollment on the fence at Legacy Park. Council agreed to let them hang the banner.

Fire Chief Miller said they will be having a Pancake Breakfast drive thru event on December 12th beginning at 8:00a.m. They will also be having Santa going around town on the fire truck on December 12th. Santa will get off the truck and greet children on the sidewalk and pass out candy canes. Chief Miller also said they have begun their Helping Hands Program. Donations and non perishable food items can be dropped off at the Fire Station or residents can call and someone will pick them up.

Chief Miller thanked the community for their continued support in passing the levy on Election Day.

Resident Austin Hardin of 102 E. Sugar St. joined the meeting on the phone. He asked council what they could do about rain water running off the parking lot of a neighboring church causing his crawl space to flood. Jarid has spoken to Mr. Hardin, his property lays lower than the church. Solicitor Angela Elliott explained that he would need to contact a lawyer because it is a dispute between property owners. Hardin also asked why he can't park his commercial vehicle at his home like some of his neighbors. Jarid Kohlrieser explained the neighbors he is referring to are in a commercial district. Mr. Hardin has a tow truck that is over the allowable weight limit in town, he is in a residential zoned area and commercial vehicles are not permitted. That is why he received a zoning violation letter. Council agreed that the truck is not permissible under the current zoning regulations.

Motion to adjourn was made by West and seconded by Allen. Motion passed 6-0.

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor