

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting – March 08, 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 President Eric West , 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.

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”.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the committee presented information on the proposed .5 percent income tax increase to be placed on the May ballot. The tax increase will provide additional funding for the Cridersville Police Department. The committee now included 14 members from throughout the community, consisting of seven men and seven women of various age groups. They developed 26 questions that village residents will have as well as answers regarding revenue, carry over balances, and police costs and activities. The Committee is convinced the increase in the local tax is the best approach to provide the needed funding.

John Bayliff, Treasurer of the Committee said they are now planning the best ways to get the information to our neighbors, explaining the reasons more money is needed for maintaining our local Police Department. Detailed information outlines how reductions in State Funding and the elimination of the State Inheritance Tax has reduced the Village’s annual General Fund receipts by more than \$850,000.00 over the past ten years. As funding has decreased, the demands for service have increased. There is a lot of activity in the Village among residents and the many visitors coming off of Interstate 75. There is no doubt the Village needs a full-time department ready to respond to whatever may happen. They are discussing a variety of activities to get the word out to the public, including pamphlets delivered door-to-door, yard signs, banners, advertisements, a Facebook page and other social media contacts. They are planning to request donations from local residents and businesses to help fund the campaign. Estimated expenses are about three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). The election will be held May 04, 2021.

It was moved by Bailey and seconded by Thompson to accept the minutes of the February 08, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report.

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey said the Ohio EPA conducted their biennial wastewater plant inspection and found no issues and no orders to be recommended. Our wastewater permit will expire at the end of this year and the renewal process for that will begin within the next few months.

Finance: No report

Park: Stacey Cook reported that all of the brick/stone for the Legacy Park gateway has come in and construction of the columns should begin within the next couple weeks. Also crews are continuing to work on the Shelter House renovation project at Tower Park.

Streets: Dorance Thompson stated that Village crews have patched potholes throughout town caused by the rough winter and we used roughly 70 tons of our 80 ton salt allotment for this winter.

Properties: No report.

Planning: Rick Allen reported that Crossroads Project developers have approached both the Village and the County separately with a letter of support and endorsement in the form of a grant. (Letter attached) The developers are completing other aspects for the project in order to get the developer agreement presented to the Village. Joe Bailey asked about the TIF district. Mayor Walls said the developers are annexing more land so the TIF needs to wait until that process has been completed or it would need to be done twice. Rick Allen asked who is representing the Village in this project. Mayor Walls said it is a group of attorneys from Dayton. Mayor Walls, Jarid Kohrieser and the Village solicitor are also involved.

Safety: Police Chief Robbins said there were 150 calls for service in February. There was \$895.00 taken into Mayor's Court.

He said part time Patrolman Jacob Mortimer was promoted to full time effective March 01, 2021 replacing Patrolman Rayoum, who remains a part time patrolman for Cridersville.

Chief Robbins said Let's Back the Blue 5K is scheduled for May 15, 2021. The event will be held in Wapakoneta in the evening. Details can be found on Let's Back the Blue's Facebook page closer to the event.

Fire Chief Rick Miller reported they had 62 EMS runs and 2 Fire runs for a total of 64 runs in February. Total for the year is 125. The department received 2 AED units from a Cardiac Funding grant from St. Rita's Medical Center which will replace their old units. The department donated one of the old units to the local Boy Scout Troop 162. The new Lucas 3 Device that was purchased with Cares Act money was already used in a CODE SAVE call. Chief Miller said the department received a MARCS radio grant for \$1,520.00 from the State Fire Marshall's Office. With that they will be purchasing new batteries and antennas for all their radios. It cannot be used for usage fees only for equipment per guidelines of the grant.

Chief Miller also said the Fire Department will be having a Food Truck event on April 24th from 11:00-7:00. There are 10 food trucks so far serving up all varieties of food. Jamboree is scheduled for July 9th and 10th.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Crossroads development and Income tax updates listed on the agenda were discussed earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced RESOLUTION #2412, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DUCHOUQUET TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion to read by title only and pass as an emergency was made by Allen and seconded by Lauck. The Mayor read the resolution by title, stating it is an agreement to provide Duchouquet Township with Fire and EMS services to be provided by the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department for one year effective March 08, 2021 at a cost of Fifty Five Thousand One Hundred Forty Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$55,149.50) Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2413, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RANDY LAMARR AS MAGISTRATE OF THE VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE MAYOR'S COURT AND TO DECLARE AND EMERGENCY. Motion to read the resolution by title only and declaring an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls said our solicitor, Angela Elliott found an attorney willing to be the Village's magistrate. The Mayor said they have been looking for over a year. Randy LaMarr Jr. of Wapakoneta has agreed to serve as the Magistrate for the Village of Cridersville for the period of one year, beginning January 01, 2021 for an annual rate of \$500.00. A motion to accept Resolution #2413 as read and declaring an emergency was made by Bailey and seconded by West. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls introduced ORDINANCE #1698, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAL LEGAL PUBLISHINGS OHIO BASIC CODE, 2021 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CRIDERSVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion to read the ordinance by title only and declare an emergency was made by Bailey and seconded by Cook. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Walls explained this agreement is done annually, accepting the **Ohio Basic Code of Ordinances** as the ordinances for the Village. It includes generally accepted ordinances in the State and Ordinances submitted by the Village of Cridersville. Motion to accept Ordinance #1698 as read and declaring an emergency was made by Bailey and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Walls presented the Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council (WEADC) request for the suggested amount of \$3,850.00 for the Village of Cridersville’s 2021 member investment. WEADC provides assistance with local economic development. The Mayor said it is an important organization to be involved with. They will help with the Crossroads development. They also work on bringing businesses into the area. Motion to pay WEADC membership fee of \$3,850.00 was made by Thompson and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 6-0.

Stacey Cook said the Lions Club is sponsoring a drive thru food event featuring Fat Kid BBQ. The truck will be at Cridersville United Methodist Church from 4:30-6:30 on March 18th. Proceeds will be shared between the Lions Club and the Food Bank.

The Lions Club is also having a drive thru Easter Event on March 27th from 11:00-1:00 at the Cridersville United Methodist Church featuring the Easter Bunny. They will be passing out hotdogs and chips donated by the Cridersville Nursing Home, and candy and treats from the Church and the Lions Club.

Rick Allen thanked Jarid and the Village crew for doing such a good job clearing snow from the recent snowfall. He also thanked the Police Department for keeping traffic in check.

Jarid would like to have a Street Committee and Planning Committee meeting to discuss the use of dumpsters in town. The meeting was scheduled for March 10th at 6:30p.m. at the park shelter house.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor