

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting –December 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: Financial Officer Susan Bassitt, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Solicitor Angela Elliot Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

It was moved by Bailey, seconded by West to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2019 regular Council meeting as written. Motion passed 6-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** Susan Bassitt stated the committee met December 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the budget for 2020. Council reviews reports for 2019. They discussed reducing the police department budget due to the income restraints. The committee gave Susan permission to go ahead and write the 2020 budget.

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Joe Bailey reported the fire hydrant on the corner of Woodridge and Briarwood has been repaired and back in service. One of the return pumps at the wastewater plant had to be taken out of service and transported to Cincinnati for a seal that was leaking which was covered under the warranty. They also dug and replaced a water service at 20 Amy Ave.

**Planning:** No report

**Finance:** Eric West stated the Village Administrator renewed a contract with IGS Energy for a 39 month term for savings on the electricity usage by locking in a lower rate through the term. The current contract expires in the next few months which would result in increased rates. The new contract should save the Village about \$3,777.00 a year for a total of \$12,351.31 over the term of the contract.

**Park:** Stacey Cook reported the mason for the Legacy Park entrance gateway has been contacted again and he replied that he will be sending an estimate and he will be in touch with the Village Administrator.

**Streets:** Dorance Thompson stated the parallel parking spots have been painted along Water Street and the addressed parking sign posted on 200 W. Main has been removed. The no parking along N. Gay Street due to the distance from the stop sign will be painted with the next week. Spieles Nursery replanted 14 trees of which half were under warranty.

**Properties:** Frank Oen said the 2001 Case backhoe went in for service due to brake issues. Other related repairs were done as well. It is back in service. Work was performed by S-Tech at a cost of \$1,500.00. The backhoe is showing its age from the salt usage and will need replaced in the near future. Village crews collected 60 cubic yards of leaves for the month of November.

**Safety:** Police Chief Robbins reported there were 162 calls for service in November for a total of 1711 for the year. There was \$1,345.00 collected into Mayor's Court. He said part time Officer VanMeter resigned. The Chief said he had a service window installed in the lobby of the Police department which now secures it from the general public accessing restricted areas where sensitive information is stored. Security cameras were repositioned in the office to record all transactions. The Chief also stated the 2014 cruiser has 91,000 miles on it. A quote to replace it with a 2020 model is \$38,000.00-\$41,000.00. He is waiting on Ford Fleet to give him a final price. The 2020 Interceptors have been redesigned so current equipment will not fit the new model so extra cost will be incurred for the equipment upgrades such as

partitions, console and light bar. These costs are reflected in the price of the vehicle. Chief Robbins passed around a new patch for uniforms which includes the Village seal. He also passed around copies of his new "Safe Streets Coalition and other Community Relations Programs" that he would like to implement.

Fire Chief Rick Miller said there were 55 EMS calls and 14 Fire calls in November for a total 699 calls for the year. The donations for their Helping Hands at Christmas program are doing well, they received a grant from WalMart for \$1,750.00. Food pick up will be Wednesday at the school. They split the proceeds with the Methodist Church Food Pantry.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced **RESOLUTION #1693, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN RATES OF PAY, HEALTH AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE, SICK LEAVE, PAID HOLIDAYS AND VACATION FOR ALL NON-ELECTED Village Employees for the year 2020.** A motion to read by title only for its third and final reading was made Bailey, seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency. Motion passed 6-0.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced **Resolution #2383, to amend 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.** Motion to read by title only and declare an emergency was made by West and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept Resolution #2383 as read and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls introduced **Resolution #2384, to make appropriations for current expenses 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 by title only was made West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 6-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept the resolution and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls stated all council members had been given copies of the Rules for Council. He said he would like to table discussing it until January. Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by West to table it until January. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented the bill from the Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council for 2020 in the amount of \$3,850.00. Council agreed to pay due to all the potential development planned on the east side of I-75. Motion to pay the bill was made by Thompson, seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0-1, Cook abstained.

Brian Mussleman and Boy Scout troop #162 were in attendance to work on their communications, citizenship and community badges. They led the Pledge at the beginning of the meeting.

Jarid Kohlriseser stated the Village was awarded \$12,700.00 from CDBG to remove the house and garage at 307 W. High St. The Village match to pay is \$3,060.00, so the total project is \$15,760.00. The bidding will be done in February or March, then demolition thereafter. It will be decided what can be done with the land once everything is torn down.

Jarid Kohlriseser asked Council if they would permit him and the Police Chief to give their employees raises up to fifty cents ( \$.50) in January of 2020. Cook made a motion to approve the raises, West seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Stacey reminded everyone about Christmas on Main Street is December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Cridersville Fire Department is having a Pancake breakfast from 8-11. Santa comes at 11:00. They have raised \$1,300.00

as well as gift certificates from local businesses for prizes for children as well as adults. There are 14 passport stops, pick the passport up at the fire department and return there after they are stamped at each business. Participants must be present to win prizes.

Frank Oen said he saw in the paper that the Police Department received a grant for bullet proof armor from the state. Chief Robbins said that there is an ongoing grant from the state and he has been lucky enough that the armor he has purchased this year and turned into the state has been selected to be reimbursed. Chief Robbins also stated he is in the process of applying for grants from Panasonic for computers in the cruisers.

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

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Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor