

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2016**

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

Present: Mayor Rick Walls; Council members--Joe Bailey, Shirley Anderson, Paul Lynch, Jeremy Stahler and Stacey Cook. West was not present when the roll was called. Also in attendance: Solicitor Angela Elliot, Clerk-Treasurer Candace Stevely, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlriseser, Fire Chief Rick Miller, and Police Chief John Drake.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by Lynch to accept the minutes as written for the Regular September 12, 2016 Council meeting and the September 14, 2016 Special Council meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: West arrived at the meeting as Mayor Walls began his report on the items discussed at the October 3rd meeting.

Parks – Approximately \$10,000 has been spent at Legacy Park this year. The Village will apply for a Natureworks grant in 2017 to reconstruct the basketball court anticipating receipt of the grant in 2018. Plans are to replace baseball benches at Tower Park. Jarid hopes to install new playground equipment at Hinkle Park. Stone is needed at Pioneer-Delong Park and plans are to install two shelter houses at Pioneer-Delong Park, one being close to the parking lots. The cost is estimated at \$10/12,000 each.

Utilities – Plans are to try using a cleaner for water filter maintenance. It is hoped this will extend the life of the filters, not costing nearly as much as replacing filters. There was discussion about smoke testing for sanitary sewers, and how the East Main Street sewer project could be funded.

Village Hall and Gazebo – it is estimated the cost to paint will be \$4,500-\$5,000 in 2017.

Utilities & Surface Water: Bailey – Our crews have installed a storm tile in an alley off of Reichelderfer Road as well as a storm tile around the big water tower in Tower Park. Our new well at the water treatment plant should be installed next week.

Planning: Cook – No report.

Finance: West – We are keeping an eye on the General Fund, as it is down a little, basically due to the loss of income from Inheritance Tax and local government funding is also down. With the rate increases the Water Fund is healthy. However, the Sanitary Sewer Fund has not seen much increase due to the rate increase and there have been a lot of repairs on the infrastructure.

Park: Anderson – The Town Pond Shelter House project has been completed. The footers and i-beams for the Legacy Park archway have been installed. Work days were conducted on September 17th by the Lions Club and September 30th by Lowe's. The groups planted, mulched, and installed the statues in the Memorial Garden. We are waiting for Lowe's to return to stain the pergola swings before putting them back up.

Streets: Stahler - Buehler Asphalt will be conducting some repaving and patch paving work for us towards the end of the month.

Properties: Lynch - We had some electrical issues checked out in the basement of the Village Hall. We found a bad sump pump, and our crews have installed a new pump.

Safety:

Police- Chief Drake reported 189 calls for service in September, and \$1,600 collected in Mayor's Court. The Auglaize County Humane Society is not taking cats again. He has found some places up north that will accept cats, and has taken one so far. The problem on W. Main Street with the dog going through the fence is being addressed slowly. The owner has been told the fence must be reinforced as soon as possible. The progress is being checked daily. Chief Drake requested a Safety Committee meeting. **The Committee will meet Wednesday, October 12 at 8 p.m.** Chief Miller said he will be asking about ongoing questions about the Fire Department operations to clear up any issues.

Fire- Chief Miller reported 70 EMS runs and 3 Fire runs for September, which bring the year-to-date total to 550 as of October 1st. A letter will be passed out to all students at Cridersville Elementary on October 12 for Fire Prevention Week. They are looking for donors to help fund the October 24th Halloween Parade at 5:30 p.m. and the Festival immediately after the parade. People can call the fire station if they want to help out financially or have questions. Local businesses are not helping out with the parade and festival as they have in the past. Donations received are used to give funds to participating bands in the parade, and prizes for the costume contest.

OLD BUSINESS:

Certain work at Legacy Park has to be inspected by the State as the project progresses. It is hoped that the archway can be installed before too long, and the Memorial circular walk started. The statues have been secured by Lowe's; the company has donated between \$4,500-5,000 in the last two years.

