

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – April 12, 2021

7:30p.m.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic gathering restrictions, the meeting was held at the Community Building at the park with a limit of ten people in attendance. Others were invited to join by conference call. 1-971-224-6574, code 647559.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Rick Walls, Council Members: Joe Bailey, Stacey Cook, Dorance Thompson, Rick Allen and Dylan Lauck. Also present: Solicitor Angela Elliott, Fiscal Officer Susan Bassitt, Administrator Jarid Kohlrieser, Police Chief Paul Robbins and Fire Chief Rick Miller. Motion to excuse Eric West was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Cook to accept the minutes of the March 08, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Walls turned the floor over to Greg Myers and John Bayliff. Both local residents, they have helped form a “Keep Our Police Strong” Citizens Committee to help promote the proposed .5 percent income tax increase to be placed on the May ballot. Mr. Myers, Chairman of the committee stated the campaign is moving along well. They have started going door to door. They have put out signs and prepared a Face Book page with answers to common questions. They are about to kick off a “Letters to the Editor” campaign to the newspapers. He also said the “Let’s Back the Blue” organization is working with them as well and he appreciates it very much. John Bayliff, Treasurer of the Committee said they have received many donations to pay the costs of the campaign and expects to break about even on those costs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report.

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey stated Village crews dug and fixed a broken storm tile on Thomas Dr. as well as repaired a water leak on E. Sugar St. One of the primary tanks at the wastewater plant had to be drained and cleaned for maintenance which is back in service. The Village Administrator submitted a renewal permit through the EPA for our wastewater plant which is currently being reviewed.

Planning: Rick Allen reported the development agreement for the Crossroads Project should be submitted to the Village within the next few days at which time the Village Council members will be able to review the document before reading it the first time at a Council Meeting. Mayor Walls would like to have a **Planning Committee meeting to review the Crossroads Project on April 20th at 1:00p.m. at the Village Hall. (That meeting has since been moved to the 27th at 1:00p.m.)**

Rick also said that now that spring is here, we ask residents to be mindful and look into any permits that may be needed for any home projects such as pools, fencing, etc.

Finance: No report

Park: Stacey Cook reported Legacy Park Gateway is almost finished. She said there are still bricks available for purchase. Order forms are available at the Library and on the Historical Society’s Face Book page. She said the shelter house restroom, storage room and hallway projects have been completed by the Village crew. The cost of that was \$3,300.00 for the hall and storage room and \$1,848.00 for the restroom for a total of \$5,148.00. Jarid is waiting on one

more quote to come in for the replacement of the shelter house doors. Once it is received, all quotes will be reviewed to determine how to proceed. Stacey would like to have a **Park Committee meeting on April 20th at 6:00p.m.** She would like to meet at Legacy Park then visit Tower, Hinkle and Delong Parks as well if weather permits, if not the meeting will be in the shelter house in Tower Park. She wants everyone to look over all the parks and discuss ideas and future plans for the parks.

Streets: Dorance Thompson stated he noticed residents blowing grass into the streets, He asks residents to please not do that. He also met with Jarid and reviewed the plan for street construction and revitalization, the plan remains the same as last year.

Properties: Dylan Lauck stated Community Clean up Day is scheduled for May 15th from 8a.m.-12:00pm in Tower Park. Village Crews will be on hand to help residents unload items. This is only for current Village residents. If asked, identification must be provided. As the event wasn't held last year, this will be free again for our residents. Items accepted but not limited to: Construction materials, electronics, furniture, etc...Items not accepted: paint, trash, yard waste, oil and tires. Residents can contact Auglaize County Solid Waste for information on disposal of hazardous waste.

Safety: Fire Chief Rick Miller reported they had 51 EMS runs and 10 Fire runs for a total of 61 responses in March. Total for the year through April 1st is 186 responses. The department had maintenance issues with both ambulances, but both are back in service and repairs have been made.

Chief Miller said they are still planning their food truck event for April 24th from 11:00a.m.-7:00p.m. They have 12 food trucks so far. He said it's a great time for everyone to get their fair food fix early. There will be Jamboree tickets on sale as well.

Chief Miller said May 4th is International Fallen Fire Fighters Day. He will be switching the blue bulbs across the front the station to red for the day. He wants to assure everyone they do fully support the police.

Police Chief Robbins said there were 152 calls for service in March, there were 131 last year. There was \$1,085.00 taken into Mayor's Court.

He said the department was awarded \$1,000.00 for training expenses through a grant from Let's Back the Blue. The funds will be held in an account for CPD set up by LBTB and released upon request/invoice.

The Chief also said Vehicle 409 had brake work done at Reineke Ford at a cost of \$612.85.

The CPD was involved in another pursuit on March 23, 2021. No injuries or damage to the CPD Officers or equipment. The subjects were taken into custody.

He said part time Patrolman Gaige Hennon resigned on April 1, 2021 citing family as his reason for resignation. This brings the total part-time Officers to a total of 3, with Rayoum still completing FTO with Lima Police Department.

Chief Robbins presented reports to council regarding a dilapidated building at 217 W. Main St. He said the entire structure is now leaning to the east. Benjamin Craft is the owner of the property. Chief Robbins, Fire Chief Miller, Administrator, Jarid Kohlriseser and the Village Engineer has sign off agreeing it is in violation of Code #174.21, and in dire need of repairs or removal. Motion to proceed with the process was made by Cook and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0. Chief Robbins gave the reports to Susan Bassitt, Fiscal officer to proceed in trying to contact Mr. Craft.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing under old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced RESOLUTION #2414, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANNEXATION AGREEMENT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion to read by title only and pass as an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0. The Mayor read the resolution by title, stating the property outlined in the Annexation Agreement and owned by The Crossroads of Northwest Ohio, LLC (the "Petitioner") is not located within the boundaries of the Village but is located in Duchouquet Township. The property consists of four (4) parcels of land contiguous with land previously annexed by Crossroads, located east of I-75, along National Rd. and Mudsock Rd. (Exhibits attached) Motion to pass Resolution #2414 as read and as an emergency was made by Allen and seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

Jarid Kohlrieser asked Council for permission to hire two (2) summer help to work May to September this year. Motion to permit Jarid to hire two (2) summer helpers was made by Cook, and second by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

Jarid also said he has received a few emails about renting the shelter house in the park for upcoming events. The Village has not been renting the building due to Covid-19 restrictions. He asked Council if they want to open the shelter house and Village offices to the public. After some discussion, Council agreed not to open them at this time. They will revisit the issue next month. Council did agree to go ahead and open the outdoor restrooms in Tower Park.

Joe Bailey said "Lets Back the Blue" is really kicking in now. LBTB is a non political organization raising money to help support Auglaize County law enforcement. They donated blue light bulbs for people to put in their porch lights in support of Police Officers. The bulbs are free. They have received over \$600.00 in donations in Cridersville. All money made in Cridersville will be awarded by the organization to the Cridersville Police Department. Anyone who wants a bulb or to make a donation can contact Joe Bailey or Rick Allen. Light bulbs will also be available at the library.

Dorance Thompson said the Lion's Club is planning on having a blood draw on September 11th at the school. St. Rita's and Memorial Hospital are both involved. It is the largest fund raiser the Lion's Club has.

Resident Connie Walls attended the meeting by phone and expressed concerns about the poor condition of 219 N. Elizabeth St. Chief Robbins said he will look into it and contact her tomorrow.

Rick Allen requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter for possible discipline with a decision to be made. Motion was seconded by Bailey. Motion passed 5-0.

After a sixty (60) minute executive session, a motion to return to regular session was made by Bailey and seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 5-0.

Solicitor Angela Elliott stated an investigation was discussed and after Council reviewed it, no action was necessary.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor