

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – October 25, 2023**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Dorance Thompson, Dylan Lauck, Stacey Cook, and Joe Bailey. Council Member Eric West was not present at the time of roll call but arrived at 7:36. Also present: Fiscal Officer Taylor West, Police Chief Nathan Fried, Fire Chief Rick Miller, Solicitor Angela Elliott, and Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser. Council Member Steve Numbers was not in attendance.

Mayor Walls stated that the Village of Cridersville had lost former Fire Chief Darrel Chapman today. Mayor Walls asked everyone to please take a moment of silence to honor the life of Darrel Chapman and all his accomplishments.

Motion to excuse Numbers due to work was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 4-0. West was not present at the time.

It was moved by Lauck and seconded by Bailey to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed 4-0. West was not present at the time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:**

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Bailey reported Artesian of Pioneer was in and replaced our filter media in the last two filters which will be partially paid for through the Auglaize Development Grant. Global Electric installed a lift pump for a trial purpose to see if the pump would be sufficient for our needs and after a study was completed, it was determined that that pump would not be the correct pump to use permanently. After looking at more different pump designs and capacities in hopes we would finally find the correct replacement, it's now to the point that the village needs to plan for a bigger pump replacement project for our lift pump at the wastewater plant. Village crews also dug and replaced a water shut off at 211 North Gay Street.

**Planning:** Lauck reported there was a total of seven zoning violations for the month and those have been brought to compliance. As a reminder to residents, for those residents that do have temporary pools, these need to be taken down for the season (October 1- April 31). Zoning violations will result for those temporary pools that are not taken down. The annual leaf pick-up for residents that live inside city limits will run from November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. For leaves to be picked up they must be bagged and placed by the curbs.

**Finance:** West stated there was no report.

**Park:** Cook reported even though getting late in the season we still want to offer two new upcoming park features to our residents. Our village administrator has determined that we could fit two pickleball courts onto one half of our basketball court at Legacy Park. This will allow players to bring and set up their own nets and play until a possible permanent site and location for a pickleball court is determined. Also, our administrator wants to install a new GaGa Ball pit within Tower Park for the kids to play this fun game. It is estimated that that project will cost around \$1,000.00. The installation of both projects will be completed within the next couple of weeks.

**Streets:** Thompson stated that no debris should be placed in leaf pick-up bags such as sticks. If there is debris inside the bags or if the leaves are not bagged, they will not be picked up.

**Properties:** Mayor Walls reported our 2013 F250 had to be towed to Miller's Auto for repair. A new starter was replaced at the cost of \$560.00. Our village administrator had a meeting with IC Signs to see a demo of a possible new LED sign to replace our existing village hall sign. Review of the options and ordering of the sign is forthcoming. Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser stated that he will be looking over different sign options and will bring them to council.

**Safety:**

**Fire:**

Chief Miller reported that there were 78 EMS calls and 9 Fire calls for a total of 87 calls for service for the month of September for a total of 709 calls for the year of 2023 as of October 1st. Chief Miller started the chassis for the new Tanker which is in production and should be delivered to South Dakota in the next couple of weeks when the build will begin. The fire department is hoping to have the new vehicle by early next spring.

The fire department and each County Fire Department has applied for the 2-24 MARCS Radio Grant through the State Fire Marshals Office. This grant is for up to \$50,000 to each Department for portable and mobile radios. This will help move our County system from VHF to Statewide 800 mhz banding for improved radio communications. Auglaize County is one of twelve remaining counties that is not on the system.

Our Helping Hand at Christmas Program is off and running. The Fire Department is currently accepting nonperishable canned goods to fill food boxes for selected residents. They are also accepting monetary cash donations as well to help purchase food. The department has cans out at several local businesses. If you know of someone who is in need of extra help this Christmas, please contact Rick Miller with name, address, and phone number and they will reach out to that individual.

**Police:**

Chief Fried reported there were 144 calls for service last month with a total of 11 tickets issues for the month of September. The new equipment will be installed into all the cruisers in the coming weeks. Chief Fried asked council for ARPA funds to cover the cost of installing the new equipment into the cruisers. After reviewing a quote for the cloud storage system for the new cameras, it was determined the quote was wrong, therefore, Chief Fried is working with the provider on a new quote.

Chief Fried mentioned that both officers that are in training will be on the road in November. Chief Fried also mentioned that the Police Department will be notified if they are awarded funds from a grant next month. Chief Fried mentioned Patrolman Madlock has applied for a position at Toledo Police Department. Patrolman Madlock will find out next month if he has received this position. Chief Fried mentioned he is extremely excited for Patrolman Madlock to have the opportunity to go to Toledo.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Walls introduced Ordinance 1705, 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 2024. The second of three readings.** Mayor Walls read the ordinance by title only. After discussion, council members would like to increase vacation rates, add lateral transfer language regarding starting wages and vacation, look over holiday pay and no overtime for salaried employees. Lisa Fried, resident of 723 Woodridge Drive advocated that salaried administrators should be able to receive overtime for the hours they are working over their normal work week. Motion to table the second of three readings was made by Bailey and seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Ordinance 1708, an ordinance approving, adopting, and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2023 edition, as the code of ordinances for the municipality of Cridersville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the ordinance by title only. The motion to pass the ordinance was made by Lauck and seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2464, a resolution to authorize the village clerk to establish a new fund for the East Main Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Loan payments and declaring an emergency.**

Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The motion to pass the resolution was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2465, A Resolution to amend Resolution #2440, Making permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The motion to pass the resolution was made by Bailey and seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2466, a resolution to allocate and distribute American Rescue Plan Act Funds held by the Village of Cridersville, Auglaize County, Ohio for Police Equipment, declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The motion to pass the resolution was made by West and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2467, a resolution to allocate and distribute fire department funds for the purchase of a new chassis, declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The motion to pass the resolution was made by Bailed and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2468, a resolution to set golf cart inspection fees for the Village of Cridersville, Auglaize County, declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read the resolution by title only. The motion to pass the resolution was made by West and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls stated there is a property in Meadowbrook that would like the annex into the village. The property is located at 723 Woodridge Drive. **Mayor Walls asked for a motion from council to allow him to sign the annexation agreement.** The motion was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Other:**

Mayor Walls added that the Village has been working with TSC to reduce the monthly phone bills by upgrading to a new phone system. The new phone system will bring all residents to an auto attendant who will then allow the caller to pick an option as to who they want to speak with. Mayor Walls feels that this will be a great transition for residents and village employees.

Council member Joe Bailey mentioned giving the council a raise for the start of 2024. After discussion it was determined that no raise would be awarded to council members for the year 2024.

Council member Dorance Thompson stated that he had been approached by individuals who have asked to put signs up in some of the town parks regarding the Heritage Trail Park District Levy that will be on the November Ballot. Mayor Walls and council had no objections.

Mayor Walls asked to lower the flags in honor of the passing of Former Fire Chief Darrel Chapman starting the day of passing (October 25, 2023) until seven days after funeral services have been carried out. Council has no objections.

Chief Fried asked to go into executive session regarding personnel matters. Motion to go into executive session with no action to be taken after regarding personnel matters was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0. Village council went into executive session at 9:21 p.m. Motion to adjourn out of executive session was made at 9:56 p.m. by Bailey and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

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

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Taylor West, Village Fiscal Officer

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Rick Walls, Mayor