

**VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting – April 26, 2024**  
**10:45 a.m.**

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

The April Council meeting was held at Cridersville Elementary School.  
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, Joe Bailey, Dylan Lauck were present. Also present: Fiscal Officer Taylor West, Police Chief Nathan Fried, Fire Chief Rick Miller, and Village Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser

Mayor Walls asked for a motion to excuse council member Stacey Cook from the meeting due to having surgery. Motion to excuse Cook was made by West and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Fried presented Lieutenant Miles Truex and Patrolman Dylan Herzog with the Stork Award for their actions while on duty on March 12, 2024.

It was moved by Numbers and seconded by Thompson to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2024, Regular Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Committee of the Whole:** A Committee of the Whole meeting has been set for May 7, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

**Utilities & Surface Water:** Bailey stated our village administrator has been in conversation with Jones & Henry Engineering regarding a possible new well location and process. We are currently working with their hydrogeologist on finishing up some details regarding the placement and a possible grant application to fund such well. Also, our one blower unit for the wastewater plant, that was shipped out to be rebuilt, has been delivered back and is waiting to be reinstalled.

**Planning:** Lauck stated there were six zoning violations for the month. Most have been brought into compliance. A couple are in the process of complying. Our village administrator also has been trying to get information from our solicitor regarding how to issue fines and penalties for those that do not comply with zoning code.

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

**Park:** Mayor Walls stated the open-air shelter structure for Legacy Park has been ordered and should be shipped soon. This is the structure that will sit directly in front of the enclosed shelter house. The enclosed shelter house is in production and should be delivered sometime at the end of May-first of June.

**Streets:** Thompson stated the village had a resident call regarding an issue with semi-truck traffic getting to the grocery store and rutting up yards. Our village administrator along with our police chief has spoken to that resident and the store manager regarding this issue and are monitoring the situation. Since then, there doesn't seem to have been any more issues but other measures can possibly be implemented when more issues arise.

**Properties:** Numbers stated village crews conducted services and maintenance on many equipment items and our backhoe and skid steer were serviced by Murphy Tractor and Equipment at a cost of \$2,607.77. Our village administrator met with Scott Cisco from Auglaize County Solid Waste to finalize a location for more recycling containers at the recycle center. Those containers will be located near the current ones as well.

**Safety:**

**Fire:**

Chief Miller reported that there were 84 EMS calls and 5 Fire calls for a total of 89 calls for service for the month of March for a total of 263 calls for the year of 2024.

Chief Miller also reported that the fire department responded to a call in the month of March regarding a mother in labor, in which his department will get recognized for by St. Rita's in the end of May with the Outstanding Call award.

The Cridersville Fire Department will hold its annual Food Truck and Jeep Invasion on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The event will bring 35 food trucks and 61 craft vendors into the village along with over 100 Jeeps. The Fire Department will be giving out ducks to those who are registered for the event but will have their extras for sale as a fundraiser.

Chief Rick Miller presented a check to the Village of Cridersville to reimburse the money used out of the Fire and EMS fund for the upfront cost of the new chassis. Chief Miller also stated that the Cridersville Fire Department will be donating Tanker 442 to the Village of Cridersville and the residents of Cridersville.

**Police:**

Chief Fried reported there were 184 calls for service last month with a total of 17 tickets issues for the month along with 34 warnings. Chief Fried reported that the total for Mayors Court from tickets in the month of March resulted in \$2,440.00.

Chief Fried stated that Patrolman Dylan Herzog will be leaving the department in May to join the Lima Police Department.

Chief Fried also mentioned that the department received a letter from a resident thanking the department for what they do.

Chief Fried stated that the Police Department has received a \$800.00 grant from Midwest Electric to go towards the community camera project. Additionally, the police department will have ducks for the jeep invasion that they will be handing out as they receive donations. All donations will go to Back The Blue, which is who supplied the ducks for the event.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2485, a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation and said tax levy being a renewal for fire protection and related services. The second of three readings.** Mayor Walls read resolution 2485. Motion to pass the first of three readings was made by West and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls introduced Resolution 2486, a amend resolution 2283 to amend section 1(E) to change the late fee penalty on water sewer charges. The second of three readings.** Mayor Walls read resolution 2486. Motion to pass the first of three readings was made by West and seconded by Numbers. Motion passed 5-0 for the first reading.

**Mayor Walls introduced Ordinance 1710, an ordinance to establish an investment policy for the Village of Cridersville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Walls read ordinance 1710. Motion was made by Thompson and seconded by West. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls stated the Village of Cridersville would need a motion to renew the retail liquor permits that are issued in the village.** Motion was made by Bailey and seconded by Numbers. Motion passed 5-0.

**Mayor Walls stated over the past serval years the Village of Cridersville has donated to the Garden Club to allow them to plant flowers around town.** Mayor Walls asked for a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Garden Club. Motion was made by West and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

**Other:**

**Mayor Walls opened the floor to the residents and students.**

Cridersville Elementary School Principal Jason Wolke thanked the Village of Cridersville for all that they have done the past ten years during his time as Principal. He stated that he was very grateful for the village accepting him and always being helpful to the schools.

Multiple questions were asked by the students of the Village of Cridersville including questions such as what does it take to become mayor, are council meetings stressful, has there been consideration putting a handicap playground in town, and will the village look to implement a water park somewhere?

Students' questions were answered by Mayor Walls. Mayor Walls stated that there has been discussion about putting a splash pad in town but funding for the project will need to be figured out first. Additionally, Mayor Walls stated that putting a handicap playground in town is a great idea and will pass the information along to our village administrator to investigate.

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