The local Boy Scout Leader and Scout Cody Watkins attended the meeting to inform Council that the proposed Dog Park Eagle Scout project will not be done since Cody has missed the time frame for his project. He had difficulty raising all the funds needed. Funds that were donated will be returned. Council thanked Cody for wanting to provide the park for the Village. Council expressed their hope that they will be able to give direction on possible future Eagle Scout projects. They were told that the projects are to be the individual scout's idea, but will try to work closely with the Village in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Cook, seconded by West to pay the necessary bills for the month of October 2016. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Stahler, seconded by Cook to read Ordinance #1672 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **ORDINANCE #1672** – An Ordinance regulating use of sump pumps and discharge of storm water, ground water, and surface water into sanitary sewer system of the Village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency was read by Mayor Walls. Questions were asked from residents about how the ordinance would be enforced and the legality of someone having the authority to enter homes to check for illegal discharge into the sanitary sewer system, even though problems may be found through smoke testing. Police Chief Drake asked how the ordinance would be enforced. The fine would be not less than \$500 for each offense. He advised that those cases would need to go through Municipal Court. Council agreed to table the ordinance until a legal opinion can be issued.

Resolution #2302 was explained by the Clerk. Funds will be moved around inside the General Fund, Sanitary Sewer Fund and the Water Fund, with the exception of an additional \$37,424 needed for the new well. If passed, the amended Permanent Appropriations for 2016 would total \$2,461,061.24. It was moved by Lynch, seconded by Stahler to read Resolution #2302 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2302** – A Resolution to amend Resolution #2291, passed March 14, 2016, making Permanent Appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, and declaring an emergency, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by Stahler, seconded by West to accept Resolution #2302 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

The Clerk explained Resolution #2303. It would transfer funds from the General Fund, Water Fund and Sanitary Sewer Fund in order to make remaining loan payments for 2016. It was moved by Stahler, seconded by Cook to read Resolution #2303 by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0. **RESOLUTION #2303** – A Resolution to approve the necessary transfer of funds for the Village of Cridersville and declaring an emergency for the year 2016, was read by Mayor Walls by title only. It was moved by Stahler, seconded by West to accept Resolution #2303 as read by title only and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

Chief Drake advised that he would like to place an order for a new cruiser through the State of Ohio purchase program by October 31st to get this year's pricing. It will be the 3-year lease option; delivery will be 120-180 days out. He plans to go with a Ford Explorer. It was moved by West, seconded by Stahler to authorize Police Chief John Drake to place an order by October 31st for a new cruiser through the State of Ohio purchase program, with the cost not to exceed \$35,000. Motion passed 6-0.

Council discussed the problem which occurred when one of the independent trash hauler's truck broke down recently. It is now up and running but there is an abundance of trash sitting by the street waiting for pick up. It was agreed that there needs to be better communication from the trash hauling service to clients and the Village. Questions were raised about the Village looking into one contract with one hauler; this has never been done as we do not want to tell residents which hauler they are allowed to use.

Councilman Jeremy Stahler advised Council that he is resigning his Council seat effective tonight, October 10, 2016. He did not present a letter but said that he will provide one for the Village records.

The Solicitor advised that Council has 30 days to fill the vacancy; if it is not filled by November 9th, the Mayor would need to fill the vacancy. The Village Administrator will advertise in the newspaper, Council can talk to residents to help get the word out. People should send their letters of interest to the Village Hall by October 28th.

A Special Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Council will talk with people who have submitted letters of interest and an appointment will be made at the meeting.

Resident Rick Allen of W. Main Street told Council that several years ago he was told he could no longer route his sump pump water into the street so it could go into the storm sewers. He had cut a trench in his sidewalk to route the water. The Village Administrator advised that it is okay to run the sump pump water to the street gutters. It is illegal to run it into the sanitary sewers.

Lynch moved that Council go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter with action to be taken afterward. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Stahler, seconded by West to move out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by West, seconded by Bailey to approve the termination of a police officer, effectively immediately, as was discussed in Executive Session. Motion passed 6-0.

It was moved by Lynch, seconded by West to adjourn the October 10, 2016 regular Council meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

Candace Stevely, Clerk-Treasurer

Rick Walls, Mayor