

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – February 14, 2022
7:30p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Eric West, Joe Bailey, Dorance Thompson, Dylan Lauck, Steve Numbers and Stacey Cook. Also present: Solicitor Angela Elliott, Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller.

It was moved by Cook and seconded by Bailey to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported Village crews removed return pumps #1 and #3 at the wastewater plant and took them to Cincinnati for rebuilding and repair. The Village also had a storm water inspection completed by the EPA and found no significant issues. The Village Administrator is working with our EPA representative to complete the paper work to finalize the inspection.

Jarid Kohlrieser stated the East Main St. Sanitary Sewer Project will begin soon. The project will be started in the 100 block of East Main St. and continue east one block at a time. The project should be completed by early August. Street access will be limited at certain times to residents and the public. The contractor will be using the Village parking lots at the park to store equipment and machinery. Jarid will send letters to those residents directly impacted as well put information on social media. He said the project will not affect the Fireman's Jamboree.

Planning: Dylan Lauck reported there were two (2) zoning violations for the month. One was for a fence and the other for a shed. Both violations are now compliant.

Finance: Eric West reported there will not be a public tax assistance day this year. The St. Mary's Taxation office feels residents are taking advantage of their services by phone or in person in their office. Local income tax filing is due by April 18th. Residents can call St. Mary's Tax office at 419-300-3108 for assistance.

Eric also said the Finance and Safety Committees met on January 20th to discuss the employment of police officers. The department currently employs four (4) full time officers and three (3) part time officers. Chief Robbins would like to stop the revolving door of hiring new part time officers only to lose them to full time jobs elsewhere. The Committees compared the cost of an additional full time officer to the cost of all the part time officers last year and found the cost of to be nearly equal. In 2021 the part time cost the Village \$47,000.00 to \$50,000.00 and a full time officer would cost about \$48,000.00 including insurance benefits. The committee recommended to Council to add a fifth full time officer. After discussion it was moved by West and seconded by Bailey to amend Resolution #1701, the 2022 Annual Pay Ordinance, to add a fifth full time police officer. The police chief position is included in the five (5) officers. Motion passed 6-0.

Park: Stacey Cook reported the Village administrator met with a representative from Vortex that sells splash pad units and was shown the splash pad that was installed in St. Mary's. The meeting was just to get some ideas and information for a possible project in the Village in the future. The Mayor said he got an estimate for a shelter house and restrooms for Legacy Park. He said the estimate was considerably higher than anticipated. He will look into it further.

Streets: Dorance Thompson thanked the Village crew for their excellent job with snow removal from the past weekend storm. He also reminded residents that sidewalks are to be cleared four (4) hours after the storm and not to push snow into the streets. Chief Robbins had questions about the citation fees and about procedures on the snow removal with local businesses. **A Streets Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 24th at 2:00p.m. to discuss the snow removal ordinance.**

Properties: Dylan Lauck the Skid Steer has been repaired and is back in service. Murphy Tractor and Equipment completed the work at a cost of \$5,329.62.

Safety: Police Chief Paul Robbins stated there were 207 calls for service in January.

He said patrolman Stolly was promoted to full time January 11th.

The Chief said the department was awarded \$3,168.00 from Let's Back the Blue to purchase an Evolution 11 solar powered portable radar sign from Kleem Inc. of West Chester, Ohio. The unit can be moved to different locations though out the Village to assist in traffic control.

Chief Miller stated there were 88 EMS calls and 7 Fire calls for a total of 95 calls for the month of January which is a new record.

The Chief said he would like to purchase some new equipment with funds from the Village Fire Fund totaling about \$62,000.00. He would like to purchase five (5) full sets of fire turnout gear at a cost of \$12,000.00. And five (5) new Scott SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus), ten (10) new 4500 psi air tank bottles and ten (10) new face pieces totaling \$50,000.00. Motion was made by West and seconded by Thompson to authorize the purchase as requested. Motion passed 6-0.

Chief Miller said the department had three (3) calls to residents that have Knox Boxes. The box holds a key to the home to which the Fire Department has access, permitting them to enter a home without the need of breaking a door or window in the event of an emergency. Residents can call the Fire Department for more information and the cost of the device.

Chief Miller said the department is continuing their efforts with updates, repairs and painting at the station.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls brought up the Rules for Council document which establishes rules and regulations for council members to follow regarding meetings. Council is to adopt them annually. Motion to pass was made by West and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2429, authorizing the Village Mayor to enter into a contract with Duchouquet Township for Fire and EMS services for an annual fee of \$55,927.50. Motion to accept the resolution was made by Bailey and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2430, authorizing the Village Mayor to purchase real property from the Cridersville Historical Society. The property is an empty lot located at 307 E. High St. that borders Legacy Park. Motion to purchase the property for \$4,600.00 was made by West, seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0.

OTHER:

Jarid Kohlrieser asked Council for permission to place a plaque on the Ram statue in Legacy Park honoring resident Tom Eversole. Mr. Eversole painted the Ram statue and repaired numerous other statues in the park at no expense to the Village. He unfortunately passed away recently. Council approved.

Stacy Cook said there are other plaques that need made for placement in the park for people who have donated money. She will compile a list of names.

Jarid stated Village Garage Sales will be May 7th and Clean up day will be May 14th.

Stacey Cook provided everyone with a list of 2022 Community Events. She said the Circus called and could come to Cridersville on August 9th for two (2) shows. Council agreed to have the Circus come to town. The complete list of events is attached.

Jarid said he did look into an online bill pay service for the water and sewer bills that Council discussed in November. The Village would need to upgrade to costly software and equipment. He will revisit the subject next year.

Mayor Walls read a letter and certificate from Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District thanking the Village for its continued efforts with the recycling program. There was a total of 204,065 pounds of waste diverted from landfills in 2021.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor

Cridersville 2022 Community Events

- March 26th – 3pm to 6 pm – Lions Club Cabin Fever BBQ – Cridersville UMC
- April (9th or 16th) - 11am Drive through Easter Bunny event with lunch – Cridersville UMC
- April 28th - 4:30 pm to 6:30pm – Historical Society Beef & Noodle – Cridersville Elementary School
- April 30th - 11am to 7pm – Spring Food Truck Festival at Fire Department
- May 7th - 9am to 4 pm – Cridersville Community Garage Sales
- May 14th - 8 am – Noon – Community Cleanup Day – Dumpsters in Tower Park
- July ~~9 & 10~~
8 & 9 - Cridersville Fireman's Jamboree
- August 9th - Culpeper & Merriweather Circus – 2 Shows at Legacy Park – Historical Society
- September 10th – 7am to 9 am – Lions Club Community Blood Clinic – Cridersville Elementary School
- September 10th – 9 am to Noon – Mum and Scarecrow Sale by Community Garner Club – Village Hall
- September 22nd – 4:30 to 6:30 – Historical Society Ham & Bean Supper – Bowsher Log House
- October 3rd – 15th – Scarecrow Trail at Legacy Park – Cridersville Community Garden Club
- October 24th – 5:30 pm Cridersville Fall Festival featuring annual Halloween Parade – Fire Station
- October 27th – 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm - Trick Or Treat
- November 5th – Doors open 5:00 /auction at 6pm – Historical Society “Quarterpalooza” - Fire Station
- November 26th – 9 am to 11 am – Breakfast with Santa – Lions Club event – Cridersville UMC
- December 5th - 6 pm – Christmas Tree Lighting – Historical Society – Bowsher Log Cabin
- December 10th – 9am to 1 pm – Christmas on Main Street – Get passport at Fire Station