

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – August 12, 2024
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, Joe Bailey, Steve Numbers, Stacey Cook, Dylan Lauck were present. Also present: Fiscal Officer Taylor West, Police Chief Nathan Fried, Fire Chief Rick Miller, Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser and Solicitor James Hearn.

It was moved by West and seconded by Thompson to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole:

Utilities & Surface Water: Bailey stated National Water Services was in to conduct the cleaning project of our well #3. The pump and motor were replaced at the same time as well. Village crews dug and fixed a broken storm tile on Elizabeth St. and our village administrator conducted a preconstruction meeting with Tom’s Construction who is the contractor for the sanitary sewer replacement project for N. Waverly to North St. This project is to begin this week and finish in November. Mayor Walls added there has been an issue with the Trailer Parks paying their water bill and they currently have an outstanding balance around \$19,019. Village Administrator Kohlrieser has asked Solicitor Hearn to investigate what the legalities are for shutting off the trailer park after new valves are placed.

Planning: Lauck stated the planning meeting was called to order on August 9th @ 12:33PM to discuss potential opportunities for future development and incentives in Cridersville. Josh Bloomfield from WAEDC attended the meeting to discuss successful programs and incentives implemented in surrounding communities. The focus was on deploying incentives, pursuing grants, and utilizing programs to attract more people to the village. We discussed the implementation of housing finance authority, single-family tax credits, and Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) incentives. It was noted that thinning out underutilized parcels and properties can be an effective strategy to increase housing and market rate housing without major costs. The meeting also highlighted the importance of workforce housing and programs that support residents looking to start businesses. Federal grants, economic development districts, and community revolving loan funds were mentioned as attractive options for supporting local businesses and revitalizing underutilized properties. The meeting emphasized the need for a strategic plan and a comprehensive approach to determine the desired growth and opportunities for the village. The impact on the school district was a significant concern, with discussions on how residential development can strain school resources. The meeting highlighted the importance of considering the school district's perspective and collaborating with them to understand the potential impact of development on student population and funding. We touched on the benefits of implementing a CRA, which can provide abatements and incentives for developers. The importance of a comprehensive plan that identifies specific areas for different types of development was emphasized. The meeting acknowledged the need to balance the benefits of incentives with the impact on the school district and other local services. In conclusion, we emphasized the importance of collaboration between the village, the school district, WAEDC and other stakeholders to ensure that development plans align with the needs of the community. Further meetings will be planned soon to discuss the alignment of needs and explore potential growth opportunities through CRA’s. The meeting was adjourned at 1:5

Finance: West stated our update to the 10% water sewer penalty has allowed our residents to pay less in late fees, but it has caused our larger companies such as the trailer parks to pay higher late fees. This roughly came to \$3,000 last month alone.

Park: Cook stated updates on the Legacy Park shelter house project: Our village administrator found out that the structure is nearing completion, and that delivery of the building should be within a couple weeks and once the manufacturer gets the crane scheduled, we will then have a definite delivery date and schedule. Village Administrator Kohlrieser stated that he has received complaints from residents on Parkview after the brush has been removed from the back of Tower Park as they now have some trash blowing through the fence and the light from the recycling center shines into their homes. Village Administrator Kohlrieser stated he is working on a new lighting system, so the light does not shine into their homes. The reason that the brush has been removed is because the village could not mow or maintain the area around the brush. Council member West asked if the recycling center is a 24/7 drop off and who oversaw the recycling center. Village Administrator Kohlrieser stated that the county oversees the recycling center with the village providing ground for containers to be placed on. Additionally, the recycling center is open during park hours which are dawn to dusk, and village crews are working to pick up trash that may blow out when the containers are being dumped. Council member Thompson stated that when the Lions Club did away with the recycling back at the park the county took over and no agreement was ever made stating containers would be placed only inside or outside.

Streets: Thompson stated our village administrator is looking at potential projects to apply for our next round of funding through OPWC. We are waiting to receive estimates from our village engineer's office to proceed.

Properties: Numbers stated our water jet truck was taken out to S-Tech for service because of an overheating issue and awaiting its completion.

Safety:

Fire:

Chief Miller reported that there were 77 EMS calls and 12 Fire calls for a total of 89 calls for service for the month of July for a total of 578 calls for the year of 2024 through August 1st.

