

VILLAGE OF CRIDERSVILLE COUNCIL MINUTES
Regular Meeting – March 14, 2022
7:30p.m.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

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

Eric West was not able to attend. Motion to accuse West was made by Thompson and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.

It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Bailey to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and the February 24, 2022 Special Council Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of the Whole: No report

Utilities & Surface Water: Joe Bailey reported our Village Administrator met with a contractor that will be installing the storm tile along Shawnee Rd. to get an updated quote. Jarid Kohrieser said several driveways will need to be cut which will be included in the updated quote. That project will be completed sometime this spring. Residents along E. Main St. were informed, with door-to-door letters as well as through social media, of the upcoming sanitary sewer project which should begin in about two weeks. Also, Woolace Electric was called in to check the water plant after a main fuse was blown. They had to replace a section of wire inside the power panel which fixed the issue.

Planning: Josh Bloomfield, the project manager from the Crossroads project was present. He stated they did sign their first marketing agreement. It is with Sperry Commercial CGA, an international real estate consultant that has resulted in a letter of intent for a company to purchase 10 to 20 acres to build an enterprise data warehousing center. They are currently working with AEP to bring the electric to the site. Estimated completion is 24 months. Bloomfield said this will be a good catalyst to spur the next phase of development. He is also working with Jobs Ohio, the Dayton Development Coalition and Wapakoneta Area Economic Development Council pursuing grants and jobs.

Finance: Mayor Walls reminds residents the local income tax filing is due by April 18th.

Park: Stacey Cook reported the Village crews cut up a tree that fell in Phillips Nature Path. They also trimmed up the paths and walkway as well.

Streets: Dorance Thompson stated that to date, the Village has used almost 50 tons of salt out of the 80 ton allotment. He also said there was a Street Committee meeting on March 3rd to discuss non compliance with snow shoveling. The old wording regarding fines was a range of between \$25.00 and \$100.00. It was decided to make the fine \$50.00 per event. The police will use their best judgment in cases when residents are ill or not at home, etc.

Properties: No report.

Safety: Police Chief Robbins stated there were 186 calls for service in February, 2022. There were 137 in February of 2021.

He provided a quote for a 2022 Ford Interceptor Utility for \$46,223.00. The quoted price includes "Patrol Ready" equipment package leaving only striping to be completed before being ready for service. This quote is good for 90 days. He intends to put the oldest cruiser up for bid. Chief Robbins said he was advised General Motors is not currently building the PPV Tahoe due to a chip shortage.

The Chief said their radar sign arrived and was found to be too heavy to be held up by a standard sign post, he is currently attempting to locate a small trailer to adapt the sign to. Estimated cost is approximately \$700.00-\$800.00.

The Police Department has received 2 applications for full time Patrolman. Interviews will be conducted in the next few weeks.

Fire Chief Miller stated there were 69 EMS calls and 6 Fire calls for a total of 75 calls for the month of February. He said the department is continuing their efforts with updates, repairs and painting at the station.

Chief Miller said he has 30 food trucks coming for the April 30th event. They will have everything from lobster rolls to hot dogs. He isn't sure exactly where to put them all. Jarid suggested closing part of Main St. if council would approve.

Chief Miller Jamboree is on schedule. The ride company retired so they are going to try the inflatable attractions this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was nothing under old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Walls introduced Resolution #2432, amending Resolution #2423, making permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Cridersville, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency. Susan Bassitt explained the resolution is to move the storm sewer money from the general fund to a new special revenue fund specifically for the storm sewer assessments collected on the utility bills. Total appropriations amounts do not change. Motion to accept the resolution and declare an emergency was made by Thompson and seconded by Lauck. Motion passed 5-0.

OTHER:

Mayor Walls brought up levying a lodging tax on future hotels or motels built in the Crossroads Development. The Village Solicitor provided a sample ordinance. The tax can be up to 3%, the tax would be paid to the Village. Money could go into the general fund or to another specific fund. The Solicitor will research the issue a bit more and the subject will be discussed again next month.

Mayor Walls said he received information on an ODNR meeting in May. Dorance Thompson said he will check his schedule to see if he can attend.

Mayor Walls said he received accolades from some residents for the Village crews for their quick response and repair to a water main break.

Dorance Thompson presented 2 newspaper articles. One from the Wapak Daily News with a headline "Commissioners to exclude most of the county to renewable energy" stating the proposal excludes cities and villages, but nothing else. Stacey Cook said this refers to a house bill coming out in which the counties can designate the municipalities that can allow solar and wind energy facilities. The other article was in The Columbus Dispatch stating that the sale and planting of Bradford pear trees will soon be illegal because they choke out other native trees and shrubs. They are also easily damaged by wind and ice once they are 10 to 15 years.

Stacey Cook said the Easter Bunny drive through event will be April 9th from 11:00-100 at the Cridersville United Methodist Church.

Rick Miller will be participating in a county wide radio system study to get everyone on one radio system. It could save money currently paid to the state's MARCS program.

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

Susan Bassitt, Village Fiscal Officer

Rick Walls, Mayor