

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – August 08, 2022
7:30p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

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

It was moved by Lauck and seconded by Numbers to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2022 Council Meeting and the July 25, 2022 Special Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No Report

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported the Shawnee Rd. storm line project has been completed by Schaub Excavating and seems to be working as planned. We are looking at a couple other smaller storm related projects to work on next. Village crews had to replace a pump impeller on a pump located at the lift station as well as repairing a couple check valves on two lift pumps at the wastewater plant. Bierly Well Drilling ordered a replacement pump and motor for well #2 at the water plant at a cost of \$8,700.00 which has been installed and put back in service again. The E. Main St. project is still progressing. Within the week crews will be at the point that traffic will not be able to enter off Dixie Highway at all. We ask drivers to please read and follow the detour routes. All businesses will remain open and all businesses are or will be accessible, just please read the signs and follow the detour routes.

Planning: Dylan Lauck reported there were four zoning violations for the month. They have all been brought into compliance.

Finance: Eric West reported the Village income tax receipts through the end of the second quarter have increased early 59% from this time last year.

Park: Stacey Cook reported the Legacy Park playground equipment has been taped off for the last month due to a couple pieces being unsafe to play on. Replacement pieces were ordered and Village crews installed them making the equipment safe to use again. The new Delong Pioneer Nature Park Sign has been installed along Reichelderfer Rd. on the north side of the park. A smaller sign will be ordered for the south side as well.

Stacey stated the circus scheduled to come to Cridersville tomorrow, August 9th, cancelled today due to placement issues with some of their equipment since they can't park on the basketball courts. Village officials offered them numerous options to help resolve the problems but the circus personnel still chose to cancel the performance. The Historical Society will be refunding any tickets purchased at Legacy Park on Tuesday, August 9th from 5:00p.m. -7:30p.m.

Joe Bailey asked if all the stone has been placed on the Delong Pioneer Park trails. Jarid responded that the back part needs stoned after the weeds can be sprayed. Steve Numbers asked about some trees that have died and asked if they would be replaced. Jarid said they will be taken care of this fall. Joe Bailey said there are seven or eight large dead trees along the Delong Pioneer Parking lot and was concerned about liability for the Village. The Mayor said he knows someone that may take them down for free if he can keep the wood. Dorance Thompson said if they don't pose a liability maybe they could be left in place for nature. The Mayor said he will look into getting them removed.

Streets: Dorance Thompson reported the Village crews have been working on fixing and straightening many street signs around town as well as replacing some older signs. The latest update on the damage to W. Sugar St. is that a street is not a coverable claimed item per our insurance company but they did inform the Village Administrator that with the information they have from the police report, they will contact the tractor operator's insurance company to settle up on the damages. We have not heard back on the outcome of that conversation.

Properties: Steve Numbers reported the Village Hall parking lot was re-sealed by Western Ohio Asphalt Sealing at a cost of \$3,950.00. He also stated all three of the back entry doors on the Village Hall have been replaced by Ellis Door and Window. Also, one of the backup generators had to be taken to S-Tech for service due to overheating issues. Two new thermostats were installed and a sensor as well as new coolant. The repair cost totaled \$304.00. The generator is back in service.

Safety:

Police Chief Robbins reported there were 113 calls for service in July, 2022. There were 178 calls in July of 2021. The Chief said that Unit 401 has now been designated Unit 403 to serve as the SRO vehicle. I.C. Signs completed all of the SRO graphics at a cost of \$412.70. Chief Robbins expressed his thanks to Danny Neal from the Bear's Den for his donation of \$700.00 to go towards the graphics for the vehicle. The remaining funds from the donation will be used for SRO equipment. Jarid Kohlrieser added that Danny Neal also donated \$1,000.00 towards the cost of the speed trailer for the police department as well. Mayor Walls expressed thanks to Mr. Neal for his \$1,700.00 donation to the police department.

Fire Chief Miller stated there were 65 EMS calls and 13 fire calls for a total of 75 calls for service in June and 73 EMS and 14 Fire calls in July, making the total calls for the year as of August 1st at 502. He said the construction continues on the station. They have received the last five air packs, 10 bottles and 20 face pieces. That should keep the fire department in good shape for the next fifteen years on those. Chief Miller said the State Fire Marshall was in attendance at the jamboree and was very impressed with it and the community involvement, he even attended the Auglaize County Chief's meeting. He gave Chief Miller some grant ideas.

Chief Miller asked that I mention that the final contract payment for 2022 was received from Duchouquet Township, which completes collection of all the outside Fire and EMS contracts for 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls stated there were two (2) applications submitted for the School Resource Officer position. A Safety meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 7:30 to interview the applicants. The Mayor will contact the applicants. If they are not available for the Thursday meeting, they will have the meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 7:30. The Mayor will let Susan know if the if the meeting date changes until Monday so she can put it in the paper.

Joe Bailey asked if the Safety Committee will make the decision on the SRO officer. Mayor Walls said the Safety Committee will make a recommendation to council. Joe asked if the school board will have any input in the choice. Mayor Walls replied that they will not, the police officer will be an employee of the Village and will answer to the Village Police Chief. Jarid Kohlrieser asked if council will have a special meeting before school starts to get the SRO started. Mayor Walls said the school is aware that we may not be ready to go on the 23rd. Susan Bassitt said the other option would be to have a Special Council Meeting for the interviews so a decision could be made right away. Mayor Walls said they will call a special council meeting after the interviews.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor walls said the Paul Robbins is going to step down as the Cridersville Police Chief but not planning on leaving the department. The position is being advertised on several platforms including the local papers, Ohio Means Jobs and the Village website. Applications are being accepted until August 12th at this time. Bassitt stated the ads can easily be extended. The process for hiring will be the same as for the SRO.

Stacey Cook asked for an executive session to discuss personnel again since we have the 2 positions open to get a better feel for things, with no decisions being made. Motion to enter into executive session was seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls, All six (6) Council Members, Susan Bassitt and Jarid Kohlrieser relocated to the Library. Chief Robbins was not included in the executive session.

Council returned to chambers in about fifteen (15) minutes. Motion to return to regular session was made by West, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed 6-0. Bassitt stated no personnel decisions were made.

Other:

Stacey Cook stated the next Historical Society event is the Ham and Bean Supper at the Bowsher Log Cabin on September 22, 2022 from 4:30p.m.-6:30p.m.

Melissa Luthman from the Cridersville Library reminded everyone their Water Fight that had been postponed earlier this summer is this Saturday, August 13th at 6:30p.m at Cridersville Elementary School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor

