

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – March 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.

Mayor Walls stated Joe Bailey would not be in attendance due to personal illness.

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, Darci Motter Fiscal officer in training, Taylor West and Solicitor James Hearn.

Mayor Walls asked for a motion to excuse Joe Bailey from the regular council meeting due to illness. It was moved by West and seconded by Thompson to excuse Bailey. Motion passes 5-0.

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Cook to accept the minutes from February 10th, 2025, regular council meeting and February 19th, 2025, Special Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The mayor stated the Special Council Meeting was to hire new fiscal officer, Darci Motter.

Committee of the Whole:

Utilities & Surface Water: Jarid Stated our village administrator and village solicitor facilitated a meeting between the Village Café owner along with the Rosewood East trailer park manager and attorney regarding the water leak issue between both parties. The meeting went well, and a plan was put into place with a plan for the Village Café to install a new water service line. That should be installed within a few weeks from the meeting, and we are waiting to see that completed. The mayor stated the Village Café has the option to tap our main line or tap into Limas water.

Planning: Lauck stated there were seven zoning violations for the month and those have been brought into compliance.

Finance: West stated we closed out our 8-month CD in January which brought in an additional \$62,906.53 in interest. This amount was reinvested into a 7-month CD which will mature this August and generate an additional \$44,443.01, bringing all CD interest earned for 2025 to \$107,349.54

Park: Cook stated we are looking at many different projects for all of our parks within the village but one that is higher on our priority list is for a splashpad within Legacy Park. We are currently looking for funding options for such a project as well as all other project as well. Cooked asked kids to help out with cleaning up the park when they visited. The kids stated they would like to see some more climbing equipment. Cook also stated she would reach out to her contacts regarding all accessible equipment and grant money. Jarrid asked if we would like to use the texting service to send out a community survey on items the community would like us to look into for the parks.

Streets: Thompson stated a concrete crew will be fixing curbs in the area.

Properties: Numbers stated our village administrator has been in talks with the realtor some more over the purchasing of two acres for the installation of a new water well. Our administrator is waiting to hear back from the EPA regarding the possible usage of a current well that we already have before moving forward with purchasing any property

Safety:

Fire:

76 EMS 2 Fire 78 Monthly 166 YTD

Chief Miller reported the old fire tanker was sold for \$95,000 and we should be receiving funds for them soon. Chief Miller also stated he had been advertising an ambulance for sale that is sitting behind the garage, he received a call from Florida to purchase it. They placed a \$2,500.00 deposit on it and will be here the first week of April to pick it up sold for a total of \$14,000.00.

Food trucks have all been booked they have closed the registration 29 or 30 food trucks will be in attendance this year. Now moving on to jeeps for April 26th.

Chief stated they applied for a Fire Marshall Grant they were awarded 11,041.00 of the \$12,000.00 he asked for. This money will purchase a thermal imaging device, 2 portable generators for new trucks, a Honda generator for lights inside the homes and 4 gas meters.

Police:

136 Calls 14 Tickets 20 warnings Mayors Court 2,200.00

Chief Fried stated the emergency phone has been installed and Rhombus will be coming the 24th and 25th to install security cameras around town.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor talked to Jim Hearn on how to resolve the trash matter at 210 W. Sugar Street we currently have to pay roughly \$150.00 for the trash that has been picked up so far. The home owners have received tickets, fines and now assessing their property taxes to handle the matter.

Thompson questioned if calling the health department may help this matter. Cook stated we have an ordinance that trash can not pile up. West was against paying for additional trash to be picked up.

Numbers motioned to reimburse the fire department \$31,529.00 (includes \$6,650.00 commission for the sale and 24,879 for additional equipment on new tanker) seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0

Jarid received a call this afternoon regarding the Bears Den property auction. It will be held April 19th should start around 10am and hopefully sell the properties around 3:30 PM. Jerry Myers is asking for the street to be closed to set up the contents of the building. Road would be blocked off from Gay and Main to alley.

New Life Scientific is not open on Saturdays so they are not worried about semi's being able to access the building. If we are unable to close streets they asked if the villages back parking lot could be used. Cook stated we may talk to other businesses to see if they are affected by the street closure.

West made a motion seconded by Thompson to close the street from Main/Gay to alley. 5-0

Jarid commented that spring is on the way and residents should be getting building permits before they start projects.

Cook informed council April 5th 10:00am will be the Easter Egg Hunt with a rain date of April 12th.

March 17th- Dan Hodges will be speaking on native plants at Otterbein. Cook also brought the idea to council to look into purchasing property beside village offices, maybe with the help of Brownfield grant to level the existing structure and add on to village hall.

West set up a finance meeting to discuss the idea of purchasing property- March 24th at 7:30pm

Numbers wanted to congratulate Stacey Cook on her Jefferson Award.

Council member Numbers has resigned due to moving out of town. The village thanked Numbers for all of his service over the years. Numbers term is through 2027 therefore the village will be taking applications for his vacant seat until March 19th. Applications can be dropped off at the village office for council review.

Chief Miller asked whose cars have been parked behind the tattoo shop at all hours of the night, his concern was someone climbing the fire escape to the second story of the Bears Den which is unlivable and unsafe.

Motion to adjourn was made by West and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting minutes were taken and recorded by Darci Motter

Taylor West, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor

Darci Motter, Village Fiscal Officer Trainee