Chief Miller stated the Jamboree was successful again this year thanks to all the people who helped and attended the Jamboree. The ambulance that the Fire Department got is sitting at Chapman's and is wrapped just waiting to be put into use over the next two weeks. The Fire Department was awarded a \$40,000.00 grant for a new cot and load system, which costs roughly \$67,000.00. The new fire engine is approaching completion within the next two or three weeks. Engine 441 has arrived in Cabo San Lucas and their fire department is very grateful to the village residents, council and fire department for the donation. Currently the fire department is looking to sell the old ambulance, cot and loading system for \$30,000, while they are also advertising the old tanker for \$110,000.

Chief Miller wanted to thank everyone who helped in the fight to put out the fire at B & G Recycling last week. This is the largest scale fire that the fire department has had to deal with. To fight the fire there were 2 ladder trucks, 5 drop tanks, and numerous tanker trucks. Chief Miller has estimated that roughly 1.2 million gallons of water were used to fight the fire. The fire is still under investigation as the fire department is working with local residence to gather information.

Chief Miller stated the fire department is now on the MARCS Radio System which has been a learning process for the entire department. The fire department has gone through training with dispatch as well as the sheriff's office. There have been a couple of changes in leadership positions at the fire department as well. Mathew Kohler has been promoted to Assistant Chief and the department will be looking to get a new Captain soon.

Police:

Chief Fried reported there a total of 5 tickets issues for the month along with a few warrant arrests made with 124 calls for service.

Chief Fried thanked those who helped make the Jamboree a success and the dunk tank fundraiser for Back the Blue a success as well. With the dunk tank, the Police Department was able to help Back the Blue raise \$350. On Thursday, August 15th the Cridersville Back to School celebration will take place which will include the fire department and the

police department grilling hotdogs. In the last month the police department had a unanimous donor donate three life vac equipment which can help the department with CPR if someone is choking.

Chief Fried also stated that he has spoken with Randy White the manager of Rosewood and he stated that 7 to 8 evictions are underway. In addition, the police department had an overdose at 208 East High Street which led to the department being able to discover a lab in the house. The police department has been working with the landlord of the property to get the house cleaned out and reduce the number of individuals coming to the house for drugs.

Chief Fried stated that both applicants the police department was trying to hire have turned down the offer to join the force as they were not ready to make a jump in departments at this moment. The police department is still looking to hire full-time and part-time officers.

Chief Fried requested a safety meeting to further discuss the camera project. Mayor Walls and council member West stated that Village Administrator Kohlrieser has ordered two cameras to test out back at the park. Once the cameras are installed then there will be a safety meeting to further discuss if the village would like to move forward with the project. The new quote from PC Implements is for over a dozen cameras and would cost roughly \$14,950.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced Ordinance 1711, an ordinance amending section 174.20, 174.21, 174.22, and 174.50. This is the third of three readings. Mayor Walls read ordinance 1711. Motion to pass the third of three readings was made by Thompson and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2493, a Resolution to amend resolution #2471, #2476, #2484, & #2489, #2491 Making permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and declaring an emergency. Mayor Walls read resolution 2493. Motion to pass the resolution was made by West and seconded by Numbers. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls stated that the Village of Cridersville has been asked if they would like to participate in the Kroger Opioid Settlement Case, which would allow for the village to receive funds to go towards fighting the opioid crisis. After discussion, the village council decided to join the Kroger Settlement.

Other:

Council member Cook stated on September 7th the Garden Club will be holding their annual Scarecrow and Mum sale from 9 a.m. to 12/1 p.m. Also, on September 19th the Historical Society will be holding their annual Ham and Bean Supper. Lastly, Cook stated she has been approached by residents that there is not full police coverage. She has told residents this is too low staffing in the police department, which is something many area departments are also battling.

Council member Thompson stated on September 14th the Lions Club will hold their blood draw from 6:30 to 9:30. He also stated he was approached by a resident regarding the four way stop on 25A and Main Street with the development of crossroads. Thompson has passed information on the Village administrator Kohlrieser to see what the best option is for improving the intersection at 25A and Main Street.

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

Taylor West, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor