

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – February 10, 2025
7:30 p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Mayor Rick Walls called the regular meeting to order and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Eric West, Dorance Thompson, Steve Numbers, Stacey Cook, and Dylan Lauck were present. Also present: Police Chief Nathan Fried, Fire Chief Rick Miller, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser and Solicitor James Hearn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole:

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey stated we received our new water booster pump and valves at the water plant. Those were installed by Global Electric. Our village administrator along with our solicitor are looking into different options that the village can enforce or manage as it relates to the Village Café water leak situation. We anticipate being able to start taking some action on this within the next few weeks. Our village crews as well as Dotson’s Plumbing and Heating have installed water meters in a few of our facilities that were not metered before as requested from the Ohio EPA to track all water usages.

Planning: Lauck stated as many have signed up already for the villages new “texting” service through TextMyGov, which went live a week ago, we have a total of 663 numbers so far. If anyone else wants to opt-in they can text CRIDERSVILLE to 91896 to receive village notifications. If residents have any questions regarding this service, they can contact our village administrator.

Finance: No report

Park: Cook stated Hunter Hardwoods was hired to cut down and remove many of the trees that were located in the fence line area of Legacy Park and the empty lot off of E. High Street. What remains are portions of the trees that are embedded and entwined in the existing fence which will be tore out this spring by our village crews.

Streets: No Report

Properties: Numbers stated our village administrator has still been working on other options for the village to acquire ground for a potential new water well project. Talks, options, and ideas are still ongoing.

Safety:

Fire:

Chief Miller reported that the tanker was sold for \$95,000 after the bid selection. The heavy rescue vehicle is still for sale, with interest from a department in PA to use it as a dive unit. The ambulance has not received any interest. A proposal to separate the load unit and vehicle for sale is under consideration.

Motion was made by West and seconded by Cook to approve the sale of the tanker for \$95,000.

Motion Passed: 5-0

Chief Miller gave a list of required tools will be itemized and presented at the next council meeting.

Jeep Invasion/Festival: 29 food trucks have committed for the event on April 26th from 11 AM to 7 PM.

Police:

West recapped the safety meeting where it was discussed that an emergency phone will be installed on the front of the village for 911 access. The phone line will be free if labor costs remain manageable. It was discussed that each officer would receive a cell phone that cannot be shared or left in vehicles. Additional information will be requested.

Chief Fried stated the Marcs radios require updates costing approximately \$5,000. Existing radios can still be used but need a new internal piece of equipment. 5 portable radios and 3 cruisers will cost \$3,400.

Angela Knots, representing Mr. Bayliff and the funeral home, donated \$7,000 for the camera project.

Cameras will be installed at:

- New Legacy Shelter House (2 cameras)
- Cridersville United Methodist
- Sprucewood Neighborhood
- Funeral Home.

There is a 5-year flat fee contract for the services.

Chief Fried stated the village must implement a new reporting system by mid-year to ensure proper reporting. \$4,700 has already been paid to Civica, with no refund. The anticipated cost for the final two quarters of the year is \$3,390. The yearly cost for the system will be \$5,730, and the 2027 cost will be \$4,680.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Cook made a motion seconded by Thompson to install the emergency phone at the front of the police department for direct access to the 911 dispatchers. Motion passed 6-0

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2509, a resolution authorizing the village mayor to enter a contract with the Duchouquet Township, declaring an emergency. Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0. The contracted amount is \$57,341.76

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2510, a resolution authorizing the village mayor to enter a contract with Logan Township, declaring an emergency Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. Motion to accept the resolution as read and declaring an emergency was made by West and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 6-0. The contracted amount is 10,000.

Cook made a motion and seconded by bailey to purchase the updated radios as soon as possible. Motion passed 6-0.

Other:

Cook raised concerns regarding short staffing at Uniopolis Fire Department. Chief Miller provided an update and assured the council that there are four potential solutions being explored, but these do not currently affect the village or its service quality.

The council will plan a meeting at Otterbein during the summer.

The items from the Christmas on Main Street event will be displayed at the museum for public viewing on February 22nd.

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

Meeting minutes were taken and recorded by Dylan Lauck.

Taylor West, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor